

GBR 48 : Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union

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| Volume | GBR 48 | Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, from 26 March 1866 - 10 February 1868. | <p>During the period covered by this volume, the following people served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union. Guardians were elected each year in April.</p> <p>The first form of name listed (normally forename and surname) is the standardised form which will also appear in item entries for this volume in addition to any specific variants in the item text. In this volume level entry, alternative and fuller forms of a person's name are shown in square brackets.</p> <p>Guardians (with parish represented, profession, place of residence if known, and years elected): Ebenezer Black (Grindon, farmer, Grindon, 1866, 1867) [1867 qualified to serve as no nomination had been submitted]; Thomas Black (Cornhill, farmer, Castle Heaton, 1866, 1867); Robert Boston (Tweedmouth, 1866) [no personal details submitted]; John Brown (Berwick, farmer, Gainslaw Hill, 1867); John Brown (Horncliffe, farmer, Horncliffe, 1867); Robert Brown (Berwick, farmer, Sanson Seal, 1867); Robert Cairns (Berwick, hosier, Marygate, 1866, 1867); William Cleghorn (Norham Mains, farmer, Norham East Mains, 1866, 1867); Matthew Gibson Crossman (Berwick, corn merchant, Bridge End, 1866); Adam Darling (Felkington, merchant, Palace Street, Berwick, 1866, 1867); John Embleton (Holy Island, farmer and auctioneer, Broom House, 1866, 1867); Lancelot Turner Fleming (Berwick, leather merchant, Marygate, 1866); Thomas Friar (Duddo, gentleman, Grindon Ridge, 1866, 1867); James Gilroy (Tweedmouth, farmer, Spring Hill, 1866, 1867); John Henderson (Berwick, corn merchant, Hide Hill, 1866, 1867); James Hogg (Kylloe, farmer, Buckton, 1866, 1867); George Reuben Lumsden (Shoreswood, farmer, Shoreswood, 186, 1867); Richard Makins (Tweedmouth, farmer, Murton, 1866, 1867); John Marshall (Tweedmouth, farmer, Tweedmouth, 1867); James Mitchell (Twizel, farmer, Tindal House, 1866, 1867); William Moor (Longridge, farmer, Longridge, 1866, 1867);</p> | 26 March 1866 – 10 Feb. 1868 |

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| | | | <p>James Robert Nicholson (Thornton, farmer, Thornton, 1866, 1867); George Ord (Berwick, farmer, Brow-of-the-Hill, 1866); George Peel (Tweedmouth, fish curer, Spittal, 1867); Henry Richardson (Berwick, retired doctor, Castle Terrace, 1866); James Roughead (Tweedmouth, farmer, West Ord, 1867); Alexander Smith junior (Berwick, farmer, Letham, 1866, 1867); Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer, Galagate House, 1866, 1867); Charles Steward (Loanend, farmer, Loanend, 1866, 1867); George Storey (Ancroft, farmer, Ancroft North Farm, 1866, 1867); David Tait (Ancroft, farmer, Windmill Hill, 1866, 1867); Andrew Thompson (Berwick, ironmonger, Marygate, 1866, 1867); Mark Thompson (Horncliffe, farmer, Horncliffe, 1866); George Weatherhead (Berwick, grocer, Bridge Street, 1867); James T Wilson (Tweedmouth, 1866) [no personal details submitted]; George Young (Tweedmouth, 1866) [no personal details submitted]; Matthew Young (Berwick, oilcake manufacturer, Palace Street, 1866, 1867);</p> <p>Medical Officers (with District): Dr Robert Carr Fluker (Berwick District); Dr Colville Brown (Union Workhouse); Dr John Paxton (Norhamshire East Division); Dr Matthew James Turnbull (Norhamshire West Division); Dr James Wilson (Islandshire and Tweedmouth District); George Wilson (Islandshire District); The medical officers were appointed on permanent contracts. Exceptions were Drs Brown and Turnbull, who were not fully qualified, and were therefore appointed on a one year contract. Islandshire and Tweedmouth District was divided into two districts in April 1867. Islandshire consisted of the Parishes of Holy Island and Kylee and the township of Haggerston in the Parish of Ancroft under the charge of Dr George Wilson, of Lowick. The Tweedmouth District consisted of the Parish of Tweedmouth and the Parish of Ancroft, except the township of Haggerston, under the charge of Dr James Wilson.</p> <p>Relieving Officers (with District):</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District); John Crosby (Berwick District);</p> <p>Master of the Union Workhouse during the period covered by this volume: Thomas Hood Mitchell.</p> <p>The parishes which comprised the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union during the period covered by this volume were: Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twizel].</p> <p>In the catalogue entries for the minutes of individual meetings, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union is referred to as Berwick Union.</p> <p>1 volume</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/1-8 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 March 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Storey; David Creak; Mark Thompson; Robert Cairns; James Gilroy; Richard Makins; John Dunbar.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton], also present N E Hurst, Poor Law Inspector. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk, his clerk H J Williams [Henry John Williams] was appointed to act as his deputy at the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended Lady Day last were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Eleanor Palmer (matron of</p> | 26 March 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Robert Fair (hairdresser).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Grahame (baker); Thomas Darling (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; George Brown (undertaker); John Wilson (tinsmith); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Johnson & Co (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Adam Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); [John Brankston] (tailor); John Cairns (farmer); T Cockburn & Son (spirit merchants); John Drummond (blacksmith); M Sanderson (farmer); George Douglass (farmer); Peter Pentland (grocer).</p> <p>Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (board and education of William Purves to 25th March) debited to the Parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Common charges: Gas Company (gas account); David Mills (painter); [T R M Dorrall] (stationer); Knight & Co (books); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (1/4 year's postage); E Willoby (justices clerk's fees); John Crosby (1/4 year's postage etc.); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postage etc.); John Elliott (justices clerk's fees).</p> <p>Cheque given to T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, for the purpose of paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Patrick Kennan, of Weatherly Square, suffering from cough etc., prescribed necessaries; Baker's son, of Crawford's Alley, suffering from fever, prescribed English gin, necessaries and port wine; Mrs Scott, of Chapel Street, suffering from abscess of thumb, prescribed necessaries; Mary Jane Scott, 6, of Chapel Street, suffering from measles, prescribed cod liver oil; Peter Burns, 9, of Narrow Lane, suffering from measles, prescribed necessaries; Mary Jane Scott, of Chapel Street, suffering from debility from measles, prescribed ½ pint of port wine; Barbara Sample, 39, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs. of beef, bread, tea and sugar; Mrs Scott, of Chapel Street, suffering from abscess of thumb, prescribed necessaries; Patrick Kennan, of Weatherly Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Rebecca Clyne, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from measles, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Oliver, of Coxon's Lane, suffering from debility,</p> | |
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| | | | <p>prescribed necessaries for a day or two, recommend Workhouse; Isabella Scoular, 57, widow of John Scoular, of Ancroft, suffering from chronic ulcer of leg, nothing prescribed; William [Hand], moulder, of West End, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker; Wilson [James Wilson; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Contribution order signed upon the Overseers of the several parishes within the Union requiring them to pay on or before 7th April one moiety of the sum estimated to be required for the ensuing half year.</p> <p>Tenders received by the Workhouse Committee for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, clothing and the out-door poor with bread, oatmeal etc. were accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>Matthew James Turnbull appointed as Medical Officer for the District of West Norhamshire. Ordered that the Clerk inform the Poor Law Board that the Guardians cannot procure the services of a medical officer qualified according to the prescriber rules.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had obtained a copy of the depositions upon which the justices made their order adjudging Mary Shanks, recently a pauper lunatic, to be chargeable to this Union, and stated that he thought that the pauper was not irremovable when she was sent to the Asylum, and that the order of justices was properly made and could not be appealed against. A cheque being the amount ordered to be re-paid to the Tynemouth Union to be made out.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee had considered the salary to be paid to E Willoby, their clerk, for his services during this past year. An amount was agreed upon and the Clerk was ordered to inform the Poor Law Board thereof.</p> <p>Inquiries regarding the irremovability under the provision of the Union Chargeability Act to be made of those paupers who receive non-resident relief from this Union. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Resolved that at the next meeting the propriety of appointing a Collector of the Guardians and the salary to be paid to such a person was to be considered..</p> <p>Copy of Supplemental Valuation Lists for the Parishes of Grindon, Holy Island and Twizel were presented.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/9-20 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 April 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Dunbar; David Cockburn; James Gilroy; William Moor; Richard Makins; Mark Thompson; Matthew Young; David Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries due to the Officers of this Union for the quarter ended at Lady Day last ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); executor of John Mill Meggison (late treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries also ordered to be paid to John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert Stamp (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered.</p> | 9 April 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, George Turner; Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton, Joseph Scott; Twizel, Joseph Scott; Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, Joseph H Grahame.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Ancroft, Kyloe, Joseph H Grahame.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Union Poor, Robert C Fluker; Ancroft, Kyloe, Tweedmouth, Union Poor, James Wilson.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Robert C Fluker; Ancroft, Kyloe, Tweedmouth, James Wilson; Norham, Norham Mains, Loanend, John Paxton; Cornhill, M J Turnbull.</p> <p>Collectors' Poundage: Ancroft, Kyloe, H J Williams.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the School Committee for school fees were presented and ordered to be paid: Ancroft: G A Turnbull; Henry Ford; Septimus Wharton. Cornhill: Robert Hardy; John Cowan; William Bell. Horncliffe: J M Lachlan. Kyloe: Elvira Doun; William Edwards; John Patrick. Norham: Girls' School. Twizel: George Watson. Tweedmouth: William Jackson; Grindon School; Adam Bell; George Watson; William Wren. Union Poor: Septimus Wharton; William Jackson; George A Turnbull; J M Lachlan; John Patrick; T H Austin; Robert Darling; William Wren; George Watson; Robert Hardy; John Cowan; Andrew Brown.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Burns, 7, of Narrow Lane, suffering from measles, nothing prescribed; Ann Brannaghan, 10, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Barbara Sample, of Church Street, suffering from sickness and debility, prescribed necessaries; Patrick Kennan, of Weatherly Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Rebecca Clyne's daughter, of Walkergate Lane,</p> | |
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| | | | <p>suffering from measles, prescribed necessaries a few days more; Catherine Oliver, of Coxon's Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Sarah Wilson, (Thomas?), 2-4, of Wallace Green, suffering from measles, prescribed port wine; Agnes Dunn, 28, of Hatter's Lane, suffering from scalded arms, prescribed necessaries; Ann Brannaghan, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from fever, prescribed necessaries; Barbara Sample, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs. of beef; Patrick Kennan, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility and cough, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, wife of Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer near vagina and arms, prescribed 'should have some relief'.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk presented correspondence between the Poor Law Board, the Clerk of the Peace and himself respecting the precept issued by the Clerk of the Peace for levying a rate for the expenses connected with the cattle plague. The Clerk advised the Guardians that it was their duty to issue Contribution Orders upon the Overseers of the several Parishes named in the precept for the amounts therein stated.</p> <p>The Clerk read the order of the Poor Law Board authorizing the appointment of a Collector of the Guardians, and also a list of the sums received last year which such an officer would now have to collect. Resolved to appoint such a collector as well as the salary and security required from him. Appointment to be made at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the course to be pursued with regard to the irremovability or otherwise of paupers in receipt of non-resident relief from this Union. Resolved that H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, should visit the non-resident paupers and look into their circumstances.</p> <p>Dr Turnbull's appointment of Dr Brown [Colville Brown] as his deputy was approved. .</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of Ellen Dalgleish as a Monitor in the Workhouse School.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The Clerk produced a circular received from the Clerk of the Ulverston Union with a form of petition regarding the rating of metallic mines, underground railways, timber, woods and plantations. Deferred to next meeting. Petition also received from the Protestant Alliance Committee regarding the appointment of Roman Catholic chaplains and schoolmasters to union workhouses. Deferred till measure is introduced in Parliament.</p> <p>Re Edward Hurst's, Poor Law Inspector, visit to the Union Workhouse. The House appeared clean, except in the clothing of some of the out-door children. No complaints were made by inmates. Six of the oldest and largest heavy iron double bedsteads should be replaced by single bedsteads not less than 3 feet wide. Number of inmates, 68. Resolved to replace bedsteads. Crosby [John Crosby], Relieving Officer to make inquiries to ascertain the names of the children referred to by Mr Hurst.</p> <p>Account of the value of the provisions etc. presented, as was that for clothing taken from the Workhouse.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the clothing account.</p> <p>Total amount of days chargeable to the Union Poor account was 3910 for the half year just ended; this includes a charge for vagrants for 590 days. The charge for vagrants to be reduced to 148 days due to the fact that they, in many cases, receive only one meal and no clothing.</p> <p>Garden account to be debited with the value of the house slops given to the pigs.</p> <p>Resolved that thanks be given to Andrew Thompson, Chairman of the Board, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged of his duties as Chairman.</p> <p>.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/21-32 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 April 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; George Ord; Alexander Smith, junior; Thomas Black; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; James Hogg; George Young; John Embleton; James Gilroy; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; L T Fleming [Lancelot Turner</p> | 23 April 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Fleming]; Thomas Friar; Robert Boston; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Charles Stewart; George Storey; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Paxton [John Paxton]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>Resolved that Adam Darling take the chair until a chairman be duly elected.</p> <p>Election of Guardians, elected were the following: Ancroft: George Storey, farmer, Ancroft North Farm; David Tait, farmer, Windmill Hill. Berwick: Andrew Thompson, ironmonger, Marygate; Alexander Smith junior, farmer, Letham; Robert Cairns, hosier, Marygate; George Ord, farmer, Brow-of-the-Hill; Henry Richardson, doctor retired, Castle Terrace; Lancelot Turner Fleming, leather merchant, Marygate; Matthew Young, oil-cake manufacturer, Palace Street; John Henderson, corn merchant, Hide Hill; Matthew Gibson Crossman, corn merchant, Bridge End. Cornhill: Thomas Black, farmer, Castle Heaton. Duddo: Thomas Friar, gentleman, Grindon Ridge. Felkington: Adam Darling, merchant, Palace Street, Berwick. Grindon: Ebenezer Black, farmer, Grindon. Holy Island: John Embleton, farmer & auctioneer, Broom House. Horncliffe: Mark Thompson, farmer, Horncliffe. Kyloe: James Hogg, farmer, Buckton. Loanend: Charles Stewart, farmer, Loanend. Longridge: William Moor, farmer, Longridge. Norham: Alexander Smith, farmer, Galagate House. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains. Shoreswood: George Reuben Lumsden, farmer, Shoreswood. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, farmer, Thornton. Tweedmouth: Richard Makins; George Young; Robert Boston; James Gilroy; James T Wilson [no personal information stated about these people] Twizel: James Mitchell, farmer, Tindal House. NB during the election David Logan, corn merchant, Hide Hill, and Charles Lambert Gilchrist, grocer, Marygate, tendered their refusal in writing to serve the office of Guardian.</p> <p>Alexander Smith junior proposed, and Richard Makins seconded that Andrew Thompson be Chairman for the ensuing year. As no other motion was made he was unanimously elected. As Vice-chairmen were appointed Richard Makins and Alexander Smith, junior. Richard Makins to have the preference.</p> <p>The following committees for the ensuing year were appointed:</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Assessment Committee: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith, Norham; Alexander Smith, junior, Letham; Adam Darling; George Young; Thomas Black. Ex-officio Guardians: Robert Crossman; Rev Thomas Proctor; Robert Ramsay.</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith, junior; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; John Henderson; M G Crossman; George Ord; Henry Richardson; L T Fleming; Adam Darling; George Young; Robert Boston; James Gilroy</p> <p>School Committee: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith, Letham; L T Fleming; John Henderson; M G Crossman; Rev Thomas Proctor.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Committee: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; L T Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>The relief given by the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott in the 3rd and 4th weeks was stated.</p> <p>Accounts examined were ordered to be paid to: Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Dunlop (draper); Robert Rutherford (draper); T G Turner (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); Thomas Darling (butcher); James Smith (Butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); E & W Paxton (drapers); Isa Paxton (saddler); Border Brewery Company; William Alder (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); John Cairns (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); M Sanderson (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum expenses account: Northumberland County Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of 26 pauper lunatics and of one other for part of the quarter. Royal Edinburgh Asylum: ¼ year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: East Northhamshire District, J Paxton [John Paxton]; West Northhamshire District, M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Order of sessions received from Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland requiring immediate payment of the Cattle Plague rate, for which rate a precept has been received. Ordered that the amount be paid now and charged against the several Parishes of the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay the Treasurer of the said county on or before 2 May the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the Parishes of the Union towards a General Police Rate. Ordered that the amount be paid and charged against the several parishes of this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the Poor Law Board's sanction of payment to him for the services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee during the past year. Money also to be paid to the Clerk for his trouble and expenses conducting the election of Guardians for this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [Ann Tait Scott], of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Ann Brannaghan, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from febricula, prescribed necessaries; Barbara Sample, of Church Street, suffering from sickness and debility, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs. of beef; Barbara Johnston, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from fractured leg, prescribed necessaries; Thomas MacDonald, 40, hawker, of Chapel Street, suffering from a scalded head, prescribed necessaries; John Forsyth, 1, of Foul Ford, suffering from glandular swelling, prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil; Patrick Kennan, of Weatherly Square, suffering from cough, prescribed necessaries; Barbara Sample, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs. of beef; Barbara Williams, 19, of Church Street, dressmaker, suffering from cutaneous disease, prescribed necessaries; Thomas MacDonald, of Chapel Street, suffering from scalded feet, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, 38, of West End, suffering from ulcers, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Farrell, vagrant, in child-birth, prescribed 2 lbs. of mutton.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The Guardians proceeded to appoint a fit and proper person to collect the monies due and payable to the Guardians to be called Collector of the Guardians.</p> <p>On the motion of George Young, seconded by Rev Thomas Proctor, John Crosby was unanimously appointed.</p> <p>Letter from William Dickson, Clerk to the Visiting Justices of the County Asylum saying that the Asylum is full and the Superintendent has had to refuse 20 pauper patients of the County, making it necessary that no more patients belonging to Berwick should be sent there until the Asylum is enlarged, which the Committee is about to do. There is still room for some female patients. 8 male patients may have to be removed to, possibly, Morningside. List of the male patients belonging to the Borough of Berwick enclosed - George Todd; James Swinhoe; John Howe; John Acton; Charles Hunter McDonald; James Finharty, Thomas Steven. County of Northumberland patients cannot be interfered with.</p> <p>Resolved that the Union Clerk communicate with William Dickson and remind him that the lunatics mentioned are all chargeable to this Union's Common Fund, and that the large part of that fund is contributed to by parishes situated within the County of Northumberland. Request him to enquire by what authority the Guardians under these circumstances be requested to remove the lunatics in question.</p> <p>A further circular received from the Poor Law Board regarding that part of the Union Chargeability Act of 1865 which relates to the removal of paupers. In accordance with the Poor Law Board's recommendation to appoint a committee to deal with the question of removability of paupers it was resolved that the Workhouse and Finance Committee be constituted as a committee for this purpose.</p> <p>T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] presented a partial result of his visit to the non-resident poor. It was deemed expedient that the result should first be referred to the Relieving Officers and that the cases requiring the Guardians' interference should be brought before them at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the propriety of petitioning Parliament to enact that metallic mines, underground railways, timber woods and plantations should be made</p> | |
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| | | | <p>liable to parochial taxation. Resolved to concur with the form of petition received from the Guardians of the Ulverston Union and directed the Clerk to prepare a similar petition and submit it to the next meeting of the Guardians.</p> <p>Circular received from the Sudbury Union regarding the treatment of idiots. They propose that the Government should provide independent asylums for them. The Guardians find it inexpedient to interfere in the matter.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a balance sheet of the Union accounts for the half year ended Lady Day last, and also a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Union Treasurer for the same period.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/33-39 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 May 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Alexander Smith (Norham); Alexander Smith (Letham); Adam Darling; Richard Makins; H Richardson [Henry Richardson]; George Ord; Thomas Black; James Gilroy; Ebenezer Black; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Alexander Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Border Brewery Company; Peter Pentland (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); M Sanderson (farmer); George Archbold (farmer).</p> <p>Collectors' Poundage: Norham, Norham Mains, John Gilchrist.</p> | 7 May 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Common charges: T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses incurred in visiting non-resident paupers); John Crosby (expenses incurred in removing a Scotch pauper); Margaret Elliott (cleaning Tweedmouth Pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay station).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Barbara Sample, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs. of beef; Thomas McDonald, of Chapel Street, suffering from scalded feet, prescribed necessaries; Helen Williams, of Church Street, suffering from skin disease, prescribed necessaries; Barbara Sample, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs. of beef; Margaret Limburn, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Eleanor Williams, of Church Street, suffering from skin disease, prescribed necessaries; William Curry, of Goswick, suffering from abscess of leg and phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef (2 entries); Isabella Davidson, of B Hall, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef for 2 weeks; George Bryson, 8, of Ancroft, suffering from fever, prescribed 3 lbs. of mutton for 3 weeks; John Weddell, of Ancroft, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); I Herrol, widow, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef for 1 month (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>The Clerk produced a petition to Parliament regarding the exemption of metallic mines, railways constructed on land under the level of ordinary high water mark, timber woods and plantation from parochial taxation. They find this unjust due to the increased financial burden on Unions, and petitioned Parliament to change this.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of Mr Crosby [John Crosby] as Collector of the Guardians.</p> <p>Inspection of Workhouse School by Edmund H Wodehouse, H M of Union Schools, saying that the children passed a very satisfactory examination and that the general</p> | |
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| | | | <p>condition of the schools continues to be creditable to the teachers. Also report by Thomas Proctor, Vicar of Tweedmouth, and member of the School Committee, expressing his satisfaction with the school.</p> <p>Resolved to proceed at the next meeting to consider the propriety of appointing Nuisances Removal Committees for that part of the Union not within the District of Berwick Local Board of Health.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/40-45 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 May 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Alexander Smith (Letham); James T Wilson [James T Wilson]; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; Ebenezer Black; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby] the Guardians appointed his clerk H J Williams [Henry James Williams] to act as his substitute at the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Scremerston Coal Company; Adam Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); Elias Pearson (baker); Border Brewery Company; M Sanderson (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick District, George Turner; Berwick District, Vaccination Registration fees, George Turner.</p> | 21 May 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Medical Stores account: W G Carr & Son, cod liver oil.</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson, Collector of Rates (Poor Rate, General District Rate, Special District Rate); George Gibson (1/2 year's rent of Register Office); T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses incurred in visiting non-resident paupers).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William McCarty, 60, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from bronchitis, prescribed necessaries; Barbara Sample, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs. of beef; Margaret Limburn, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Ellen Williams, of Church Street, suffering from skin disease, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Sample, of Church Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1½ lbs. of beef (should be brought to the notice of the Guardians); Robert Noon, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and a pint of cod liver oil; Ellen Williams, of Church Street, suffering from skin disease, prescribed necessaries; Ellen Limburn, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Wilson and Turnbull.</p> <p>The Guardians resolved that 2 Committees of Nuisances Removal for the County District of this Union should be established consisting of the Norhamshire Committee – A Thompson (Chairman); Alexander Smith (Norham); Thomas Black; Thomas Friar and George R Lumsden. The Islandshire Committee – Richard Makins (Deputy Chairman); Rev Thomas Proctor; Robert Crossman; John Embleton and David Tait.</p> <p>On behalf of the Assessment Committee the Clerk applied for the Guardians' consent to employ H Hedby, of Sunderland, to value certain public and other properties in the Parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth. Consent was given.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a statement of the calls due from the parishes showing the sums paid out and the arrears at present.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/46- | Minutes of Berwick | Present at the meeting: | 4 June 1866 |

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| | 52 | Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 June 1866. | <p>Guardians: Richard Makins; John Henderson; Charles Stewart; Ebenezer Black; Henry Richardson; Robert Cairns; Adam Darling; James Hogg; Rev Thomas Proctor; Robert Ramsay. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Richard Makins.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent of Workhouse garden); John Thompson and others (garden rates and sundries); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Border Brewery Company; Andrew Mein (farmer); Mrs Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Premium ordered to be paid to Mr C L Gilchrist, agent to the Scottish National Insurance Company, being the fire insurance premium on the amount due in respect of Grangeburn Mill property.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Daniel McCheyne, 51, of Chapel Street, suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Nichol, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Robert Noon, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Daniel McCheyne, of Chapel Street, suffering from debility from diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Nichol, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Robert Noon, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from phthisis, prescribed a pint of cod liver oil; Patrick Keilly, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Fairley, of Golden Square, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Curry, of West End, suffering from [drouning?], nothing prescribed; Isabella Harrison, widow, of West End, suffering from ulcer of</p> | |
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| | | | <p>labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Thompson, dressmaker, of Norham, suffering from haemorrhoids and boils, nothing prescribed; Barbara Hush (no residence given), suffering from debility from prolapsus ulcer, convalescent, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Contracts for beef, bread and out-door oatmeal will expire on 23 June. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders and report at the next meeting.</p> <p>Circular from the Poor Law Board enclosing copies of certificate awarded to the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the Workhouse School for the year ending 25 March 1867.</p> <p>Annual examination of the paupers residing in the Berwick and Tweedmouth Districts to be held as follows: Berwick District – Monday 11 June at Board room at 11 o'clock. Tweedmouth District – Wednesday 13 June at Tweedmouth Vestry at 10 o'clock and at Spittal Vestry at 2 o'clock. The meeting for the Norham and Islandshire Districts to be fixed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Supplementary valuation lists for the Parishes of Ancroft and Kyloe were presented.</p> <p>Mr Crosby [John Crosby] authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Ninian Blakey for neglecting to maintain his wife and family who have been made chargeable to this Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/53-59 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 June 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Storey; James Mitchell; Thomas Friar; George Young; David Tait; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Alexander Smith (Letham); M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; H Richardson [Henry Richardson]; Robert Cairns; John Embleton; Thomas Black; Ebenezer Black; Rev Thomas Proctor; Robert Ramsay. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> | 18 June 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Andrew Mein (farmer); Peter Pentland (grocer); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Walker (farmer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic expenses account: John Crosby (expenses attending removal of [William Pennan?] to County Asylum and the same for Mary Turner).</p> <p>Common charges: Knight & Co (books and forms).</p> <p>Cheque for instalment and interest due on loan from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners granted to the Treasurer for forwarding to the London agent.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Robert Noon, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from phthisis, prescribed necessaries; Patrick Kelly, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; John McDermott, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; John White, of Church Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Robert Noon, of Chapel Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed bread, tea, sugar, 1 lb. of sago and a pint of port wine; Mrs Kelly, of West End, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; John Archbold, of Shoreswood, suffering from disease of ankle, prescribed a cloth shoe.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]. Wilson.</p> | |
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| | | <p>Report of meeting for the examination of the paupers in the Berwick and Tweedmouth Districts held on 11 June. Guardians present were Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Robert Cairns; M Young [Matthew Young]; John Henderson; Ebenezer Black and George Ord, also present was Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. 231 cases investigated representing 342 paupers of whom 70 were unable to appear. Meeting for paupers from the Parish of Tweedmouth held on 13 June. Guardians present were Andrew Thompson, Chairman; D Richardson; Rev T Proctor; James Gilroy, also present was Dr Wilson. 143 cases investigated representing 207 paupers of whom 54 were unable to appear. Meeting at Spittal. Guardians present were Andrew Thompson, Chairman; Dr Richardson; Rev Thomas Proctor; R Boston [Robert Boston]. 50 cases investigated representing 79 paupers of whom 8 were unable to appear.</p> <p>Meetings for the annual examination of the paupers residing in the Norhamshire and Islandshire District to be held as follows: Islandshire District Thursday 21 June: Halfway House, Beal, at 12 o'clock; Cat Inn, Cheswick, at 2 o'clock. Norhamshire District Tuesday 3 July: Collingwood Arms, Cornhill, at half past nine. Victoria Inn, Norham, at half past eleven.</p> <p>Tenders for supplying the Union with beef etc. for the ensuing quarter were accepted from: James Dixon – rounds and flanks of beef, houghs of beef and legs of mutton. From Elias Pearson – in-door fine bread, in-door second bread, out-door do., out-door oatmeal.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the return of the non-settled poor account for the past half year signed by the auditor.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that proceedings had been taken against Ninian Blakey for neglecting to maintain his wife and family. The Justices had allowed the case to be withdrawn because of the severe illness of one of his children and that he had repaid the whole of the relief given and the cost of the proceedings.</p> <p>Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices</p> | |
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| | | | <p>against John Crawford for neglecting to maintain his wife and family, whereby they have become chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk to take the necessary proceedings before the Justices to obtain a warrant to remove Edward W Laughlan to Ireland.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/60-64 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 July 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Embleton; Richard Makins; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; A Smith [Alexander Smith] (Norham); Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Thomas Strother (firewood); Border Brewery Company; Andrew Mein (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Peter Pentland (grocer); John Blakey (farmer).</p> <p>Common charges: Gas Company (gas account); John Shaws & Sons (forms); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] ¼ year's postage and sundries; John Crosby (1/4 year's postage and sundries).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Midsummer last were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Ellen Dalgeish (school monitor); Eleanor Palmer (matron of the Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Robert Fair (hairdresser).</p> | 2 July 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Ann Lambert, 36, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1 pint of port wine; Rebecca Clyne, 11, of Hatters Lane, suffering from (fever, prescribed 1 lb. of lean beef or mutton; John Kane, 50, of Chapel Street, suffering from sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries; John McDermott, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs. of lean beef or mutton and 1 pint of port wine (2 entries); Robert Noon, of Chapel Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed necessaries; John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Robertson, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs. of lean beef or mutton; Robert Noon, of Chapel Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed bread, tea, sugar, 1 lb. of sago and 1 pint of port wine; Isabella Harrison, 40, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the death of Robert Hall, tailor, of Norham, whose wife is an inmate of the County Asylum and chargeable to this Union. A copy of Mr Hall's will was produced and letter from his nephew, Thomas A White, offering to pay £10 per annum towards Mrs Hall's maintenance, the same sum as the late Mr Hall had paid. The Guardians accepted Mr White's offer.</p> <p>Dr Richardson's [Henry Richardson] name was added to the Lunatic Asylum Committee.</p> <p>Common seal affixed to the contracts for supplying the Guardians with meat and bread during the current quarter.</p> <p>Letter from Rev John Irwin, Vicar of St Mary's, Berwick, informing the Guardians that the Master of the Workhouse had recently stopped him from giving certain newspapers to the inmates of the Workhouse, as he had done previously. He wishes the Guardians to instruct the Master not to stop this practice. Resolved to instruct the Master to restore this habit.</p> | |
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| Item | GBR 48/65-72 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 July 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; Richard Makins; George Storey; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; James Gilroy; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Alexander Smith (Letham); Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]' Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries due to the several Officers of the Union were ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer); John Crosby (collector to the Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Woods (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert Stamp (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were ordered to be paid: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 26 pauper lunatics); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth and Islandshire Districts); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District).</p> | 16 July 1866 |
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| | | | <p>Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth and Islandshire Districts); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Common charges: T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses attending removal of pauper to Ireland); George Rach (laying drain from Workhouse); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (use of rooms for annual examination of paupers); George Macaskie (advertising); T G F Steven (advertising).</p> <p>Medical certificates were received for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed a pint of port wine; John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from a sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries; Robert Noon, of Chapel Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs of lean beef or mutton; Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed ½ lb of mutton; John Thompson, of Cocklaw, suffering from phthisis, prescribed , a pint of cod liver oil; John Gollocher, 2, of Hatter's Lane, suffering from abscess on hand, prescribed necessaries; David Meinke, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from catarrh and debility, nothing prescribed; John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from a sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries; Robert Noon, of Hatter's Lane, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 lb of sago and 1 pint of wine; Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed ½ lb of mutton; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; (Isabella Brown?), of Unthank, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; William Curry, of Goswick, suffering from abscess, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Allan, of Berrington suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 bottle of wine and 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Jane Brown, of Loanend, suffering from dropsy of the belly, nothing prescribed; Dorothy Black, 19, of Ancroft South Moor, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 bottle of wine, 1 lb of sago and 2 lbs of mutton.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Report of the meeting for the examination of paupers residing in the Norham and Islandshire District:</p> | |
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| | | | <p>At Half-way House; 28 June. Present: Andrew Thompson; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; J Embleton [John Embleton]; D Tait [David Tait]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. 16 cases investigated representing 20 paupers of which 2 did not attend.</p> <p>At Cat Inn, Cheswick; 28 June. Present: the same gentlemen as at the Half-way House. 33 cases investigated representing 74 paupers, of which 3 did not attend.</p> <p>At Collingwood Arms, Cornhill; 3 July. Present: Andrew Thompson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; George Lumsden; Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]. 8 cases were investigated representing 19 paupers, of whom 1 did not attend.</p> <p>At Victoria Inn, Norham, on the same day. Present: Andrew Thompson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Thomas Black; James Mitchell; George Storey; Dr Paxton [John {Paxton}]. 64 cases were investigated representing 98 paupers, of whom 36 did not attend.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the bonds of certain Union officers, in which connection the Guardians had received reports from the District Auditor. Resolved that in the cases referred to of the Parishes of Berwick and Kyloe the officers have to find new sureties in place of those who had died. The Poor Law Board to be informed that the Guardians do not think that Mr Boak, Collector for Duddo, needs to furnish a fresh bond because his sureties are at present Guardians, but they will in future endeavour to avoid accepting Guardians as sureties for officers.</p> <p>Two pauper lunatics now in the Workhouse required to be sent to an asylum. The Clerk had written to the County Asylum and received a reply saying that the female patient can be taken if she belongs to the County, 2 beds only vacant for female patients. The male side is still full, and 5 applications have been refused in consequence. Mary Turner is improving and will soon be discharged. Signed by Inspector Kent, Clerk of the Asylum.</p> <p>The Clerk had also applied to the Superintendent of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum which is also full. He has also contacted the Dunstone Lodge Asylum, which did not give a decided reply but whose terms appeared excessive. The matter to be referred to the Lunatic Asylum Committee to make arrangements and consider what should happen with these lunatics who are chargeable to this Union but do not belong to the County of Northumberland.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The Clerk read a letter from Rev John Urwin, Vicar of St Mary's, Berwick, replying to some remarks about Mr Urwin published in the Berwick Journal and alleged to have been made by the Master of the Workhouse at the last Board meeting.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/73-80 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 July 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; James Hogg; John Henderson; Robert Cairns; Mark Thompson; James Mitchell; Alexander Smith (Letham); Richard Makins; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Matthew Young; William Cleghorn; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); F A Burrett (manufacturer); Andrew Mein (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Peter Pentland (grocer).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from a sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries; Robert Noon, of Chapel Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed necessaries and 1 lb of sago and 1 pint of port wine; Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of mutton; Mary Robe, of Church Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Charles Young's daughter, of Woolmarket, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 pint of sherry wine and necessaries; Robert Noon, of Hatter's Lane, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 lb of sago and 1 pint of port wine; John Thompson, of Cocklaw, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 bottle of cod liver oil; Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility,</p> | 30 July 1866 |

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| | | | <p>prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; William Curry, of Goswick, suffering from necrosis abscess, prescribed 1 bottle of wine; Catherine Hughes, of Tweedmouth, suffering from cough and dyspepsia, prescribed bread, tea and sugar; Isabella Elliott, of Norham, suffering from diabetes, nothing prescribed; Dorothy Black, of Ancroft South Moor, suffering from typhoid fever, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker and Wilson.</p> <p>Letter received from the Clerk to the Visiting Justices, William Dickson, saying that the Medical Superintendent is only carrying out the directions he has been given when refusing to accept pauper lunatics from the Borough of Berwick when the Asylum is full. He mentions that the Borough of Berwick was asked to join the County of Northumberland in the expense of building the Asylum, but they declined, and they are therefore free to send the pauper lunatics from the Borough of Berwick wherever they want.</p> <p>The Clerk produced half-yearly report from the Superintendent of the County Asylum regarding the lunatics chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>The Chairman; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson; and Dr Brown were appointed a committee to visit the Northumberland County Asylum and report upon the state and condition of the lunatics chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>Mr Crosby [John Crosby], Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against William Sutor, tailor, to compel him to contribute towards the maintenance of his mother Isabella Sutor, who has become chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>The meeting was also a special meeting called by the Clerk following the directions contained in an order of the Privy Council dated 20 July regarding the powers given by the Disease Prevention Act 1855 and the amending act of 23 & 24 Victoria cap. 77. The Clerk was directed to apply to all the Medical Officers and all medical practitioners residing in the Union to give information from time to time of the presence of cholera or unusual amount of severity of diarrhoea in the Union.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Three committees were set up to deal with the problem of possible outbreak of cholera – one case, Mary Thompson, had already occurred although she was recovering.</p> <p>The committees were:</p> <p>Berwick and Tweedmouth District: The Chairman; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson; Alexander Smith junior; Richard Makins; Robert Boston; John Henderson,; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman].</p> <p>The Norhamshire District: The Guardians representing the parishes within the District.</p> <p>The Islandshire District: The Guardians representing the parishes within the District.</p> <p>The Clerk ordered to inform the Clerk to the Local Board of Health, of the appointment of the Committee for the Berwick and Tweedmouth District and that this Committee is willing to co-operate with the Local Board of Health in carrying out such measures as may be thought necessary for improving the sanitary condition of the District.</p> <p>Minutes of a meeting of medical gentlemen chaired by Dr Fluker presented a 5 point programme for increasing sanitary conditions and thus avoid outbreaks of disease was presented.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/81-87 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 Aug. 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting:</p> <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Boston; Robert Cairns; Thomas Friar; Thomas Black; Alexander Smith (Norham); Henry Richardson; David Tait; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Rev Thomas Proctor.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> | 13 Aug. 1866 |

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| | | <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Andrew Mein (farmer); Border Brewery Company; William Alder (spirit merchant).</p> <p>Lunatic expenses: Southern Counties Asylum, Dumfries (1/4 year's maintenance of 2 pauper lunatics); T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], (expenses attending the removal of 2 lunatics to Dumfries Asylum).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (visiting and reporting a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Registration fees: George Turner (Berwick District); George Turner (vaccination registration); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire vaccination registration); Joseph H Graham (Islandshire vaccination fee).</p> <p>Medical store account: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>Common charges: Moses Johnson (old rope); Knight & Co (books).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for Northumberland a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a Police Rate (local expenditure).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary and George Lyons, of Ravensdowne, suffering from fever, prescribed 2 lbs. of beef or mutton; Robert Noon, of Hatter's Lane, suffering from phthisis, prescribed necessaries, 1 lb. of sago and 1 pint of port wine; Mary Ann Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs. of beef; Mary Lyons, of Ravensdowne, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 pint of port wine; Elizabeth Smeaton, of Jack's Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Smeaton, of Jack's Lane, suffering from abscess of hand, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; Jane Hallowell, of West End, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison,</p> | |
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| | | | <p>of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Hughes, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Circular received from the Privy Council with reference to certain provisions in the new Public Health Act for the treatment of cases of cholera occurring at sea.</p> <p>Letter from Joseph H Graham tendering his resignation as Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Islandshire District. Resignation accepted, steps to be taken at the next meeting to advertise for a replacement in the Berwick newspapers. The Clerk directed to inform the Poor Law Board and suggest to unite Islandshire and Norhamshire Districts, and appoint Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Relieving Officer and Registrar for the Norhamshire District as Registrar for the whole of Norhamshire and Islandshire.</p> <p>Report from W G Marshall, Inspector of Nuisances for the Division of Norham and Islandshire, regarding nuisances found by him at Holy Island and Norham. Referred to the Nuisance Removal Committee appointed for the County Council.</p> <p>Letter from R Home, as Clerk of the Peace, enclosing a communication from the Clerk to the Visitors of the County Asylum, requiring the removal of the 5 pauper lunatics chargeable to the Borough Fund. Resolved that the Clerk inform Mr Home that as the chargeability of these lunatics was, by an order of Justices, transferred from this Union to the County of the Borough and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, the Guardians cannot interfere in carrying out Mr Dickson's requirement (Clerk to the Committee of Visitors), but must leave it to Mr Home as the official representative of the County to do so.</p> <p>The Removal Committee had applied to the Guardians of the Alnwick Union to accept, without an order, Mabel Schofield and her 2 children, who were now chargeable to this Union, having no settlement therein, and being removable therefrom. The Guardians of the Alnwick Union had declined to accept the 3 paupers. The matter to be referred to the Removal Committee for further enquiry.</p> | |
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| Item | GBR 48/88-96 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 August 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Storey; John Henderson; George Young; Thomas Friar; Richard Makins; Robert Cairns; Mark Thompson; David Tait; James Hogg; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Brown [Colville Brown]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); J Moor & Co (ironmongers); Andrew Mein (farmer); T Cockburn & Son (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Alder (spirit merchant); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); T Landreth & others (sundries for garden and pigs).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Lyons & George Lyons, of Ravensdowne, suffering from fever, prescribed 2 lbs of beef or mutton; Barney Cornelly, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injury to finger, prescribed necessaries; Charles Shuthouse, of Chapel Street, suffering from amputation of toe, prescribed necessaries; Barney Cornelly, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injury to finger, prescribed necessaries; Mary Lyons, of Woolmarket, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 pint of port wine and 1½ lbs of beef; John A Bassett, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from cough and diarrhoea, prescribed bread, tea and sugar; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Wilson.</p> | 27 Aug. 1866 |
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| | | | <p>Letter from the General Register Office saying there is no statutory power to alter Registrars' districts. George A Turnbull, Schoolmaster, Ancroft. Was appointed to replace Mr Grahame as Registrar of Births and Deaths for the District of Islandshire.</p> <p>Letter from the Clerk to the Visitors of the County Asylum. They have taken the opinion of Mr Manisty regarding the Berwick Union placing pauper lunatics belonging to the Borough of Berwick in the Northumberland County Asylum as a matter of right. It states that opinion expressed by the Berwick Guardians cannot be maintained as they have not contributed towards the County Asylum. The pauper lunatics belonging to the County of Berwick therefore have to be removed from the County Asylum. A list of the lunatics to be removed enclosed [but not included in the minutes].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had applied to the Dumfries & Dunston Lodge Asylums for the admission of the lunatics, but without success, advertisements have also been placed in newspapers with no result. Matter to be referred back to plan a possible course.</p> <p>Report from Dr Brown [Colville Brown] on behalf of the committee appointed to visit the Northumberland County Asylum, regarding his visit to the Asylum together with the Chairman and Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. There were 29 (12 male and 17 female) inmates from the Berwick Union. They were all well cared for and clean and tidy. 4 patients (Thomas Stevens, James Mitchell, Ann Weir and Elizabeth McNab) suffer from epilepsy, and as there is no cure, their cases must be deemed hopeless. They are all in good bodily health but dangerous to others after a fit. William Pennan and Patrick Hughes are suffering from melancholia but are rapidly improving. Nolan William Bertram and George Todd are also expected to recover. Of the remainder 3 may be set down as hopeless as is the case of John Howe who is dying of pulmonary consumption. Mary Turner should be brought back at once as she is of sound mind and far advanced in pregnancy. Mary Ann Brown should be taken out on trial even though there is a danger of relapse. Sarah Ewart suffering from disease of the brain and paralysis, could possibly be kept in our own infirmary. Jane Heslop and Jane Smith are both hopeless cases and the remaining female afford little or no hope of recovery.</p> <p>Copy of the report to be sent to the Superintendent of the Asylum and a request that</p> | |
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| | | | <p>the Committee of Visitors will sanction the removal of Mary Ann Brown and Sarah Ewart to the Workhouse on trial.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Wilson [James Wilson] asking the Guardians to accept the use of an invalid chair belonging to his late brother for the Workhouse. Offer accepted.</p> <p>Luke Atkinson, of Wooler, tailor, attended with his apprentice John Pattison, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Tweedmouth. Half of the term of his apprenticeship has now expired and the second moiety of the premium to be paid to Mr Atkinson.</p> <p>Rev J G Rowe, Vicar of Berwick, appointed member of the Committee acting under the Diseases Prevention Acts for the Berwick District.</p> <p>Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against John McAlpine for neglecting to maintain his wife and family whereby they have become chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk produced an application from the Guardians of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Union requesting the Guardians to accept the chargeability of Margaret Hush and her illegitimate child. Agreed to accept the paupers without an order of removal.</p> <p>The Clerk also produced an order of Justices directing the removal of four children named Bruce from the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Union to this Union, as they have allegedly been deserted by their father Robert Bruce, a mariner, and they had a settlement in the Parish of Tweedmouth. Resolved that a copy of the depositions upon which the order was made be obtained.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/97-105 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 September 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; Adam Darling; Mark Thompson; Robert Cairns; James Hogg; Ebenezer Black; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman; Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been</p> | 10 Sept. 1866 |

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| | | <p>inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Andrew Mein (farmer); Border Brewery Company; George Brown (undertaker); George Friar (carpenter); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic expenses: Andrew Thompson (expenses of Committee visiting County Asylum at request of Guardians); John Crosby (expenses attending removal of Mary Turner from County Asylum); John (Onwhyn?) (advertising for asylum in 'Times' and 'Lancet'.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Thomas Herriott, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from fever, prescribed necessaries; Barney Cornelly, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from cut finger, prescribed necessaries; John Bassett, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from cough and debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Mary Lyon, of Ravensdowne, suffering from fever; prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Charles Shuthouse, of Chapel Street, suffering from amputation of great toe, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Herriott, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from fever; prescribed necessaries and on Saturday 1½ lbs of beef; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from pain of side, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Dickson, of Norham East Mains, in child-birth, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Wilson [James Wilson]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Report from the Lunatic Asylum Committee regarding the admission of lunatics in this Union to an asylum. They report that they have received a letter from the Clerk to the Committee of Visitors of the Northumberland County Asylum saying that they had</p> | |
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| | | | <p>been advised by Mr Manisty Q C that pauper lunatics whose settlement is in the Borough of Berwick have no claim to be admitted into the County Asylum, and that the Visitors request the 22 lunatics, whose names are enclosed, who belong to the Borough be removed. Applications had been made to the Dumfries Asylum and Dunston Lodge Asylum, both have previously been used by the Guardians, but both institutions had declined to receive the Borough lunatics, consequently the Guardians had advertised for an asylum for the Borough lunatics in certain provincial newspapers circulated in the north of England and Scotland as well as in the Times and the Lancet. Only one offer had been received from the Fisherton House Asylum, Salisbury. As this is the only offer the Guardians find that, in spite of the great distance, they see no alternative but to recommend that the chronic cases amongst the present Borough lunatics should at once be sent there.</p> <p>The list of lunatics to be removed contains 22 lunatics, 5 chargeable to the Borough Rate and not under the control of the Guardians, one has died and another been removed. Of the remaining 18 one is the son of a respectable tradesman in Berwick, subject to epilepsy but otherwise sane. His friends have offered to take care of him. 5 other lunatics are recommended to be removed to the Workhouse. Also recommended that 3 other lunatics, Isabella May; Jane Smith and William Pennan be removed to the Workhouse as well, or possibly be allowed to stay a bit longer in the Asylum till their progressing recovery is complete. 12 cases remain viz. George Todd; James Swinhoe; John Octon; Charles Hunter Macdonald; James Finharty; Ann Graham; Agnes Pringle; Martha Forster; Isabella Lough; Margaret Dryden; Jane Heslop and Elizabeth Trainer. They are all deemed to be chronic cases and should be immediately removed to Fisherton House Asylum.</p> <p>The Committee has considered steps to be taken for obtaining an asylum for lunatics becoming chargeable. Two proposals were submitted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To contract with the Committee of Visitors of the County Asylum for the reception of the pauper lunatics of the Borough into the County Asylum, as it is being enlarged. 2. That an asylum should be erected by and at the expense of the parishes situated within the County of the Borough and Town of Berwick-on-Tweed. The Committee think that in spite of having no claim to the use of the County Asylum for the Borough lunatics compared to the part of the Union within the County of Northumberland, they hope that they will receive a fair consideration from the Visitors of the County Asylum. | |
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| | | | <p>The whole rateable value of the Union is £119,000, of this £77,000 is within the County of Northumberland, and the properties representing the latter sum has contributed towards the erection of the County Asylum. Whilst out of the 30 lunatics at present chargeable to this Union only in respect of 7 is the claim allowed for them to be maintained in the County Asylum. Owing to lunatics being a charge upon the Common Fund of the Union the greater share of any additional expense incurred for the other 23 lunatics has to be borne by the parishes within the County, thereby entailing upon them a hardship from which the remainder of the County is exempt. As it is likely that the Law of Settlement may be abolished shortly and if an agreement is not reached between the Borough and County authorities considerable legal difficulties may arise. The report to be sent to the Visitors of the County Asylum, the Commissioners in Lunacy and the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Lunatic Asylum Committee to be requested and authorised to arrange a meeting with the Committee of Visitors of the County Asylum to urge upon the Visitors the claims of this Union and to come to some agreement for the reception into the County Asylum of all the lunatics chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for provisions, clothing etc. will expire on 29th instant. Referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had inspected the Clerk's calculations for estimating the sums required to be contributed by the parishes during the ensuing half year.</p> <p>The Clerk had obtained a copy of an order upon which the Justices had made an order for the removal of 4 children named Bruce from the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Union to this Union. Resolved that the Guardians have no objection to the removal.</p> <p>George A Turnbull, Registrar of Births and Deaths for the District of Islandshire, named Henry Ford, of Cheswick, schoolmaster, as his Deputy.</p> <p>Dr Cahill reported a case of cholera at Unthank Square which was convalescent. Dr Cahill's letter to be referred to the Committee appointed under the Disease Prevention Acts.</p> | |
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| Item | GBR 48/106-117 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardian meeting held on 24 September 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; A Smith [Alexander Smith] (Letham); Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Ralph Holmes (china dealer); Andrew Mein (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Peter Portland (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: Duddo, Samuel Boak; Horncliffe, James Paxton.</p> <p>Lunatic expenses account: E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (expenses of deputation attending, at the request of the Guardians, a meeting of the Visitors of the County Asylum at Morpeth on 17th instant.</p> <p>Common charges: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (1/2 year's maintenance of William Purves, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Tweedmouth); John Bulman, Newcastle (Justices' fees for in connection with the removal of Bruce's children).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from Northumberland's Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay the County Treasurer on or before the 24th September the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a General County Rate. Ordered that the amount be now paid and charged against the several parishes of this Union.</p> | 24 Sept. 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [John Botrman], of Walkergate Lane, suffering from cough and debility, prescribed necessaries; William Robison, 45, of Narrow Lane, suffering from abscess of thumb, prescribed 1 lb of sago, ½ lb of beef and necessaries; Mrs M Brooks, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; William Robson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from abscess of thumb, prescribed necessaries; William Johnson and family, fisherman, of Greens, suffering from fever, prescribed necessaries; John Bassett, (no residence or sickness stated), prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil and 1 pint of port wine; Ann Hood, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Charles Shorthouse, of Chapel Street, suffering from amputation of great toe, prescribed necessaries; Mary Currie, 57, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; A Pike, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed whiskey; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Barbara English, of Mount Pleasant, suffering from phthisis pulmonary, prescribed 1 bottle of whiskey and 2 lbs of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker and Wilson.</p> <p>Report from the Lunatic Asylum Committee regarding their meeting with the Visitors of the Northumberland County Asylum. The Visitors were willing to recommend to the County Bench to agree to the Borough being united with the County for lunatic purposes, on condition the Borough raised and paid over to the County a sum which would place the Borough in the same position now as if it had been joined to the County from the time of the erection of the Asylum.</p> <p>The Committee state 4 reasons for the propriety of the Borough uniting with the County, and conclude that the patients at present in the County Asylum should not be moved for at least a month to allow time for consideration of the proposal. Data for the unification were produced. In conclusion: what the Visitors require is that the Borough of Berwick should place themselves in the same position as if they had joined in the erection of the Asylum, but without taking into account any interest upon the advanced made by the County up to the 29th Sept. 1865.</p> <p>The report to be sent to R Home, Town Hall Clerk, and Clerk of the Peace with a request that he will bring the matter before the proper authorities at the earliest</p> | |
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| | | | <p>possible opportunity.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing a copy of a letter addressed by them to the Rev John Irwin regarding his attendance as the incumbent of St Mary's dealing with the inmates of the Union Workhouse. The Letter from the Poor Law Board to Rev Irwin states that the incumbent of a parish cannot claim it as a matter of right to visit the inmates of a workhouse situated in his parish without the consent of the Guardians. However, it is lawful for any licensed minister, at all times in the day, on the request of an inmate to visit the workhouse for religious purposes. This includes the right to repeat visits without specific permission from the master of the workhouse. Copy of the letter to be sent to the Master of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Report from W G Marshall, Inspector of Nuisances, regarding certain nuisances in the Parishes of Cornhill and Holy Island. To be referred to the Nuisance Removal Committee.</p> <p>Application from the Guardians of the Tynemouth Union requesting the Guardians to accept the chargeability of Matilda Harrison, widow, and her 7 children, but the Guardians, not being satisfied of the truth of the allegation that the pauper's late husband never did any act to gain a settlement in his own right. Postponed for further inquiries.</p> <p>Tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the out-door poor with bread oatmeal etc. were accepted</p> <p>Meeting adjourned to next Monday to issue contribution orders for the sums required for the ensuing half year.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/118-123 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 October 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; James Gilroy; Adam Darling; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Robert Cairns; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Rev Thomas Proctor. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph</p> | 1 Oct. 1866 |

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| | | <p>Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); William Wilson (plumber); George Back (mason); Scremerston Coal Company; Adam Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Andrew Mein (farmer); Hugh C Brown (plasterer); Robert Cockburn (blacksmith); Border Brewery Company; J Moor & Co (ironmongers); William Alder (spirit merchant); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: David Logan (wine merchant).</p> <p>Common charges: proprietor of Berwick Advertiser (printing); H O Thompson (fire insurance payment); Thomas Melrose (stationer); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (1/4 year's postage and services); E Willoby (justices clerk's fees); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postage etc.); John Crosby (1/4 year's postage etc.); John Crosby (removing 3 paupers to Alnwick).</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Michaelmas last ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Eleanor Palmer (matron of workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Robert Fair (hairdresser); Ellen Dagleish (school monitor).</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for furnishing and making up 12 suits of clothing for the adult male inmates of the Workhouse, and recommend the Guardians to accept Alexander Gunn's and Robert Rutherford's to supply 2 dozens of man's cloth caps as well. Tenders accepted.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that further enquiries had been made regarding the settlement of Matilda Harrison, widow, and her 7 children. The Guardians were satisfied that they were legally settled in and removable to this Union by the Guardians of the Tynemouth Union. Resolved to receive the said paupers without an order of removal.</p> <p>Circular from the Poor Law Board regarding the right of the inmates of the</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Workhouse to complain. A printed notice should be hung up in each ward or room. Complaints can be made either in writing or verbally to the Clerk or a member of the Visiting Committee. A book should also be kept containing all complaints made and the steps taken by the Guardians. The Clerk to be directed and authorised to take the necessary steps to comply with this.</p> <p>The value of the provisions consumed by the paupers and the Officers was stated, as was the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse books.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up the clothing account and the garden account.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/124-127 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 October 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); James Gilroy; John Embleton; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; Thomas Friar; David Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith (Letham).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Cheque given to T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, for the purpose of paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Charles Shorthouse, of Chapel Street, suffering from amputation of great toe, prescribed necessaries; Ann Hood, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed necessaries; John Bassett, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from cough etc., prescribed 1 lb of sago and 1 pint of port wine; Mrs Kelly and son, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries and ½ lb of beef; Michael Noon, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; John Bassett, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from cough and debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Elizabeth</p> | 8 Oct. 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Robison, of Chapel Street, suffering from debility from child-birth, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; John Christie, of Western Lane, suffering from dyspepsia, prescribed bread, tea, sugar and sago; John Bassett, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from cough and debility, prescribed bread, tea, sugar, sago and 1 pint of port wine; Patrick Keilty, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Michael Butler, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Ann Hood and children, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed necessaries; John Bassett, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from cough and debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Michael Noon, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Robison, of Chapel Street, suffering from debility from child-birth, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and bread; Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Town Council had concurred in the recommendation in the reports regarding the County Asylum for a union with the County of Northumberland.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/128-137 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 October 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Michaelmas last ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer and collector to the Guardians); Joseph</p> | 22 Oct. 1866 |

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| | | <p>Scott (relieving officer); John A Woods (treasurer). Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas Hood Mitchell (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries also ordered to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert Stamp (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Blakey (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Young & Son (grocer); James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); Thomas Landreth (farmer); H G Carr & Son (chemists); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic expenses account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 27 pauper lunatics plus 2 other for part of the quarter). Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson). Robert C Fluker (2 certificates of lunacy). Colville Brown (2 certificates of lunacy). Proprietors of Leeds Mercury (advertising for an asylum for Berwick pauper lunatics). Proprietors of N B Advertiser (advertising for an asylum for Berwick lunatics). Proprietors of N D Journal (advertising for an asylum for Berwick lunatics).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth and Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew James Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wislon (Tweedmouth and Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Registration fees: J H Graham (Islandshire District); George A Turnbull (Islandshire District).</p> <p>Nuisances Removal account: W G Marshall, Inspector of Nuisances, (expenses</p> | |
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| | | | <p>incurred in inspecting the Parishes of Cornhill, Holy Island and Norham).</p> <p>Parish Officers' salaries: Henry J Williams (poundage on rates collected for Ancroft and Kyloe).</p> <p>Common charges: Knight & Co, London (books and forms).</p> <p>The Clerk had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace 2 precepts requiring the Guardians to pay the County Treasurer 2 sums respectively being the amounts charged and assessed upon the parishes of the Union towards the Police Rates, the one for general the other for local expenditure. Ordered to be paid.</p> <p>The School Committee had examined and passed the accounts for the education of the out-door pauper children and payment was ordered to: William Jackson (Spittal); Septimus Wharton (Scremerston); George Waton (Duddo); George A Turnbull (Ancroft); Robert Hardy (Cornhill); Henry Ford (Cheswick); George Davidson (Thornton); William Wren (East Ord); John Patrick (Fenwick); John Cowans (Beal); G Jeff (Shoreswood); (no name stated) (Grindon); Girls' School (Norham); Adam Bell (Ord Moor); John Logan (Mordington); J H Austin (Shoreswood); William Bell (Holy Island); Mary Don (Warksworth); William Edwards (Eglingham); Mrs Brown (Norham).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Janet Johnson's boys, of Golden Square, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Margaret McKean, of Hatters Lane, suffering from burns, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Williams, 50, of Church Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Ann Hood and children, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed necessaries; Margaret McKean, of Hatters Lane, suffering from burns, prescribed necessaries; Ann Hood and children, of Chapel Street, convalescent from fever, prescribed necessaries; Mary Curne, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; Mary Johnson, of Back Street, Spittal, suffering from asthma, prescribed necessaries; William Pringle, of West End, suffering from disease of glands, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull and Wilson.</p> <p>Application from the Guardians of the Rothbury Union requesting the Guardians of this Union to accept chargeability of Jane Dover, single, 47, certified to be permanently disabled. Deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>Communication from Mr Wodehouse, Hon Secretary to the Society for distributing Scripture truth in workhouses, offering to forward a grant of the Society's publications for the use of the inmates of the Workhouse. Offer accepted.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Davidson, Medical Officer of Health, reporting the result of his visit to 2 localities in Berwick where fatal cases of fever have occurred. Resolved that the report belong under the conveyance of the local Board of Health and the Clerk was directed to forward the report to the local Board.</p> <p>Letter from Thomas Thompson regarding his brother, John Thompson, of Under Cocklaw, who has been very ill for a long time, but who has not been visited by the Medical Officer for the last 4 months. Dr Fluker, the Medical Officer in question, said that it was correct that he had not seen him since he had certified him to be disabled from work and in need of relief. Dr Fluker would visit the patient and prescribe what may be necessary for the patient.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/138-141 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 October 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith, junior (Letham); Robert Cairns; James Gilroy; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; James Hogg; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; George Ord; John Henderson. Chairman: Alexander Smith, junior (Letham).</p> <p>Extraordinary meeting called by Thomas Proctor and J G Rowe, ex-officio Guardians, to take into consideration a report of the Committee appointed under the Diseases Prevention Acts for the Berwick Districts and the possibility of providing a hospital for cholera and other epidemics. At a meeting the proximity of a cholera epidemic and typhus fever in and around the area had been discussed. The Committee had inspected possible sites and buildings capable of being adapted for the use of a cholera hospital. The sites were: Messrs Flemings' property in Featherhead Lane</p> | 29 Oct. 1866 |

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| | | | <p>[today called Brucegate] . the site and buildings in the Calf Hill Close occupied by Robert Herriott; the site in another field occupied by Mr Herriott on the west side of the Edinburgh Road; a site in the Bell Tower Field; a house and premises in the West End, Tweedmouth overlooking the Ord Fields and belonging to Mr Renwick. Chosen was the site occupied by Robert Herriott and belonging to the Corporation of Berwick. A temporary wooden hospital to be erected on the site, designed by Mr Gray, architect. Also resolved that in the event of cholera the Ward for aged female inmates be adopted as a hospital.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/142-147 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 November 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith (Letham); Richard Makins; George Young; Alexander Smith (Norham); Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: E & W Paxton (drapers); James Dixon (butcher); David Logan (wine merchant); James Dunlop (draper); Robert Rutherford (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Thomas Landreth (farmer); Ralph Holmes (china dealer); T M Morrison & Co. (drapers); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic expenses: Colville Brown (fee for visiting pauper lunatics in County Asylum).</p> <p>Registration fees: George Turner, Berwick District and Vaccination Registration fees; Joseph Scott, Northern District.</p> | 5 Nov. 1866 |

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| | | <p>Parochial Officers' salaries: John Gilchrist, Norham, poundage on rates collected for Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Common charges: Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; John Crosby (removing Scottish pauper); Margaret Elliott (cleaning Tweedmouth Pay Station); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay Station).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: David Logan (wine merchant).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mrs McKean, of Hatters Lane, suffering from burns, prescribed necessaries; John Christie, of Western Lane, suffering from chronic dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries and 1½ lbs of beef; Rebecca Clyne, of Castlegate, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; John Christie, of Western Lane, suffering from chronic dyspepsia, prescribed 1 lb of corn flour; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; Mary Curry, of West End, suffering from slight debility, (nothing prescribed); (No name or residence stated), out-worker, suffering from disease of heart, prescribed necessaries; Mary Curry, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the result of enquiries made regarding the settlement of Jane Dover, single. The Guardians are sure that she was legally settled in and removable to this Union by the Guardians of the Rothbury Union.</p> <p>The Clerk also produced an order of justice directing the removal of Andrew Weir the younger from the Belford Union to this Union, as it includes the Parish of Kylloe, his alleged last place off legal settlement. The execution of this order has been suspended because of the sickness of the said pauper. The Clerk also produced an order of justice directing the removal of Catherine Smith, widow, and her 4 children from Morpeth Union to this Union. Their last place of legal settlement being, allegedly, in the Parish of Kylloe. Enquiries made into the truth of the grounds of settlement furnished in each of these cases had established that these orders could</p> | |
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| | | | <p>not successfully be appealed against.</p> <p>Notice from James Radford, District Auditor, stating his intention to audit the accounts of the several offices of this Union.</p> <p>The attention of the Guardians was called to the dirty and unhealthy state of the Sallyport in Bridge Street as well as a yard on the east side of Castlegate known as 'Carr the Baker's Yard' where cases of fever have been recorded. Dr Davidson to inspect the 2 sites and if necessary bring the matter before the local Board of Health.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against George Storey for neglecting to maintain his wife and family.</p> <p>The Clerk authorised and requested to take the necessary proceedings before the Justices for obtaining an order to remove Isabella Newton and her girl to the Belford Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/148-153 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 November 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Thomas Friar; Ebenezer Black; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officer had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Johnson & Co</p> | 19 Nov. 1866 |

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| | | <p>(brewers); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Thomas Landreth (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic expenses: Crichton Royal Institution (1/4 year's maintenance of 2 pauper lunatics).</p> <p>Parish Officers' salaries: James Paxton, Horncliffe (poundage on rates collected for the Horncliffe township).</p> <p>Common charges: George Gibson, Belford (1/2 year's rent of Register Office); Knight & Co (books and forms).</p> <p>School fees: H Weir (Horncliffe); McLachlan (Horncliffe).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Jane Hudson, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed bread, tea, sugar and oatmeal; John McDermott, of Chapel Street, suffering from asthma, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Johnston, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Hudson, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; John McFarlane, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from abscess of thumb and injury to leg, prescribed necessaries; John McDermott, of Chapel Street, suffering from asthma, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Middlemiss, of Kiln Hill, suffering from consumption and (homophigm?), prescribed wine; John Brown, of (P Close?), suffering from diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries, wife unable to leave him owing to illness; Barbara Aitchison, of [Thornton...], suffering from frequent attacks of bilious headaches with irritation of spine rendering her unable to do anything and confining her to her bed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker and Wilson.</p> <p>Statement of calls made upon the parishes was produced showing the Parish of Tweedmouth being in arrear for the current quarter and a portion of the past quarter. The Clerk was directed to write to the Overseers of that parish requesting their</p> | |
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| | | | <p>immediate attention to this matter.</p> <p>Circular received from Upton-upon-Severn Union containing a copy of a number of resolutions passed by the Guardians of that Union concerning vagrancy. Resolved that the Clerk reply to the circular and state that this Union agree to their steps towards obtaining the establishment of a uniform system of administering relief to vagrants.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse reported that a supply of oatmeal was needed for the use of the inmates of the Workhouse. Referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Alexander Higgins for neglecting to maintain his wife and family who have now become chargeable to this Union, and also against Thomas Young and Rosanna, his wife, for neglecting to maintain their children who have now become chargeable to this Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/154-163 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 December 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; George Young; Robert Cairns; Robert Boston; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent of the Workhouse, garden and pigs); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Thomas Landreth (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> | 3 Dec. 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Common charges: George Back (mason work at Workhouse); B G Sinclair (wood for Workhouse).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union toward the General County Rate.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had written to the Assistant Overseer of Tweedmouth regarding the large arrears of sums due from that parish, and urging the Overseers to pay the sums required.</p> <p>Letter received from George Turner, Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Tweedmouth, stating that the reason for non-payment is that the new valuation lists have not yet been prepared by Mr Hedley [Thomas T Hedley] as directed by the Assessment Committee.</p> <p>Letter also received from Mr Hedley which states that until a new valuation lists is prepared the old one is in force.</p> <p>Resolved, on the motion of George Young, that the Guardians express their dissatisfaction with Mr Turner's conduct.</p> <p>Cheque to be sent to the County Treasurer being the amount of the County Rate now due less the sum of the money due from the Parish of Tweedmouth. The Clerk to inform the Overseers of Tweedmouth of this together with a copy of Mr Hedley's letter and the Guardians' resolution respecting Mr Turner's conduct.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had obtained tenders to supply the Workhouse with 20 sacks of oatmeal from John Clay & Son. Tender accepted.</p> <p>Letter of resignation from Eleanor Palmer, Matron of Workhouse, due to her appointment as Matron of the Borough Gaol. Clerk directed to advertise for a person to replace her. Appointment to take place at the next meeting.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The Clerk reported that the Nuisance Removal Committee for Norham and Islandshire have appointed Alexander Davidson Inspector of Nuisances for those districts. Remuneration for 24 days to be paid to Mr Davidson.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a new order of the Poor Law Board authorising, where necessary, the appointment of more than one collector of guardians.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Johnston, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Hudson, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Johnston, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; John Christie, of Western Lane, suffering from chronic dyspepsia, prescribed 1 pint of sherry wine; James Unthank, 49, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury to right arm, prescribed necessaries; John McDermott, of Chapel Street, suffering from asthma, prescribed necessaries, will go to work in a few days; John McDermott, of Chapel Street, suffering from asthma, give this man an order [to] the House [Workhouse], and then you can give his wife a little relief; James Unthank, of Chapel Street, suffering from paralysis of right arm and hand, prescribed necessaries; Charles Nicol, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from chronic dyspepsia, prescribed ½ pint of whisky; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; William Pringle, of West End, suffering from sickness, 'I think he may now do some work'.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Wilson; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/164-171 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 December 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; John Henderson; Richard Makins; Adam Darling; Mark Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); William Moor; Robert Cairns; Robert Boston; James Gilroy; George Young; Thomas Black; George Storey; James Hogg; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Clarke . Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> | 17 Dec. 1866 |

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| | | | <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; George Brown (undertaker); Johnson & Co (brewers); William Wilson (plumber); Young & Son (grocers); Thomas Landreth (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Common charges: T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses removing Isabella Newton and child to Belford Union).</p> <p>Cheque for amount of instalment and interest due on loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners to transfer to the London agent.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Parish of Tweedmouth had paid to the Union Treasurer sufficient funds for the purpose.</p> <p>Amount ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland being the amount due for county Rate from the Township of Ord.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Johnston, of Greens, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; John Maltman, of Golden Square, suffering from a cough, prescribed necessaries; Ann Bennett, of Church Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Hanley, of Weatherly Square, suffering from abscess on breast, prescribed necessaries; John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from asthmatic cough, prescribed necessaries; James Unthank, of Chapel Street, suffering from paralysis of right arm and hand, prescribed necessaries; Charles Nichol, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed ½ pint of port wine; William Preston, of Church Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from asthmatic</p> | |
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| | | | <p>cough, prescribed necessaries; Ann Bennett, of Church Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Hanley, of Weatherly Square, suffering from abscess on breast, prescribed necessaries; Mary Cockburn, 24, of [Gamston Hill]; in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Curry, 58, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Election of Matron of the Workhouse. Applications received from: Miss Sarah Johnston, 42; Miss Margaret Anderson, 39; Miss Mary Ann Daniel, 36; Mary Black, 31. Miss Johnston attended before the Guardians. George Young moved, Adam Darling seconded, the appointment of Miss Daniel. James Gilroy moved, seconded by Dr Richardson, the appointment of Miss Johnston.</p> <p>A vote was taken: for Miss Daniel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrew Thompson, Chairman. 2. Rev J G Rowe. 3. Rev Thomas Proctor. 4. Robert Cairns. 5. Alexander Smith junior. 6. M Thompson. 7. George Storey. 8. James Hogg. 9. Thomas Black. 10. Adam Darling. 11. George Young. 12. Robert Boston. 13. William Moor. 14. Dr Clarke. <p>For Miss Johnston:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James Gilroy. 2. Dr Richardson. 3. John Henderson. <p>Miss Mary Ann Daniel was duly elected.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Letter from Mr Turner [George Turner], Assistant Overseer of Tweedmouth Parish, containing instructions to forward to the Guardians a copy of a resolution agreed to by the Overseers and Churchwardens of the Parish of Tweedmouth. The resolution states that they have considered all the correspondence upon the matter [non-payment of rates] and they do not admit that Mr Turner misled the Overseers, and declare their entire confidence in Mr Turner.</p> <p>George Young stated that a letter had been addressed to him by Mr Turner with reference to the resolution passed by the Board at the last meeting and published in the local newspapers. Resolved that Mr Turner be requested to furnish the Guardians with the names of those gentlemen who were present at the meeting of Churchwardens and Overseers of Tweedmouth on the 6th instant when the resolution was passed.</p> <p>Resolved that on Christmas Day the inmates of the Workhouse be allowed to have beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>Copy of the Valuation lists for the Parishes of Ancroft and Tweedmouth were presented.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that contracts for beef, bread and out-door oatmeal will expire on 29th instant. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/172-180 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 December 1866. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Robert Boston; Alexander Smith junior; Rev J G Rowe; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]; Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> | 31 Dec. 1866 |

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| | | | <p>Salaries for the quarter ending at Christmas last were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Ellen Dalgliesh (school monitor); Eleanor Palmer (matron of Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse at Workhouse); Thomas Harle (porter of the Workhouse); Robert Fair (hairdresser).</p> <p>Value of the provisions consumed by the paupers and the Officers for the past quarter was stated.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to : James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Johnson & Co (brewers); Thomas Landreth (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Common charges: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (board, education and clothing of William Purves to the 25th Dec.); Knight & CO (books and forms); Edward Willoby (justices' clerk's fees, postages and sundries).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Francis Williamson, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from a sore throat, prescribed necessaries; John Kean, of Chapel Street, improving will go to work after this week, prescribed necessaries; William Preston, of Church Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Blakey, of Church Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries and ¼ lb of arrowroot; George Storey's child, of Coxon's Lane, suffering from marasmus, prescribed ¼ pint of port wine; George Hanley, of Weatherly Square, suffering from abscess on breast, prescribed necessaries; Robert Douglas, 50, of Castlegate, suffering from pain in back, prescribed necessaries; John Christie, of Western Lane, suffering from chronic dyspepsia, prescribed 1 pint of whisky; Ann Bennett, of Church Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Mary Cockburn, of Gainslaw Hill, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; James Unthank, of Chapel Street, suffering from paralysis of right arm, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Blakey, of Church Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Cockburn; of Gainslaw Hills, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from sickness,</p> | |
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| | | | <p>prescribed necessaries; Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from debility and pains, prescribed necessaries; Mary Cockburn, of Spittal, suffering from palsy, (nothing prescribed, may do some work); John Crymer, of Spittal, suffering from palsy, recovery can scarcely be expected.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had obtained tenders for supplying the Union with beef etc. for the ensuing quarter. Tender accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee also reported that the new Matron of the Workhouse had been installed into office and that she and recommended alterations in the table of rations for her use viz. 3 oz. coffee and 2 oz. tea to be substituted for 4 oz. tea, and that an addition be made to the ration of the Master of the Workhouse of 1 lb of cheese. Approved by the Guardians subject to the sanction of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Communication from R Home, Clerk of the Peace, containing the minutes of a meeting of the Committee of Visitors of the Northumberland Asylum, and asking the Guardians to inform them of any suggestions they deem necessary for the guidance of the Justices in dealing with this matter. In the minutes the Committee suggest 3 possible ways of dealing with the problem of pauper lunatics from the part of the Berwick Union which is not part of the County of Northumberland and still stay within the law.</p> <p>A return from E Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector], showing the number of paupers relieved on certain corresponding dates within this and the other unions comprised in his district.</p> <p>Letter from George Turner saying that he would lay the correspondence from the Guardians in front of the Churchwardens and Overseers. He also states that the resolution referred to was legally called, that a majority was present and the resolution unanimously agreed to.</p> | |
| Item | GBR | Minutes of Berwick | Present at the meeting: | 14 Jan. 1867 |

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| | 48/181-189 | Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 January 1867. | <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; James Hogg; Adam Darling; George Storey; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Henry Richardson; Robert Cairns; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Matthew Young; Thomas Black; Mark Thompson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries to which the following officers were entitled were ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer and collector to Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Woods (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse); John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (collector of rates Cornhill); Robert Stamp (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were ordered to be paid to: John Clay & Son (merchants); James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Alexander Gunn (tailor); Scremerston Coal Company; John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Thomas Brown and others (sundries for the garden and pigs); Johnson & Co (merchant); Hannah Wight (china dealer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic expenses: Northumberland County Council (1/4 year's maintenance of 26 pauper lunatics and one other for part of the quarter); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District);</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Robert C Fluker (medical certificate in Scotch removal case); James Wilson (Tweedmouth and Islandshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth and Islandshire District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Nuisance Removal account: E Willoby (fees on proceedings before Justices in a case arising at Holy Island).</p> <p>Cheque given to T H Mitchell for the purpose of paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Bridget Keilty, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from pain in head, prescribed necessaries; Daniel McCheyne, of Chapel Street, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries, a few days; more relief, and if more is wanted to get an order for the Workhouse; James Unthank, of Chapel Street, suffering from paralysis, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Peter Morne, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injuries, prescribed necessaries (will require relief for one week more); Margaret Blakey, of Church Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Daniel Smith, of Eastern Lane, suffering from [not stated], prescribed cod liver oil; James Gilroy, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Eleanor Williams, of Church Street, suffering from [not stated]; prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil; Agnes How, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; James Lillie, of Sandbanks, suffering from fracture of legs, prescribed wine and beef; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker and Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr Dickson [William Dickson] regarding certain suggestions made by him as to payment for pauper lunatics sent to the County Asylum from the Berwick Union. Mr Dickson suggests that the pauper</p> | |
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| | | | <p>lunatics should be charged the same sum of 9s 11d paid by the Common Fund and that 4s 1d should be paid for the pauper lunatics from the part of the Union not part of the County of Northumberland and should be paid by the Overseers of Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk inform R Home, Clerk of the Peace, that he should accept the offer of the Visitors of the County Asylum to maintain the pauper lunatics of the Borough in their asylum at an increased charge not exceeding 14s per week, and that those sent from other parishes of the Union should be repaid quarterly to the Guardians out of the Borough Rate as a contribution towards the cost of the erection and maintaining of the County Asylum Building. A committee consisting of Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; Thomas Black and James Hogg was set up to confer this matter with the Committee of Justices.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Wilson [James Wilson] regarding the sanitary condition of Holy Island with regard to the prevalence of scarlet fever. It appeared that during the past 35 weeks 23 deaths have occurred out of a population of 614. This is most likely due to the defective arrangements regarding cleanliness.</p> <p>Latter referred to the Nuisances Removal Committee for the District of Islandshire.</p> <p>Letter from John Crosby, Relieving Officer for the Berwick District, asking the Guardians to increase his salary. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Entry in the Visitors' book from Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, saying that he had inspected the Workhouse and found it in its usual condition of cleanliness and comfort.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of Mary Ann Daniel as Matron of the Workhouse of this Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/190-198 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 January 1867. | Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; John Henderson; George Young; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Alexander Smith junior; Mark Thompson; Rev Thomas Proctor. | 28 Jan. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Davidson (grocer); Young & Son (grocers); John Cairns (farmer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Dr M J Turnbull [Mathew James Turnbull] (West Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Registration fees: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District); George A Turnbull (Islandshire District, vaccination registration fees).</p> <p>Common charges: Joseph Scott (removing Scotch paupers); William Murray (bookbinder).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the Parishes of this Union towards a local Police Rate.</p> <p>Payment to Alexander Davidson, Inspector of Nuisances for Norham and Islandshire, for 25 days was ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: David Meinke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; James Gilroy, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries;</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Agnes Williams, of Church Street, suffering from skin disease, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Howe, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; David Meinke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from general debility, prescribed a pint of port wine; Agnes Williams, of Church Street, suffering from skin disease, prescribed necessaries and a pint of cod liver oil; William Yule, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Mary Jane Yule, of West End, suffering from consumption, prescribed ½ lb of beef or mutton per week; Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Middlemiss, of Kiln Hill, suffering from consumption, prescribed 1 bottle of wine; Catherine Hunter's child, of Tower Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 pint of wine; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); John Waddle, of Scremerston, suffering from hypochondriac, nothing prescribed; Robert Johnston, 22, tailor, suffering from pulmonary consumption, likely to prove fatal, prescribed 3 lbs of mutton.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull and Wilson.</p> <p>Unanimously resolved to increase the salary of John Crosby, Relieving Officer.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had communicated the Guardians' resolution regarding the cost of the lunatics sent from the Borough to the County Asylum. He presented the reply of Mr Home, the Clerk of the Peace, who says that the Justices will gladly pay out of the Borough Rates for the pauper lunatics for which the Borough is liable, but that would be an illegal payment and might lead to court cases. Mr Home asks for ideas of how to get over this hurdle.</p> <p>Letter also received from William Dickson, Clerk to the Committee of Visitors. He communicates that at a meeting of the Visitors of the Pauper Lunatic Asylum of the County of Northumberland held on 21 January 1867, it was decided that pauper lunatics coming from the Borough of Berwick will be charged 14s per week and those coming from the part of the Union being part of the County of Northumberland should be charged 9s 11d. This communication to be referred to the Committee appointed at the last meeting for them to confer upon the matter with the Committee of Borough</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Justices and also to submit the matter to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Clerk read a return from the Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum regarding the state and condition of the lunatics there who are chargeable to the Berwick Union.</p> <p>Payment to Dr Wilson for a night visit to Holy Island in an alleged case of cholera on board the 'Alert' of Leith approved due to the powers conferred upon the Guardians by the Disease Prevention Act.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that the Master of the Workhouse had communicated to them that the Trustees of St Mary's National School have occupied, and still do, as part of the playground to the school, a piece of land belonging to the Guardians. It consists of about 6 feet outwards from the Workhouse buildings. The same is the case as regards Mr Norris, owner of the property on the north side of St Mary's School. The Clerk ordered to inform them of these facts and say that the rights of the Guardians to the land in question may be acknowledged by an annual payment. Rev Irwin had replied that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the School Trustees.</p> <p>Letter form the Poor Law Board approving the amended table of Rations for the use of the Workhouse Officers.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a trial balance sheet of the accounts of the Union for the quarter ended at Christmas last.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/199-206 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 February 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; John Henderson; Richard Makins; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Robert Cairns; James Gilroy; James Hogg; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> | 11 Feb. 1867 |

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| | | <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); J Moor & Co (ironmongers); Thomas Cairns (hosier); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson & Co (brewers); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); John Davidson (grocer); Thomas Cairns (farmer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: John Paxton, East Norhamshire District; Dr Brown of Wooler.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: John Paxton, East Norhamshire District.</p> <p>Registration fees: Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District.</p> <p>Common charges: Knight & Co (books and forms); George Macaskie (advertising); T & G Steven (advertising).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: James Paxton, Horncliffe.</p> <p>Medical store: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>Accounts examined ordered to be paid to: Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries (1/4 year's maintenance of 2 pauper lunatics).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Limburn, 56, of Castlegate, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Francis Rawn, of High Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from general disability, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Margaret Gowan, 57, of Chapel Street, suffering from cough and disability, prescribed necessaries; Samuel Johnson's wife, of Chapel street, in child-birth,</p> | |
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| | | | <p>prescribed necessaries; Mrs Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Robert Young, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injury to shoulder, nothing prescribed; Ann Burnett, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Francis Rawn, of High street, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Limburn, of Castlegate, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; John Todd, of Palace Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil; Margaret Gowan, of Chapel Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Mrs Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from general debility, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed ½ lb of beef; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcers of labia, prescribed necessaries (22 identical entries); Mary Curry, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Middlemiss, of Kiln Hill, suffering from consumption, prescribed wine; Joseph Wood, fisher, of Spittal, suffering from consumption, prescribed 1 pint of wine; Margaret Marby, 55, of [Dark Entry], suffering from consumption, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (3 entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Report presented by Superintendent Marshall to the County Justices regarding the present sanitary state of Holy Island. Referred by the Justices to the Guardians. Report to be submitted to the Nuisances Removal Committee acting for the Islandshire District.</p> <p>Letter from Rev William Stewart, of Togstone, requesting a list of the Guardians of the Union. Request granted.</p> <p>The committee of Guardians appointed to confer with the Committee of Borough Justices regarding the cost of the lunatics sent by the Guardians to the County Asylum from parishes within the Borough, had held a meeting with the Justices discussing the problem. The Committee of Justices to prevail upon the Committee of Visitors to accept a rent of 4s 11d per head per week for the use of the County Asylum for the Borough lunatics in compliance with the 3rd section of the Lunatic Asylum Act, 1853, and such rent to be taken out of the Borough rate, and the</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Guardians to be charged at the rate of 9s 11d per head per week for all lunatics sent from the Berwick Union.</p> <p>New orders of the Poor Law Board regarding the accounts of the Union and the election of Guardians together with the circular letters accompanying the orders.</p> <p>A copy of a valuation list for the Parish of Berwick presented.</p> <p>Petition from ratepayers of the parishes of Holy Island and Kyloe regarding the great inconvenience of the present arrangement for affording medical relief to the sick poor. The Medical Officer of the Union residing at Tweedmouth is too far away to serve the sick poor adequately. The petitioners suggest that the parishes of Holy Island and Kyloe should for medical purposes be placed under the practitioner resident at Lowick. They also ask the Guardians to represent this matter to the authorities in London. Signed by Henry Gregson Lowlyn and George Hogg, Kyloe. The petitioners were: John Edmunds M.A., Kyloe Parsonage; Mark Chisholm, Fenwick; John Forster, Smeafield; J Hopley Dakyns, D.D., Holy Island; John Jackson, Fenwick Granary; Thomas Fender, Holy Island; Robert M Smith, Holy Island; A L W Salsbury, Kyloe Cottage; Thomas Paxton, Fenwick; James Hogg, Buckton; David Wright, Beal; J R R Liburn, Holy Island; John Smith, Holy Island; Roderick McIntosh, Holy Island; Watson Askew, Pallinsburn; Matthew Forster [Kenstone]. Petition to be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Guardians.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/207-214 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 February 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; James Hogg; Alexander Smith, Norham; John Henderson; Alexander Smith, Letham; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; George Storey; David Tait; Mathew Young; Thomas Friar; Rev Proctor; J. G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> | 25 Feb. 1867 |

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| | | <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Scremerston Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); James Dunlop (draper); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson & Co (brewers); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); John Davidson (grocer); John Cairns (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Registration fees: George Turner, Berwick District.</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (Collector of Rates, Parish of Berwick), (poor rates), (general district rate), (special district rate); Knight & Co (publishers).</p> <p>Cheque granted to the Treasurer for amount of instalment and interest due on loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners to be transmitted to his London agent to be paid to the Commission's account.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay the County Treasurer the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of the Union towards a General County Rate. Payment ordered and charged against the several parishes of this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcers of labia, prescribed necessaries; Joseph Wood, of Spittal, suffering from consumption, prescribed 1 pint of wine; Margaret Middlemiss, of Kiln Hill, suffering from consumption, prescribed wine; Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcers of labia, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Gowan, of Chapel Street, suffering from dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries; Robert Young, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injury to shoulder, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Limburn, of Castlegate, suffering from rheumatic</p> | |
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| | | | <p>pains, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed ½ lb of beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull and Wilson.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the petition from some of the inhabitants of Holy Island and Kyloe proposing that those parishes may be separated from the present Tweedmouth and Islandshire Medical District and placed in the charge of the medical gentleman resident at Lowick. Petition referred to a committee consisting of the Chairman; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson; Messrs David Tait, George Storey, John Embleton, James Hogg, George Young and Alexander Smith junior. They were authorized to look into the matter raised in the petition and report back to the Guardians at the next meeting.</p> <p>The terms on which the appointment of a medical officer for the District of West Norhamshire to be made from and after 25 March, to be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Fluker, Medical Officer for the Berwick District, asking for an increase in his salary, as he finds the present one insufficient. Letter to be considered at the next meeting together with a general discussion of the salaries of all the medical officers.</p> <p>Statement from the Clerk showing the sums paid and in arrears. He was directed to write to the Overseers of the Parishes of Holy Island and Norham calling their attention to the large arrears due from those parishes, and to the Collectors for the Parishes of Holy Island and Tweedmouth requiring them to attend the next meeting of the Guardians and explain why they have not paid sufficient funds to the Treasurer.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, authorized to take proceedings before the Justices against David Robertson for neglecting to maintain his wife and family whereby they have become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>A vagrant had been taken before the Justices and sentenced to 21 days hard labour</p> | |
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| | | | <p>for destroying his own clothes while in the Vagrant Ward of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk prepare a small placard cautioning vagrants not to commit a similar offence, and the punishment to which they are liable. The placard to be posted near the Workhouse gate and in the Vagrant Ward.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the increase of Mr Crosby's salary.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/215-222 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 March 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; Henry Richardson; Adam Darling; George Young; John Embleton; James Hogg; John Henderson; Thomas Friar; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John son & Co. (brewers); Robert Rutherford (draper); Young & Son (grocers); George Brown (undertaker); John Davidson (grocer); Thomas Cairns (farmer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Registration fee: George Turner, vaccination registration fees, Berwick District.</p> <p>Common charges: Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Light Company.</p> <p>Nuisances Removal Account: Roderick McIntosh, Holy Island (carriage of disinfecting powder and distributing same).</p> | 11 March 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Lambert, of Church Street, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Margaret Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries (2 entries); John Todd, of Palace [street?], suffering from sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of port wine; Robert Young, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injury to shoulder, prescribed necessaries; John Connolly, of Walkergate Lane, (not stated what suffering from), prescribed necessaries; George Hay, of Knowe Head, suffering from fever, prescribed wine; Isabella Cairns, of [The Tenters], suffering from fever, prescribed 1 pint of wine; Elizabeth Moor, of [The Tenters], suffering from fever, prescribed 1 pint of wine (2 identical entries); Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from sickness, will work in a few days; Mary Currie, of West End, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcers of labia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Jos. Wood, of Spittal, suffering from consumption, prescribed 1 pint of wine.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>The Committee appointed to consider a possible division in the Tweedmouth and Islandshire Medical Relief District had met. Also present at the meeting were Dr Wilson and Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Relieving Officer. They had considered the petition from some of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Holy Island and Kyloe regarding the above. The Committee agreed to the division and drew a line from the north boundary of the township of Berrington eastwards to the sea. They suggested that the Islandshire District in future shall consist of the Parishes of Holy Island and Kyloe and the township of Haggerstone [sic] in the Parish of Ancroft under the charge of Dr Wilson of Lowick, and the Tweedmouth District to consist of the Parishes of Tweedmouth and the Parish of Ancroft, except for the township of Haggerston under the charge of Dr Wilson [James Wilson] of Tweedmouth. The vaccination districts to be arranged on the same principles.</p> <p>Dr Wilson of Tweedmouth accepted the division and the salary suggested. Dr Wilson of Lowick accepted his appointment as Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator, but he considered the salary too small.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Resolved by the Guardians to accept the proposed division pending the sanction of the Poor Law Board, and plan to appoint the medical officers and vaccinators at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Guardians next considered letter produced at the last meeting from Dr Fluker applying for an increase of salary, and Mr Young's motion for reconsidering the salaries of all medical officers of the Union. John Embleton moved, and Adam Darling seconded that the whole matter be referred to the Committee of Guardians named at the last meeting to make enquiries and report thereon at the next meeting. This was carried.</p> <p>The Collector of Rates for Tweedmouth attended the meeting and explained why he had not collected the Rates of the Parish as required.</p> <p>Robert Stamp, Collector of Rates for Holy Island, had been told to attend the meeting, but had failed to do so, nor had he paid any money to the Union Treasurer since the last meeting, and hence Mr Stamp was suspended from his duties until further notice. The case to be reported to the Poor Law Board. The Clerk to tell Mr Stamp about this decision and to call upon the Overseers to collect and pay over the rates now due, or proceedings will be taken against them.</p> <p>Ordered that John Crosby, Relieving Officer, is hereby authorized to take proceedings before the Justices against Robert Findlay for neglecting to maintain his wife and family, whereby they have today become chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>Contracts for provisions, clothing etc., will expire 30 ultimo. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to advertise for and receive tenders for supplying the articles required.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/223-233 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 25 March 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Matthew Young; George Young; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Mark Thompson; James Hogg; M G Crossman [Matthew Gibson Crossman]; Henry Richardson; James Gilroy; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> | 25 March 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; George Brown (undertaker); Johnson & Co (brewers); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John Cairns (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic expenses: T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses attending removal of Alexander Hume to County Asylum).</p> <p>Collector's poundage: Samuel Boak, Duddo.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that at a meeting of the Nuisances Removal Committee for Norham and Islandshire, Alexander Davidson, Inspector of Nuisances, produced his Report Book and satisfied the Committee that he had up to that time been engaged and was entitled to remuneration for 25 days. Payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Young, of Wallace Green, suffering from fever, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Mrs Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Robert Yung, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from injury to arm, prescribed necessaries; Neill's wife, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Mrs Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; Margaret [Limburn], of Castlegate, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Eliza Noon, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Cairns [The Tenters], suffering from fever, prescribed wine; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcer of labia, prescribed necessaries; Joseph Wood, of Spittal, suffering from consumption, prescribed 1 pint of wine; Isabella</p> | |
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| | | <p>Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcers of labia, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Wilson.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board agreeing to the proposal to divide the Tweedmouth and Islandshire District for the purpose of medical relief. Medical officers and public vaccinators for the two districts were appointed – they were James Wilson, of Tweedmouth for the Tweedmouth District and George Wilson, of Lowick, for the Islandshire District. The appointment of George Wilson as Medical Officer is limited to one year.</p> <p>Matthew James Turnbull, of Coldstream, appointed Medical Officer for the District West Norhamshire for one year.</p> <p>The Clerk ordered to inform the Poor Law Board that the Guardians cannot procure the services of medical gentlemen qualified according to the prescribed rules for Islandshire and West Norhamshire Districts, as there are none duly qualified residing in either of those districts.</p> <p>Report relating to the salaries of certain of the medical officers was produced. The Committee appointed to consider increasing the salaries of Drs Brown; Fluker; Paxton [John Paxton]; and Turnbull reported the following: Dr Turnbull – perfectly satisfied with his salary. The Committee ascertained the average number of cases under the charge of the respective medical officers. Resolved: the salary of Dr Paxton increased from £33 to £35 per annum due to his outlay for medicine and the cost of travelling increased by the tolls payable in the district. Dr Brown's salary to remain, but that the quinine required for the sick lunatics of the Workhouse be supplied at the expense of the Guardians. The salary of Dr Fluker to be increases from £35 to £45 per annum, as the number of people treated by him has gone up (236 cases treated during the last year). The report signed by Andrew Thompson, Chairman of the Committee.</p> <p>George Young objected to the adaptation of the report and renewed his motion from the last meeting, namely that the following sums be added to the salaries of: Dr</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Brown (Workhouse), £10; Dr Fluker (Berwick District), £10; Dr Paxton (East Northhamshire District), £7. The motion seconded by Alexander Smith, of Norham.</p> <p>Matthew Young, seconded by George R Lumsden, the adaptation of the Committee's report. A vote took place. For George Young's motion: George Young; Alexander Smith; Robert Cairns; Mark Thompson.</p> <p>For the adoption of the report: Matthew Young; George R Lumsden; the Chairman; Rev J G Rowe; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; M G Crossman; James Gilroy; James Hogg. A majority of 5 for the adoption was declared.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board on the subject of apportioning the extra charges made by the Visitors of the County Asylum in respect of the Borough lunatics, stating that they had prepared a clause to meet the difficulty, which they hope will be introduced into a bill to be laid before Parliament this session.</p> <p>Copy of report by Dr Nairne, Commissioner in Lunacy, on his visit to the Berwick Workhouse was presented. It states that there are five men and seven women in the Workhouse who are of unsound mind. Two women in the female lunatic ward, the others distributed among the ordinary pauper inmates. They are all deemed harmless and may properly be retained in the Workhouse. The day-room and bedrooms were clean, no oakum picking in the men's day-room. Two lunatics chargeable to this Union in the Asylum at Dumfries, and one in the Asylum at Morningside, near Edinburgh.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board with reference to the suspension by the Guardians of Robert Stamp, Collector of Rates for Holy Island. The Poor Law Board have required Mr Stamp to furnish them with an immediate explanation of his conduct, and upon receiving his reply they will again communicate with the Guardians on the subject.</p> <p>The Clerk produced and Order of Justices adjudging the chargeability to the Union of Mary Shanks, a pauper lunatic sent by the Guardians of the Tynemouth Union to the Northumberland County Asylum. Repayment ordered to the Tynemouth Union for the expenses incurred and payment of the future cost of the lunatic's maintenance in the</p> | |
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| | | | <p>said asylum.</p> <p>Order of Justices also produced adjudging the chargeability to this Union of Ann Tobin, a pauper lunatic sent by the Guardians of the Tynemouth Union to Dunstan Lodge Asylum, and ordering repayment to the Tynemouth Union of the expense incurred and payment of the lunatic's maintenance in the asylum. Cheque to be signed to be paid to the Tynemouth Union. Endeavours to be made to obtain the removal of Ann Tobin from Dunstan Lodge Asylum to the Northumberland County Asylum.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with clothing, and the out-door poor with bread, oatmeal etc., and recommended the Guardians to accept the tenders.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk write to the Clerk of the Berwick Local Board of Health informing him of the prevalence of fever in Tweedmouth, and draw his attention to the dirty state of those parts where the fever prevails.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/234-242 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 April 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Henry Richardson; James Gilroy; Matthew Young; Thomas Black; Richard Makins; Charles Stewart; James Hogg; Adam Darling; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Rev H J Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Darling (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker);</p> | 8 April 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Scremerston Coal Company; William Wilson (plumber); Summerscale & Son (merchants); George Back (mason); Robertson & Co (iron-founders); W & J Watson & others (sundries garden and pigs); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Johnson & Co (merchants); Robert Cockburn (blacksmith); Hugh C Brown (plasterer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Weatherhead (milk-dealer); Janet Moor & Co (ironmongers); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Young & Son (grocers).</p> <p>Common charges: proprietor of Berwick Advertiser (advertising & printing); Thomas Melrose (stationer); Knight & Co (books and forms); George Macaskie (advertising); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (justices clerk's fees); E Willoby (1/4 years's postage etc); John Crosby (1/4 year's postage etc).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Mary Ann Daniel (matron of Workhouse); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Robert Fair (hairdresser); Ellen Dagleish (schoolmonitor).</p> <p>Collector's poundage: H J Williams (parish of Kylloe).</p> <p>Lunatics accounts: Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic); John Crosby (expenses attending removal of Mary Ann Brown from County Asylum).</p> <p>Cheque given to T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, for the purpose of paying sundry petty payments connected with the Workhouse.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: George Burns, 17, of Sailors' Barracks, suffering from injuries received by falling from top-sail yard at sea, at present unable to go to sea – uncertain; Jessie Inglis, of Wallace Green, suffering from cough etc., prescribed necessaries; Margaret Limburn, of Castlegate, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; William Macarthy, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from pains, prescribed necessaries; Eliza Noon, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); G Hay [George Hay], of K Head [Knowe Head], suffering from fever, prescribed 1 bottle of wine; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcers of labia, prescribed</p> | |
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| | | | <p>necessaries (2 identical entries); Richard Hall, of Spittal, suffering from disease of heart and dropsy, would be better if he had an allowance.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Fluker; Wilson [James Wilson] and George Wilson.</p> <p>Value of the provisions consumed by the paupers and the officers was stated.</p> <p>The Clerk drew the attention of the Guardians to the provisions of the "Valuation of Property" bill introduced into Parliament and produced a circular received from the Newark Union with a form of petition against the bill, which the Guardians were required to adopt. The Clerk ordered to prepare a form of petition that he can advise the Guardians to adopt. To be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ordered that the common seal be affixed to the respective contracts of the newly appointed medical officers and public vaccinators and of the contracts for supplying the Workhouse with bread and meat during the current quarter.</p> <p>The newly appointed medical officers named their deputies as: Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] – Dr Brown of Coldstream. Dr James Wilson – Dr Maclagan. Dr George Wilson – not stated.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing a copy of a letter received from Robert Stamp explaining his conduct as Collector of Rates for the Parish of Holy Island and requesting the Guardians' comments. Mr Stamp explained that on the day he was supposed to attend the Guardians' Board meeting he was too ill to leave the house and has continued to be in a very weak state, and on the promise of improving he begged the Guardians to overlook this episode. Resolved, on the motion of Adam Darling, that Mr Stamp's explanation is satisfactory.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the increase of the salaries of Drs Paxton [John Paxton] and Fluker, and also that the Guardians provide, at the cost of the Union, the quinine requested for the sick inmates of the Workhouse.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The Clerk reported that the new Order of Accounts issued by the Poor Law Board was now in force in the Union, and the following orders were now made: 1st that as before a separate book should be kept in which to enter the admission and discharge of vagrants relieved in the Workhouse, and 2nd that upon the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee the Master of the Workhouse be permitted to dispense with the use of a Clothing Register Book.</p> <p>Letter produced from the Clerk to the Guardians of the Alnwick Union requesting the Board to accept the chargeability of Margaret Robinson whom it was alleged was now removable to this Union. To be referred to Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Relieving Officer, to make enquiries into the alleged settlement and report back at the next meeting.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/243-254 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 April 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Matthew Young; Adam Darling; George Peel; John Brown, Gainslaw; John Brown, Horncliffe; Thomas Black; John Marshall; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; Alexander Smith (Letham); William Cleghorn; Robert Brown; Thomas Friar; Richard Makins; J W Ruddock [Joseph Willis Rudock]; George Storey; James Hogg; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>Resolved that Adam Darling take the chair until a chairman can be elected.</p> <p>Election of Guardians. Elected were: Ancroft: George Storey, Ancroft North Farm, farmer; David Tait, Windmill Hill, farmer. Berwick: Matthew Young, Palace Street, oil-cake manufacturer; Andrew Thompson, Marygate, ironmonger; Alexander Smith Junior (Letham), farmer; George Weatherhead, Bridge Street, grocer; John Henderson, Sandgate, corn merchant; Robert Cairns, Marygate, hosier; Joseph Willis Rudock, Tweed House, cattle dealer; Robert Brown, Samson Seal, farmer; John Brown, Gainslaw Hill, farmer. Cornhill: Thomas Black, Castle Heaton, farmer. Duddo: Thomas Friar, Grindon Ridge, gentleman. Felkington: Adam Darling, Governor's Yard, Berwick, merchant. Grindon: Ebenezer Black (qualified to act in the parish where no guardian has been elected). Holy Island: John Embleton, Broom House,</p> | 22 April 1867 |

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| | | | <p>farmer and auctioneer. Horncliffe: John Brown, Horncliffe, farmer. Kyloe: James Hogg, Buckton, farmer. Loanend: Charles Stewart, Loanend, farmer. Longridge: William Moor, Longridge, farmer. Norham: Alexander Smith, Galagate House, Norham, farmer. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer. Shoreswood: George Reuben Lumsden, Shoreswood, farmer. Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth: John Marshall, Tweedmouth, farmer; Richard Makins, Murton, farmer; James Roughhead, West Ord, farmer; James Gilroy, Spring Hill, farmer; George Peel, Spittal, fish curer. Twizel: James Mitchell, Tindal House, farmer.</p> <p>The Clerk delivered to the Guardians all the nomination and voting papers received by him. To be kept by the Clerk for safe custody on behalf of the Guardians.</p> <p>On the motion of Alexander Smith junior, seconded by Matthew Young, Andrew Thompson was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, and on the motion of Adam Darling, seconded by Thomas Black, unanimously resolved that Messrs Alexander Smith junior and Richard Makins be appointed Vice-chairmen. Alexander Smith to have the preference.</p> <p>Committees appointed were: Assessment Committee: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith, Norham; Alexander Smith, Letham; Adam Darling. Matthew Young; Thomas Black. Also appointed were Ex-officio Guardians: Henry Gregson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]; Nuisance Removal Committee for the Norham and Islandshire District: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith, Norham; Thomas Black; George R Lumsden; Rev Thomas Proctor; Richard Makins; John Embleton; Thomas Friar; David Tait; Robert Crossman Workhouse and Finance Committee: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; John Henderson; Dr Richardson; J W Ruddock; John Marshall; Adam Darling; James Gilroy. School Committee: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith, Letham; John Henderson; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe. Lunatic Asylum Committee: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Henderson.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer); John Crosby (collector of guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Wood (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: John Thompson (Collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (Collector of Rates, Cornhill); George Dick (Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered: Lunatic account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 7 lunatics) and (the like of 2 others for part of the quarter) and (1/4 year's maintenance of 18 lunatics) and (the like of one other for part of the quarter).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth & Islandshire District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District); Dr Hunt (Belford Union).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth & Islandshire District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District)</p> <p>General account: Knight & Co (books and forms).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft); John Gilchrist (Norham, Norham Mains).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Eliza Noon, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Isabella Harrison, of West End, suffering from ulcers of labia, prescribed necessaries; [John Stevenson?], of Holy Island, fisherman, 28, suffering from sickness, doubtful both as to nature and</p> | |
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| | | | <p>extent of duration.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson and George Wilson.</p> <p>A form of petition was presented by the Clerk regarding the “Valuation of Property Bill” introduced by Mr Hunt. The bill was called “A Bill to Provide for a Common Basis of Value for the Purpose of Government and Local Taxation and to Promote Uniformity in the Assessment of Rateable Property in England”. The petitions basically support the Bill, but have certain reservations and ask Parliament not to pass the Bill in its present form. Petition approved of by the Guardians and resolved it to be sent to Sir M W Ridley [Matthew White Ridley] MP for North Northumberland and ask him to present the petition. Copies of the petition also to be sent to the other two members for the Borough asking them to support the petition.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the suspension of Robert Stamp as Collector of Rates for Holy Island. In the letter they say that as the Guardians have accepted the explanation given by Mr Stamp regarding the complaints made against him they agree to lift his suspension and resume his duties. Payment to Mr Stamp ordered to be paid – minus the time of his suspension.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of James Wilson and George Wilson to the Medical Districts of Tweedmouth and Islandshire respectively.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Brown [Colville Brown], Medical Officer of the Workhouse, saying that he declines the Guardians’ offer to pay for the quinine used at the Workhouse, as it is very seldom used by him.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee reported that they had considered the salary of Mr Willoby [Edward Willoby], Clerk, for his services during the past year and had agreed to a salary of £25. The Guardians agreed to this and directed the Clerk to inform the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Relieving Officer, reported the result of his enquiries into the alleged settlement of Margaret Robinson. The Guardians felt that the case was not</p> | |
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| | | | <p>sufficiently clear to justify them accepting the pauper from the Alnwick Union without an order of removal.</p> <p>Letter from the Clerk to the Guardians of the Belford Union requesting the Guardians to accept the chargeability of Susan Waugh and her 2 children and of Matthew Burn, whom it was alleged were now removable to this Union. Resolved that the case be referred to the Officers of the Union to make enquiries of these alleged settlements and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk be authorised to take proceedings before the Justices to obtain the removal to Ireland of Bridget Mayock who has this day become chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/255-263 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 May 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Cairns; George Peel; David Tait; Matthew Young; Robert Brown; John Brown; Alexander Smith, Norham; James Roughhead; Rev J G Rowe; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Wilson [James Wilson]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Rev J G Rowe.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officer John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas G Turner (grocer); E & W Paxton (drapers); Robert Rutherford (draper); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); Young & Son (grocers); James Dunlop (draper); Joseph Brown & others (garden account); Scremerston Coal Company; Thomas Cairns (hosier); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co. (brewers); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant). John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk dealer); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Miller &</p> | 6 May 1867 |

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| | | <p>Kinross (undertakers).</p> <p>Lunatics account: [John Kent], County Asylum (expenses attending the removal of 2 lunatics).</p> <p>Registration expenses: Robert Home, Superintendent Registrar (annual allowance for coals etc. at Registrar Office).</p> <p>Out-door medical store: William Alder (wine merchant).</p> <p>General account: Andrew Ronaldson, Superintendent of Police, (expenses attending apprehension of David Robertson for deserting his wife and family); Joseph Scott (1/2 year's postages).</p> <p>Election of Guardians: E Willoby [Edward Willoby], (fees for conducting contested election of Guardians for the Parish of Berwick); David Mills (printing of voting papers).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer on or before the 10th May instant, the sum being the amount charged and assesses upon the parishes of this Union towards a General Police Rate. Ordered that the money be paid and charged against the several parishes of this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Poor Law Board had sanctioned the payment to him of £25 for his services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee during the last year, and payment was ordered.</p> <p>The School Committee had examined and passed accounts for the education of the out-door pauper children and payment was ordered to: William Jackson (Spittal); Septimus Wharton (Scremerston); George Watson (Duddo); Robert Hardy (Cornhill); George A Turnbull (Ancroft); Henry Ford (Cheswick); George Davidson (Thornton); [no first name given] Thompson (East Ord); Thomas Phillips (Shoreswood); John Cowans (Beal); John Patrick (Fenwick) Mary Ann McLaren (Norham); H Weir (Hornccliffe); English Presbyterian School (Norham); John Logan (Mordington); Jane</p> | |
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| | | <p>Don (Warkworth); Adam Bell (Ord Moor); [No first name given] Darling (Ancroft Moor); William Bell Holy Island); William Edwards (Eglingham).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mary Trobe, of Narrow Lane, suffering from lumbago, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Taylor's child, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 lb of beef; John Kane, 48, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury to shoulder, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Leddy, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Douglass, of Walkergate Lane, pregnant, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Taylor, of Hatters Lane, suffering from [bilious?], prescribed necessaries; Mary Curry, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (may be required for a week or two, but would be better in the Workhouse) (2 identical entries); Isabella Armstrong, of West End, suffering from fever, much in need of necessaries, probably coals etc. as well.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; James Wilson; George Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were received from the Collectors for the Parishes of Ancroft, Cornhill and Kyloe.</p> <p>Due to the frequent neglect of the collectors to deliver their statements at the proper time, it is ordered that the Clerk prepare and get printed a circular to be sent to the collectors who neglect this duty, and calling their attention to the Poor Law Board's order regarding this, and state that ant neglect will be reported to the Poor Law Board for them to decide what steps should be taken.</p> <p>Circular from the Poor Law Board requesting the Clerk to inform the Guardians of a report by Dr Edward Smith, Medical Officer of the Board, concerning the workhouse dietary. Circular and report to be referred to the Workhouse Committee for their consideration.</p> <p>Circular notifying the resignation of E Hurst [Edward Hurst], of the Office of Poor Law Inspectors for the district comprising this Union, and conveying his thanks to the Guardians for the courtesy he has received from them.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Resolved that the Guardians express their sympathy with Mr Hurst, and the very serious accident which has happened to him, and regret his resignation.</p> <p>Notice produced of the death of a pauper lunatic in the County Asylum, and also a notice from the Managers of the Dumfries Asylum, of their intention to increase the charge for the 2 lunatics sent from this Union.</p> <p>Letter received from Thomas Fender of Holy Island, one of the sureties of Robert Stamp, Collector of Rates, saying he wants to withdraw from his obligation. The Clerk had replied that Mr Fender could not relieve himself without substituting another surety in his place, the Clerk also requested Mr Fender to state the reason for him wanting to withdraw. No reply has yet been received.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Belford Union had supplied particulars respecting the alleged settlement in this Union of Matthew Burn. Resolved that he is settled within and now removable to this Union, and that they consent to receive him without an order of removal.</p> <p>In another case from the Belford Union regarding Susan Waugh and her 5 children, Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, reported that his enquiries into the matter had not yet been completed.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk be paid for his trouble and expenses in conducting the election of Guardians of the Union in accordance with the Election Expenses General Order.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/264-270 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 May 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith, junior; Charles Stewart; John Marhall; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Alexander Smith, Norham; Richard Makins; William Moor; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> | 20 May 1867 |

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| | | <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Margaret Whitehead (milk dealer); Miller & Kinross (undertakers); George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: John Paxton, East Norhamshire.</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: John Paxton, East Norhamshire; George A Turnbull, Islandshire – vaccination registration fees.</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner, Berwick District; Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District; George A Turnbull, Islandshire District; George Gibson (1/2 year's rent of Register Office).</p> <p>General account: Margaret Anderson (cleaning Tweedmouth Pay Station); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay Station).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Chrichton Royal Institution (1/4 year's maintenance of 2 pauper lunatics).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury to shoulder, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Limburn, of Castlegate, suffering from pain in ankle, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Leddy, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; John Dixon, of Weatherly Square, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 pint of port wine; Elizabeth Douglas, of Walkergate Lane, pregnant, prescribed necessaries; John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury to shoulder, prescribed necessaries; Ann Short, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from compound</p> | |
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| | | | <p>fracture of leg, prescribed necessaries; John Dixon, of Weatherly Square, suffering from fever, prescribed 1 pint of port wine; Thomas Piercy, of Horncliffe, unable to work, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; James Wilson; George Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had prepared a circular to be sent to the collectors of poor rates who had not sent in their statements for the past month. Statements had been received from the Collectors for Horncliffe; Norham; Norham Mains; and Tweedmouth, but not from Berwick; Duddo; Holy Island. The Collector for Berwick was stated to be unwell but had made several payments to the Treasurer. Duddo had paid in the full amount due, but not Holy Island.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Fender [Thomas Fender], one of the sureties for the Collector of Holy Island. Mr Fender states his reason for wanting to withdraw his bond - that he had not been informed about Mr Stamp's suspension nor the reason for this. The fact that Mr Stamp has been re-instated does not change this. If the Guardians decide not to release him from his bond, he wants the case to be put in front of the Poor Law Commissioners.</p> <p>The Guardians decided to report to the Poor Law Board that Mr Stamp continues to comply with the Guardians' request to furnish them with monthly statements.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had considered the circular received from the Poor Law Board with the report of Dr Smith on the subject of workhouse dietary. This, together with the statement of the Master of the Workhouse, satisfied the Workhouse Committee that the dietary in use is ample and well-suited to the inmates and does not require any alterations. The 2 statements to be kept by the Master for the guidance.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers produced a circular from the District Auditor with reference to an examination into the accuracy of their Relief List prior to the ensuing audit.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Young Hattle, tenant of Grangeburn Mill and land, belonging to the</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Parish of Berwick. He asks for permission to switch insurance company from the Scottish National Insurance to the Norwich Union Fire Office as they are cheaper. The Guardians accede to the request.</p> <p>Mr Scot [Joseph Scott] reported that his enquiries into the case of Susan Waugh and her child were finished, and the Guardians resolved that they were satisfied that the said pauper are settled within and now removable to this Union from the Belford Union.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk is authorised to take proceedings before the Justices to obtain an order to remove Robert [Denwood], his wife and family to their last place of legal settlement, and also to apply to the Guardians of the Belford Union to receive Elizabeth Pringle without an order of removal.</p> <p>Ordered that John Crosby is authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Ninian Blakey, cabinet maker, for neglecting to maintain his wife and family whereby they have this day become chargeable to this Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/271-278 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 June 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; James Mitchell; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); Robert Cairns; George Peel; Thomas Friar; Robert Brown; John Embleton; Charles Stewart; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); James Gilroy; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Brown [Colville Brown]; Wilson [James Wilson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were</p> | 3 June 1867 |

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| | | | <p>presented and payment ordered to: Adam Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); George Archbold (carter); Young & Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Mrs Underhill (10 weeks education of Margaret W Robertson, Cornhill).</p> <p>Lunatic account: John Kent (expenses attending removal of Alexander Hume from County Asylum).</p> <p>General account: Knight & Co (books of exemplification).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer, on or before the first day of June instant, the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards the General County Rate. Ordered to be paid.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Nuisances Removal Committee for Norham and Islandshire had taken place and that Alexander Davidson, Inspector of Nuisances, produced his report book and satisfied the Committee that he had up to that time been engaged and was entitled to remuneration for 23 days. Ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Ann Glen, of Chapel Street, suffering from debility and destitution, prescribed necessaries; John Dixon, of Weatherly Square, suffering from fever, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef. (2 identical entries); Catherine Leddy, of Chapel Street, slowly recovering from child-birth, prescribed 1 pint of port wine; Elizabeth Douglas, of Walkergate Lane, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; John Kane, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury to shoulder, prescribed necessaries; John Todd, of Palace Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 bottle of port wine; John Davidson, of Ancroft, suffering from fever, convalescent, prescribed beef, porter, 2 lbs of mutton (2 entries); Thomas Piercy, of Norham, suffering from (not stated), prescribed 2 lbs of beef; George Aitchinson, of Felkington, suffering from disease in the ankle joint, nothing prescribed.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the parishes of Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Kylloe; Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>The Collector for the Parish of Berwick has not delivered any monthly statement for the present half year. The Clerk ordered to write to Mr Thompson and inform him that unless the statements are delivered and the arrears of call paid before the next meeting, the Guardians will consider whether he can continue in the office.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the continued neglect of duty by the Collector of Rates for the Parish of Holy Island. They state that they have required Mr Stamp [Robert Stamp] to furnish them with an explanation of his conduct, and when they have received that they will again communicate with the Guardians.</p> <p>Letter of resignation received from Mr Stamp as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Holy Island.</p> <p>The Guardians decided that before they could accept the resignation, an examination of his accounts, and his position with the Parish correctly ascertained. A meeting to be arranged of a committee of Guardians and the Parish Officers at Holy Island, and Mr Stamp should be required to attend and produce his books and papers. The Guardians forming the Nuisances Removal Committee for the District are named to be this committee. Also required to attend were Mr Stamp's sureties and the outgoing and in-coming Churchwardens and Overseers.</p> <p>Notice from the Clerk to the County Asylum of an increase of the weekly charge for the lunatics belonging to the County, and also of the discharge of Mary Shanks after a month's leave of absence on trial, and also that Alexander Hume being allowed one month's leave of absence on trial.</p> <p>Date fixed for the annual examination of the paupers residing in the Berwick District.</p> <p>Copy of substituted Valuation Lists for the parishes of Ancroft and Kylloe laid before</p> | |
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| | | | <p>the meeting.</p> <p>Notice of District Auditor's intention to audit the accounts of the Union on 15 instant.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/279-287 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 June 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; James Mitchell; John Marshall; James Gilroy; Alexander Smith (Norham); Alexander Smith (Letham); Thomas Black; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; Richard Makins; John Embleton; David Tait; James Hogg; John Henderson; Thomas Friar; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James G Smith (butcher); Corporation of Berwick (rent of garden); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; John Thompson and others (rates and sundries for garden); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit dealer); Miller & Kinross (undertakers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: George Turner, Vaccination registration fees.</p> <p>Nuisances Removal expenses: Edward Willoby (expenses of Committee visiting and inspecting Holy Island).</p> <p>Cheque for the amount of instalment and interest on loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners granted to the Treasurer for him to transmit to his London Agents to be paid to the Commissioners' account.</p> | 17 June 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Jane Derry, 32, of Golden Square, suffering from abscess on foot, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Docherty, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Francis Rawn, of High Street, suffering from difficulty in passing water, prescribed necessaries; Cecily Wilson and 2 children, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Rosanna Flanigan, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from a sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); John Todd, of Palace Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed a bottle of port wine; George Atkinson, [neither residence not sickness stated], prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the Collectors for the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Committee appointed at last meeting for the purpose of examining Mr Stamp's accounts had met on Holy Island. Present were: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor. Parish Officers: Rev Dr [Dakyns]; Robert Smith; Ralph Wilson; Thomas Fender; Thomas [Barron?]; Alexander Wilson; Robert Stamp.</p> <p>The Committee had examined the accounts of the Parish as far as they were able to in the absence of Ralph Wilson junior, who has had charge of the Rate collection for the Parish for the past 3 or 4 months. The sum of £57 6s ¼ d is unaccounted for. A small portion of the rates remain uncollected. The Committee was unable to say how much of the balance of £57 6d ¼ d remained in Mr Stamp's hands. The Overseers to make up before the audit next week a full account of transactions and they anticipate to arrive at the precise sum which Mr Stamp or his sureties must be called upon to account for.</p> <p>The Auditor's report said that a balance of £47 0s 1¼d appeared against the Assistant Overseer and £4 17s ¼d against the Overseers. If the amount due from the Assistant Overseer is not paid to the Treasurer within 7 days proceedings are going to be taken before the Magistrates. The Auditor had, however, been informed that the</p> | |
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| | | | <p>money would be paid forthwith.</p> <p>Resolved on the motion of Rev Thomas Proctor, seconded by Rev J G Rowe, that the resignation received from Mr Stamp be accepted. A new collector of rates to be appointed at the next meeting. Mr Stamp to be informed about this decision and the sureties to be informed about the sum of money due and that they will be held responsible for this payment.</p> <p>The annual meeting for the examination and inspection of the persons in receipt of relief from this Union and residing in Berwick was held on 10 June 1867. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Robert Cairns; James Mitchell; Matthew Young; John Henderson. Also present Dr Fluker. 248 cases investigated, representing 287 poor persons of whom 81 were unable to appear before the Committee, of these 35 were visited and seen by the Committee at their own houses.</p> <p>The annual meeting for the like purpose residing in the Parish of Tweedmouth was held on 12 June 1867 at Tweedmouth Vestry. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; William Marshall. Also present Rev Thomas Proctor and Dr Wilson. 142 cases were investigated representing 198 poor people of whom 31 were unable to appear before the Committee.</p> <p>At Spittal Vestry. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; William Marshall; James Mitchell; George Peel; Rev Thomas Proctor. Also present Drs Wilson and Fluker. 59 cases were investigated representing 96 poor persons of whom 17 were unable to appear before the Committee. On this day the Committee visited 4 poor persons at their own homes.</p> <p>The several alterations recommended by the Committee will be brought under the notice of the Guardians through the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Compared with last year there was an increase of 25 cases and 53 poor persons.</p> <p>Resolved that the meetings for the annual examination of the paupers residing in Norham and Islandshire Relief District to be held as follows:</p> | |
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| | | | <p>For Islandshire – Tuesday 2 July – Halfway House, Beal at 11 o'clock – Cat Inn, Cheswick at half past 10.</p> <p>For Norhamshire – Thursday 4 July – Collingwood Arms, Cornhill, at half past 9 – Victoria Inn, Norham, at half past 11.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for meat, bread and out-door oatmeal will expire on 29 June. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders, and report back.</p> <p>Notice produced of the intention of E H Wodehouse, School Inspector, to visit and inspect the Workhouse School on 26 June.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that John Thompson, Collector of Rates for the Parish of Berwick, had now handed over his monthly statements for the past 2 months, and had also paid over the arrears of calls due from him.</p> <p>The District Auditor had drawn the Guardians' attention to the fact that some of the collectors do not enforce payment of the rates within a reasonable time, and also it appears from Mr Thompson's statement for April that at the time the present rate was made, the large sum of £246 15s is brought forward into it as recoverable arrears. To be referred to the Finance Committee. Mr Thompson requested to attend before the Guardians and produce his books and papers, and also a list of the recoverable arrears which still remain uncollected.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that steps had been taken by the Finance Committee in consequence of Gibson Steven, of the "Berwick Journal" having refused to repay as heretofore the cost of his brother Thomas' maintenance in the County Asylum. An application had been made to Alexander Steven, the father of the lunatic, who had offered to repay the last quarter's maintenance in full and 4s per week henceforth. The Committee found this contribution too small and that the contribution should be 7s per week. The Guardians decided that this offer was reasonable and should be accepted.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/288-295 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians | Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Storey; John Brown, Horncliffe; John Brown, | 1 July 1867 |

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| | | <p>meeting held on 1 July 1867.</p> | <p>Gainslaw; Richard Makins; George Peel; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Alexander Smith, Norham; Robert Cairns; John Marshall; James Mitchell; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; John Embleton; James Roughhead; Rev Thomas Proctor.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Midsummer last were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Ellen Dalgleish (school monitor); Mary Ann Daniel (matron of the Workhouse); Mary Harle (Workhouse nurse); Thomas Harle (Workhouse porter); Robert Fair (Workhouse barber).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to be paid to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Mrs Whitehead (farmer); Allan Brothers (wood merchants); Johnson & Co (brewers); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic account: G D [Hogarbutt] (6 weeks maintenance of Ann Tobin in Dunston Lodge Asylum).</p> <p>General account: T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell], (removing Bridget Mayock to Ireland).</p> <p>Account of Thomas F Hedby, of Sunderland, for valuing the railway companies and other specified properties within the Union. The Assessment Committee had considered the charges of Mr Hedby for these valuations which had been made under their direction and being satisfied with these charges they recommended the</p> | |
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| | | <p>Guardians to order payment of the same.</p> <p>Ordered that in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Guardians by the Union Assessment Committee Act of 1862, the amount be paid to Mr Hedby NOTE IN MARGIN For the mode of charging this account see Clerk's report at page 311.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); John Todd, of Palace Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 bottle of port wine; Cecily Wilson and 2 children, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed 2 lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Francis Rawn, of High Street, suffering from difficulty in passing wind, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Doherty, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed necessaries, 1 pint of port wine, 1½ lbs of beef (3 entries); Jane Derry, of Golden Square, suffering from abscess in foot, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Ann [Mullarky], 30, of Chapel Street, suffering from miscarriage, prescribed necessaries; Jane Reid, of Well Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; George Wilson and James Wilson.</p> <p>Appointment of a collector of poor rates for the parish of Holy Island in the place of Mr Stamp. Application received from Robert Lilburn Yetts, clerk, Holy Island; George A Turnbull, schoolmaster, Ancroft. On the motion of Rev Thomas Proctor, seconded by Robert Cairns, Mr Yetts was unanimously appointed. Mr Yetts named Ralph A Wilson, gentleman, and George Straughan, tailor, both of Holy island, as his sureties.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Union with beef etc. for the ensuing quarter, and recommended the Guardians to accept the following: James Smith – rounds and flanks of beef, houghs of beef, legs of mutton. Elias Pearson – in-door fine bread, in-door second bread, out-door second bread, out-door oatmeal. Thomas Grahame - 12 sacks of oatmeal as per sample No. 1. Tenders accepted.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that John Thompson, Collector of Rates for the</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Parish of Berwick had appeared before them, and he had produced a list of the arrears of rates brought forward into the present rate. It was, however, so incomplete that Mr Thompson was directed to produce an amended list. The Clerk presented the amended list. Resolved to refer the matter back again to the Workhouse Committee for further consideration.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians that to meet the amount of Mr Hedby's account and an increase in the charge for County Rate, lunatic and other expenses, it will be necessary to issue additional precepts upon the several parishes of the Union, and that he will submit to the next meeting his calculations of the additional sums estimated to be required.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Mr Stamp [Robert Stamp], the late collector of poor rates for Holy Island, had not paid to the Union Treasurer the sum certified by the District Auditor. Ordered that the Clerk inform the Auditor and give notice to Mr Stamp and his sureties that unless the sum is paid to the Union Treasurer before the next meeting the Guardians will take proceedings to enforce payment.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Workhouse School had been examined by the Government Inspector who had made an entry in the Visitors' Book stating that the Infant School passed a very fair examination. He recommended the purchase of some new reading books so that the children may not get so accustomed to one book as to repeat it by heart instead of reading it. The mixed school passed at least as good, if not better examination than on any previous occasions. Signed by Edmund H Woodehouse, Her Majesty's Inspector of Union Schools. The recommendation of the Inspector to be referred to the School Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Application from the Guardians of the Glendale Union requesting the Berwick Guardians to accept chargeability of a pauper named Eleanor Younger, 74, and also of Elizabeth Johnson, 42, and her children. Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Relieving Officer, reported his enquiries into the alleged settlement of Eleanor Younger in the Parish of Ancroft, and the Guardians expressed themselves satisfied that the said pauper is settled within and now removable to this Union from the Glendale Union without an order of removal. The case of Elizabeth Johnson was deferred till next meeting.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>A copy of a supplemental valuation list for the Parish of Berwick was presented.</p> <p>Notice of the death of James Mitchell, a pauper lunatic, lately chargeable to this Union, and also that the leave of Alexander Hume had been extended for another month.</p> <p>Alexander Williams, a boy apprenticed to John Atkinson, tailor, Lowick, attended with his mother to complain of the conduct of his master towards him, particularly of him being frequently employed to act as a letter carrier in the district. The Clerk ordered to request the attendance of the master and his apprentice before the next meeting and inform the master that the Guardians object to his employing the boy for the purposes alleged.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/296-305 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 July 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith, junior; J W Ruddock [Joseph William Ruddock]; Charles Stewart; James Gilroy; Thomas Black; Thomas Friar; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; John Mitchell; George R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden]; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries to which the Officers are entitled for the quarter ended at Midsummer ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer); John Crosby (collector to Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Wood (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); George Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officers); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse).</p> | 15 July 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); George Lamb (plumber); Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; William Alder (wine merchant); Adam Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk dealer); Miller & Kinross (undertakers); Johnson & Co (brewers); Young & Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Sanderson (vegetables); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatic accounts: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 5 County lunatics) (the like of 3 others for part of the quarter) (1/4 year's maintenance of 18 Borough lunatics) (the like of 2 others for the part of the quarter). Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker, Berwick District; James Wilson, Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>Vaccination expenses. Robert C Fluker, Berwick District; James Wilson, Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>General account: John Crosby (expenses attending removal of Robert Denwood and family to Cockermouth Union); Robert C Fluker (certificate of permanent disability of Robert Denwood); T H Mitchell (expenses incurred inquiring into settlement of 2 paupers); A Ronaldson (police expenses apprehending Ninian Blakey for deserting wife and family); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (sundry payment by him during the quarter); E Willoby (fees on proceedings before the Justices).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mary Riddle, of Weatherly Square, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Ebenezer Brown, Of Hatters Lane, suffering from injuries from a fall, prescribed necessaries; Joseph Haugh, of Church Street, suffering from scalded feet, prescribed necessaries; Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Docherty, of Chapel Street, suffering from fever, prescribed 1</p> | |
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| | | | <p>lb of beef (2 identical entries); John Todd, of Palace Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 pint of port wine (2 identical entries); Agnes Davidson, 29, of Buttery Hall, apparently convalescing from a febrile attack, (nothing prescribed); John Stevenson, of Holy Island, suffering from sickness, he is now able to resume work and requires no more extra relief; Dorothy Bruce Young, of Norham, suffering from fever, (nothing prescribed); Isabella Robson, of Norham, suffering from ulcerated and inflamed leg, (nothing prescribed); Margaret Tait, of Shellacres, suffering from debility and threatened phthisis, (nothing prescribed).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; George Wilson and James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the Collectors for the Parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Duddo, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The attention of the Guardians was called by Dr Fluker to the prevalence of fever caused by an accumulation of filth in Oliver's property in Chapel Street to which the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances has already been called. The Clerk ordered to give notice thereof to the Clerk to the Local Board of Health and request that immediate steps be taken to remove the nuisances in question.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the Guardians with his calculations of the estimated additional sums required to be contributed by the several parishes in the Union to meet the expenditure for the current half year. The Guardians approved these calculations. Contributions orders were signed upon the Overseers of the several parishes.</p> <p>The annual meeting for the examination and inspection of the persons in receipt of relief from this Union and residing in the County District was held as follows: For the Islandshire District – Tuesday 2 July 1867 at Halfway House, Beal – Guardians present: Messrs Andrew Thompson; John Embleton; James Hogg and Rev Thomas Proctor. 23 cases were investigated representing 26 poor persons. At Cat Inn, Cheswick – Guardians present: Messrs Andrew Thompson; John Embleton; David Tait; Richard Makins and Rev Thomas Proctor and also Dr Wilson. 47 cases were investigated representing 87 poor persons.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>For the Northamptonshire District – Thursday 4 July 1867 at Collingwood Arms, Cornhill. Guardians present: Messrs Andrew Thompson and Robert Brown. 10m cases were investigated representing 17 poor persons. At Victoria Inn, Northampton. Guardians present: Messrs Andrew Thompson and Robert Brown. 67 cases were investigated representing 109 poor persons. At Horncliffe. Guardians present: Messrs Andrew Thompson and John Brown. 8 cases were investigated representing 10 poor people. Altogether an increase of 34 cases and 38 poor persons compared with last year.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that, as directed, he had given notice to Robert Stamp, late Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Holy Island, and his sureties, requiring payment before this meeting of the balances certified by the District Auditor to be due from Mr Stamp. The amount had not been paid. On the motion of Adam Darling it was resolved to await the result of the proceeding intended to be taken by the District Auditor against Mr Stamp before taking proceeding against the sureties.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a bill which had been introduced in Parliament to make sundry amendments in the law for the relief of the poor and which contains a clause requiring the town councils of boroughs to pay the extra sums chargeable for lunatics sent from a borough to the county asylums.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a notice of chargeability and Order of Removal received by him from Morpeth Union for Elizabeth Purves, widow, and whose maiden settlement is alleged to be in the Parish of Kyloe in this Union, as it appeared that her late husband's settlement is alleged to be unknown, it was ordered that the Clerk be authorised to obtain copies of the deposition taken in this case and to make such further enquiries as he may deem necessary to ascertain the truth of the allegations made by the Guardians of the Morpeth Union, and report at the next meeting.</p> <p>The consideration of the case of Elizabeth Johnston, now living in the Glendale Union was deferred to the next meeting as Mr Scott [Joseph Scott] had not completed his enquiries.</p> <p>John Atkinson, tailor, Lowick, and his apprentice Alexander Williams, attended the meeting, and the Guardians having heard the statements of both parties, directed that the apprentice should return to his service and conduct himself properly, and that</p> | |
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| | | | the Master should abstain from employing him in carrying letters or in any other way employ him except in his business of tailor, and he should behave kindly to the apprentice, only correcting him when necessary in a mild and reasonable manner. | |
| Item | GBR 48/306-315 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 July 1867 | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Peel; John Embleton; Ricard Makins; Alexander Smith (Norham); Robert Cairns; John Brown (Gainslaw); David Tait; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Grahame (meal seller); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Margaret Whitehead (milk seller); W G Carr & Son (chemists); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); John Paxton (east Norhamshire District); M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); George A Turnbull (registrar of Islandshire District).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District).</p> <p>General account: Knight & Co (books and forms); John Elliott (fees for copy deposition in removal case); Joseph Scott (expenses attending a removal case).</p> | 29 July 1867 |

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| | | <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer on or before 27 July the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of the Union towards the Local Police Rate. Payment ordered and charged against the several parishes of the Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mary Riddle, of Weatherly Square, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); John Todd, of Palace Street, suffering from phthisis, prescribed 1 bottle of port wine; Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries. If this person requires any more relief he must attend at the Board of Guardians; Joseph Haugh, of Church Street, suffering from scalding, prescribed necessaries; Ebenezer Brown, of Hatters Lane, suffering from injuries from a fall, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Andrew Anderson, of [Tenters Carpenter], suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Phillis Morgan, of Old Greenlaw Walls, suffering from pneumonia, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton for a fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull and James Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a report upon the manner of charging in the Guardians' accounts the payment made to Mr Hedley for rating the properties of the railway companies and certain others situated in certain parishes in this Union. The Clerk says in his report that as the law is not very clear on this matter he had contacted the Poor Law Board for their advice, and based on this he had worked out how much Mr Hedley should be paid.</p> <p>Resolved that the report be received and approved by the Guardians and payment ordered to Mr Hedley.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the half yearly report received from the Superintendent of the County Asylum upon the state and condition of the lunatics chargeable to this Union now being maintained therein.</p> <p>Resolved that the Chairman and Rev Thomas Proctor and Dr Brown be appointed as</p> | |
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| | | <p>a committee to visit the Northumberland County Asylum and report upon the state and condition of the lunatics chargeable to this Union and now being maintained therein.</p> <p>A communication was read from J C Weddell, Clerk to the Local Board of Health, relating to the nuisances alleged to exist in Oliver's property in Chapel Street. Dr Fluker stated that he had seen the place this morning and that it had been thoroughly cleaned.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of Robert L Yetts to the Office of Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Holy Island.</p> <p>Ordered that a list of the poor persons now chargeable to this Union be prepared and printed for the use of the Guardians and their officers.</p> <p>New rules for admitting vagrants into the Workhouse agreed upon. They are: vagrants applying for admission to the Workhouse before 9 o'clock should be required to obtain the Relieving Officer's Order for their admission. Vagrants applying after 9 o'clock shall not be required to obtain an order, but the Master of the Workhouse must himself use such discretion as by law vested in him.</p> <p>Mr Scott reported the result of his enquiries into the settlement of Elizabeth Johnston, widow, and her 5 children, alleged to be removable from the Glendale Union. Resolved that the Guardians express themselves satisfied that the said paupers are settled within and now removable to this Union from the Glendale Union, and consent to receive the said paupers without an Order of Removal.</p> <p>The Clerk had obtained a copy of the deposition upon which an order had been made to remove Elizabeth Purves from the Morpeth Union to this Union, and he advised the Guardians not to appeal against the order but rather, if a subsequent settlement of the pauper can hereafter be proved, to obtain a Justices Order for her removal. His advice adopted by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a notice of chargeability and Order of Removal received by him from the Alnwick Union with reference to Margaret Robinson, single woman, whose</p> | |
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| | | | settlement is alleged to be in the Parish of Kylloe in this Union. The Guardians are satisfied that the Order cannot successfully be appealed against. | |
| Item | GBR 48/316-325 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 August 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; Robert Brown; Alexander Smith (Letham); Henry Richardson; Robert Cairns; John Marshall. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk dealer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Young & Son (grocers); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Miller & Kinross (undertakers); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Lunatics account: Chrichton Royal Institution (1/2 year's maintenance of one pauper lunatic); Robert C Fluker (removing Eleanor Johnston Drummond to County Asylum).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Northers Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (1/2 year's maintenance of William Purves to 25 June).</p> <p>General account: George Macaskie (advertising account); Proprietor of Berwick Advertiser (advertising account).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that at a meeting of the Nuisances Removal Committee for Norham & Islandshire on 29 July, Mr Alexander Davidson, Inspector of Nuisances, produced his Report Book and satisfied the Committee that he had up to that time been engaged and was entitled to remuneration for 18 days. Payment ordered.</p> | 12 Aug. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Craig, of Castlegate, suffering from abscess of hand, prescribed beef; Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Ebenezer Brown, of Hatters Lane, suffering from injuries from fall, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Margaret Hill, 49, of Wallace Green, suffering from neuralgia, improving, this person only requires a little temporary relief; James Riley, of Castlegate, suffering from an enlargement of glands in his neck, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse and Finance Committee regarding the investigation made by them into the accounts of John Thompson, Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick. The report goes through the case: at a meeting between the Clerk and the District Auditor, the Auditor said that it was absolutely necessary that the accounts of Mr Thompson should be made up and audited at the close of the current rate, before entering upon the collection of a new rate. The Auditor also recommended that the whole subject matter should at once be communicated to the Poor Law Board to obtain their advice and directions. The Auditor had himself been in communication with the Poor Law Board, and he requested that Mr Thompson should at once close his current rate and be ready for a special audit. Resolved by the Guardians that the report be adopted and a copy sent to the Poor Law Board. The report was signed by Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The School Committee reported that, as recommended by the Government School Inspector regarding the books to be used in the Workhouse Infant School, they had bought a number of new books to be used there. Due to the late inspection it was decided to defer the annual examination of the School until the week before Christmas. An increase in the salary of the Workhouse School Monitor, Ellen Dagleish, was accepted from 29 September.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had caused Robert Stamp, late Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Holy Island, to appear before the Justices due to non-payment by him of his balance certified by the District Auditor. The Justices had ordered immediate payment, and in default, distress, or 6 weeks imprisonment, which proceedings were now being carried out.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Report by the committee appointed to visit the County Asylum. They found the County Asylum all clean and comfortable with everything necessary for the well-being of the inmates. There are 25 inmates at present. 8 male and 17 female. Regarding the males there is nothing in their antecedent behaviour, the duration of illness or their present state which holds much hope of a recovery. From idiocy, epilepsy or strongly developed hereditary taints, they nearly all are hopelessly insane. An exception is the boy Finharty who is addicted to tearing his clothes, and is of filthy habits and difficult to manage. Regarding the females there are several hopeful cases. Jane Drummond, sent to the Asylum 20 July last is rapidly improving. Ann Tobin, who entered the Asylum in April last, is also a hopeful case. Elizabeth Trainer has improved since last year, and will probably make a good recovery. Isabella Mace, in spite of having spent several years in the Asylum, is still a hopeful case. Jane Hislop is more melancholic depressed since last year. In the case of Isabella Lough some faint hope of recovery is expressed. The remaining 12 cases, from imbecility, epilepsy or total and irretrievable loss of mental power, are all nearly hopeless and mostly harmless. Report signed by Colville Brown.</p> <p>Upon the motion of the Chairman, the Guardians directed the Clerk to prepare for the next meeting a return showing the average number of children attending the Workhouse School, distinguishing the out-door from the in-door poor, the total expense of the Workhouse School, and the sums contributed towards the same by H M Treasury.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson and George Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the Parishes of Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Duddo; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Norham; Norham Mains and Tweedmouth.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/326-333 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 August 1867. | Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); Richard Makins; Alexander Smith (Norham); Adam Darling James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Dr | 26 Aug. 1867 |

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| | | <p>Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk dealer); Miller & Kinross (undertakers); George Douglas (farmer); Alexander Hume (carter).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Andrew Thompson (expenses of Committee visiting County Asylum at the request of the Guardians).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: George Turner (vaccination registration fees, Berwick District).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (registration fees, Berwick District); Joseph Scott (registration fees, Northhamshire District).</p> <p>General account: John Thompson, Collector of Rates (poor rates, general district rates, special district rates).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mable Schofield and child, of Hatters Lane, suffering from ophthalmia, prescribed necessaries; James Riley, of Castlegate, suffering from glandular disease, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Ebenezer Brown, of Hatters Lane, suffering from injuries from a fall, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility, prescribed 1 pint of cod liver oil and 1½ lbs of beef.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker and James Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a return relating to the Workhouse School showing the average number of children attending the Workhouse School during the year ended at Lady Day 1867, the expense of the Workhouse School during the same year and the sums repaid to the Guardians out of H M Treasury. Ordered that the return be entered into the minute and take into consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that as requested they had considered a pamphlet received by the Guardians on the subject of vagrancy, and had ascertained from the Porter of the Workhouse the actual course of treatment pursued in this Workhouse. They recommend that the Clerk should correspond with the unions on the line road between here and Newcastle and find out if they will join with this Union in working out the system described in the pamphlet. The Committee also gave directions to the Workhouse Officers to carry out the regulations now in force in the Workhouse as fully as possible, especially insisting on the prescribed task of work for vagrants being performed by them.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Poor Law Board had directed a special audit to be made of the accounts of John Thompson, Collector of Rates for the Parish of Berwick.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported that Robert Stamp, late Collector of Rates for the Parish of Holy Island, had now been committed for 6 weeks to the Morpeth Gaol for non-payment of the money due from him, and steps are to be taken as to determine what steps they will take to receive the amount from Mr Stamp's sureties, one of whom had written to the Clerk and offered to pay one half of the sum due.</p> <p>The Clerk ordered to inform the sureties that unless the amount certified to be due from Mr Stamp is paid to the Treasurer of the Union on or before 7 September, the Guardians will take legal proceedings against them for the recovery of the whole sum due, without any further delay.</p> <p>The Clerk read correspondence between him and Dr Brown [Colville Brown] relating to the circumstances under which Alexander Hume was removed from the</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Workhouse to the County Asylum. The circumstances of this case were peculiar. It was only necessary for the Guardians to re-assert an opinion formerly expressed, that the medical officer under whose charge any lunatic may be at the time the certificate is required in the proper officer to furnish such certificate, subject, of course, to the legal right of the Magistrate signing the Order of Removal, to call to his assistance some other medical gentleman if he thinks so fit.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk is authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove Jessie Kerr to Scotland, she is now an inmate of the Workhouse and chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/334-340 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 September 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Cairns; John Henderson; Matthew Young; Rev Thomas Proctor; J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-chairman Dr Richardson was chosen chairman of this meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk dealer); Johnson & Co (brewers); Miller & Kinross (undertakers); George Douglas (farmer); Peter Pentland (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic accounts: John Crosby (expenses attending removal of Alexander Hume to County Asylum).</p> <p>General account: T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (removing Scotch pauper and</p> | 9 Sept. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>removing Mary Harbottle to Wooler Workhouse).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Eliza Hearty, 36, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries; Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; James Riley, of Castlegate, suffering from glandular disease, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Edward Younger, of Mattalees, suffering from abscess of arm, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a fortnight; Phillis Morgan, of Greenlawalls, suffering from pneumonia, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received for Ancroft, Cornhill, Duddo, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Mr Fender of Holy Island had paid to the Union Treasurer one half of the sum to be received from him and Mr Wilson as sureties for Mr Robert Stamp, of which fact the Clerk will inform Mr Wilson, who has previously offered to pay the other half.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that due to the death of Robert Home, the Officer of Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the district, comprising this Union, had become vacant, and he produced a letter from the Office of the Registrar General requiring the Guardians to make the appointment within 14 days from it becoming vacant. Otherwise it will become the duty of the Registrar General to do so. Resolved that appointment of the new Superintendent Registrar would take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board directing attention to the 23rd section of the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1867. The Poor Law Board express the hope that this provision will obviate the difficulty in which the Guardians have been placed with regard to sending lunatics from the Borough of Berwick to the Northumberland County Asylum. Also received from the Poor Law Board a circular accompanying a copy of a new</p> | |
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| | | | <p>General Order regarding the appointment, removal, discharge and salaries of certain of the officers and servants required for the management of the in-door poor.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a letter from Mr G F Steven, of the "Berwick Journal" regarding the printing of the list of paupers. He was directed to inform Mr Steven that these lists were printed at the "Berwick Advertiser" office by directive of the Board of Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had examined the Clerk's calculation of the sum required from the parishes to meet the expenditure for the ensuing half year of which the Guardians approved. The proposed sums were read out and approved of.</p> <p>Supplemental Valuation lists for the Parishes of Ancroft and Duddo were presented.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to take the necessary proceedings before the Justices to obtain a warrant to remove Henry Dickson to Scotland. He is now an inmate of the Workhouse and chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.</p> <p>Ordered that the Collector to the Guardians is authorised to take the necessary proceedings before the Justices to obtain an order on Jacob Emery, of Tweedmouth, carter, requiring him to pay the whole or a portion of the relief now being given to his wife Isabell Emery.</p> <p>The Clerk produced correspondence between him and the Clerk to the Guardians of the Belford Union concerning the repayment of the cost incurred by that union in 2 cases of suspended orders. Having referred the Guardians to the clauses in the Poor Law Amendment Act 1867 providing for payments of this description, the Guardians gave the necessary directions to the Clerk to reply to the communication received consenting to repay the costs incurred in the case of Andrew Weir, but declining to do so in the case of Dorothy Hutchinson.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/341 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 September 1867. | Present at the meeting: Guardians: Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. | 16 Sept. 1867 |

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| | | [NB wrong date in margin – 9 September 1867] | <p>In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-chairman Dr Richardson was chosen chairman of the meeting.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk through illness his son and partner William Willoby was appointed to act as his deputy at this meeting.</p> <p>Appointment of a Superintendent Registrar for the District comprising this Union in the place of the late Robert Home. On the motion of J G Rowe, seconded by Rev Thomas Proctor, it was unanimously resolved that Edward Willoby, the Clerk to the Guardians, was appointed Superintendent Registrar of Birth, Death and Marriages for the District of Berwick.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices to obtain a warrant to remove George Rogers to Scotland. He is at the moment an inmate of the Workhouse and chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/342-348 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 September 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: John Henderson; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-chairman, Rev J G Rowe was chosen chairman of this meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examine and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Johnson & Co (brewers); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk dealer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young & Son (grocer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Miller & Kinross (undertakers); George Douglas (farmer).</p> | 23 Sept. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Lunatic account: Robert Thompson, joiner, Dumfries (expenses attending the burial of Janet Elliott, a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: Samuel Boak, Duddo.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer on or before 23 September the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union toward the General County Rate. Amount ordered to be paid and charged against the parishes of this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Marty, of Chapel Street, suffering from disorder of stomach and bowels, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton; Phillis Morgan (residence and sickness not stated), prescribed 2 lbs of mutton fortnightly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Turnbull [Matthew Lames Turnbull]; George Wilson; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements for the Parishes of Berwick, Horncliffe and Duddo were presented.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had completed his special audit of the accounts of John Thompson, Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick, and the Auditor presented a summary of the accounts. Mr Thompson, who attended the meeting, expressed his intention of resigning the office of Collector of Rates to the Berwick Local Board of Health and concentrate on his duties as Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Berwick. The Guardians expressed their satisfaction with the result of the audit, and they were prepared to consider the propriety of increasing John Thompson's salary.</p> <p>Letter from the Clerk to the Guardians of the Newcastle Union, stating that they will not adopt the system for checking vagrancy proposed by the Berwick Union.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Letter from the Clerk to the Visitors of the Northumberland County Asylum regarding the provisions of the Poor Removal Act 1867 relative to Borough lunatics. He states that steps will be taken for carrying the new law into effect.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing, and the out-door poor with bread, oatmeal etc. Tender accepted.</p> <p>John Crosby authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Ninian Blakey, cabinet maker, for neglecting to maintain his wife and family whereby they have become chargeable to the Common Fund.</p> <p>Resolved that the Guardians, at the next meeting, will sign Contribution Orders for the sum estimated to be required from the parishes for the ensuing half year, and to examine and order payment of accounts.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/349-354 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 September 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: J W Ruddock [Joseph Willis Ruddock]; Robert Cairns; G R Lumsden [George Reuben Lumsden].</p> <p>In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-chairman J W Ruddock was chosen Chairman of this meeting.</p> <p>Accounts having been examined and found correct were due to be paid to: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk dealer); William Weatherhead and others (sundries for garden and pigs); John Richardson (shoemaker); George Lamb (plumber); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Dickson (slater); Johnson & Co (brewers); Miller & Kinross (undertaker); James Jeffrey (blacksmith); George Douglas (farmer); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); Adam Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); William Wilson & Son (ironmongers).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: W G Carr & Son (druggists).</p> <p>General account: proprietors of Berwick Advertiser (printing list of paupers); John</p> | 30 Sept. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Renwick (old rope); Gibson F Steven (printer); Phoenix Fire Office (insurance premium); Elizabeth Wear (stationer); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (justices clerk's fees); E Willoby (postages during past quarter); Joseph Scott (postages during past ½ year); John Crosby (postages during past ½ year); T H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (expenses searching for an imbecile pauper who absconded from Workhouse); T H Mitchell (removing Scotch pauper).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: James Paxton, Horncliffe.</p> <p>Salaries fro the quarter ended at Michaelmas were ordered to be paid to: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Mary Ann Daniel (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Robert Fair (hairdresser); Ellen Dagleish (school monitor).</p> <p>Contribution Orders signed upon the Overseers for the several parishes within the Union requiring them to pay by two equal instalments on 19 October and 11 January the sums estimates to be required for the half year now commenced and which sums were submitted to the Guardians and approved of at their last meeting.</p> <p>The value of the provisions consumed in the Workhouse during the quarter ended at Michaelmas last by the paupers and the Officers was stated, as well as the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse.</p> <p>Account submitted by the Clerk of the fees and expenses incurred in attending the proceedings taken by James Radford, Poor Law Auditor, against Robert Stamp, late Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Holy Island, to recover the sum certified by the Auditor to be due from Mr Stamp. The Clerk ordered to refer this to the Poor Law Board and request they sanction the Guardians paying the same, and indicate to what account it shall be charged.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse reported that certain articles of clothing – one pair of stockings, one chemise and one sheet – were missing from the Workhouse. He assumed that one or more of the inmates have taken them out on one of the two afternoons when they are permitted to leave the Workhouse. As the inmates could leave the Workhouse, it made it very difficult for the Officers to preserve the good</p> | |
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| | | | discipline of the Workhouse. The Guardians ordered that the permission of the inmates to leave the Workhouse on two afternoons be suspended for six weeks, unless the theft is solved, and that when the privilege is restored it will only be one day a week. | |
| Item | GBR 48/355-361 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 October 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Brown; Alexander Smith (Norham); Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; Matthew Young; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith (Letham).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Lunatic account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Eliza Hastey, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef or mutton; Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility etc., prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Elizabeth Pow, of Cornhill, suffering from [haematoma], much improved, likely soon to be well (nothing prescribed); Michael [Tinline], of Harper Ridge, suffering from disease of heart and dropsy, (nothing prescribed); Henry McDonald, of Holy Island, suffering from rheumatism, (nothing prescribed).</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the following parishes: Ancroft, Berwick, Duddo, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing copy of communications received from the District Auditor respecting the special audit recently held by him on the accounts of John Thompson, Assistant Overseer and Collector of Poor Rates of the Parish of</p> | 7 Oct. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Berwick. Apparently as his books were not properly kept, the Overseers were not able to check his books due to incompetency. Course to be taken – Mr Thompson to be trusted, under close inspection by the Overseers. John Thompson, about 70 years of age, had taken on more than he could handle, and has decided to give up his other jobs, which he was ordered to do before the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk, in his new capacity as Superintendent Registrar for this District, requested permission to apply to the Registrar General to remove the Register Office to the Clerk's own office in Ravensdowne. He also asked permission for the new Town Clerk, Mr Douglas, to be permitted to allow the books and papers to remain and to conduct his business in the Register Office as previously done by the late Mr Home. The Clerk also informed the Guardians that Mr Douglas was willing to rent the present office from Mr Gibson of Belford, as is now done by the Guardians. Resolved that the respective applications be approved by the Guardians.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk again apply to Dr Wilson [George Wilson] to name a Deputy Medical Officer for the Islandshire District.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/362-370 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 October 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; John Henderson; Adam Darling; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; John Brown; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk E Willoby [Edward Willoby], the Guardians appointed his son and partner W Willoby [William Willoby] to act as his deputy at this meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officer had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> | 21 Oct. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Salaries for the quarter ended at Michaelmas last ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer & collector to the Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Wood (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); George Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of the Workhouse). Salaries also to be paid to: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of rates, Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Alexander Davidson, Inspector of Nuisances, had produced his Report Book at a meeting of the Nuisances Removal Committee for Norham and Islandshire and had satisfied the Committee that he was entitled to remuneration for 21 days. Ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Ann Brown, travelling, suffering from rheumatic fever, requires a little relief in the shape of bread, tea etc. to assist her on her journey; Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Margaret Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; George Aitchinson, of Felkington, suffering from disease of vertebrae, prescribed 2½ lbs of beef and 3 tins of beef juice; Grace Gilchrist, of Norham, suffering (not stated), prescribed 2 lbs of beef and 3 bottles of ale.</p> <p>Letter from J C Weddell, Clerk to the Berwick Local Board of health, informing the Guardians that John Thompson has tendered his resignation of the office of Collector of Rates to the Local Board.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported that he had again applied to Dr Wilson [George Wilson], of Lowick, Medical Officer for the Islandshire District, to name a deputy. He had received a letter from Dr Wilson saying that he had arranged with Dr Maclagan to act as his deputy for the portion of the district north of Beal Station, and Dr Hurt, of Belford, to cover the remaining part, including Holy Island. This arrangement was approved of by the Guardians.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The Clerk produced an order of Justices directing the removal of Ann Cleghorn, single woman, from the Alnwick Union, to this Union, it being alleged that she was entitled to a birth settlement in the Parish of Berwick. John Crosby reported the result of enquiries made by him, but as these were not entirely satisfactory to the Guardians, they directed Mr Crosby to make further enquiries and report to the Clerk.</p> <p>John Crosby authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Jacob Emery, of Tweedmouth, carter, for neglecting to maintain his wife whereby she has become chargeable to the Common Fund of this Union.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/371-376 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 November 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); Alexander Smith (Letham); Richard Makins; John Marshall; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; James Wilson. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller).</p> <p>Lunatic accounts: Colville Brown (fee for visiting pauper lunatics in County Asylum with Committee on 8 Aug. last); Crichton Royal Institution (1/4 year's maintenance of Ann Alexander, a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>General account: Knight & Co (books and forms).</p> | 4 Nov. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Accounts examined and passed by the School Committee for the education of the out-door pauper children were ordered to be paid to: William Jackson (Spittal); Septimus Wharton (Scremerston); Henry Ford (Cheswick); George Davidson (Thornton); Robert Hardy (Cornhill); George Watson, late? (Duddo); Thomas Phillips (Shoreswood); Margaret Browne (Norham); Henry Kerr (Horncliffe); John Brown (Duddo); John Thompson (East Ord); Richard Forsythe (Norham); John Corrans (Beal); John Patrick (Fenwick); William Bell (Holy Island); M A McLaren (Norham); Thomas J Frizell (Duddo); George Douglas (Old Bewick); Adam Bell (Ord Moor).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries); Margaret Rankin, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries (2 entries) (convalescent cannot grant any further medical relief); Mrs Lough, of Foul Ford, (sickness not stated), prescribed 1 pint of port; George Aitchinson, of Felkington, suffering from disease of vertebrae, prescribe 2 lbs of beef weekly for 2 weeks, 3 tins of beef juice and 1 bottle of wine (3 entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker and Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from the Collectors of the following parishes: Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Duddo; Holy Island; Horncliffe and Kylloe.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a notice from the Medical Department of the Privy Council of the intended visit of Dr K P Brodribb to this Union for the purpose of re-inspecting public vaccination.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded the Guardians of their consent given to the removal of the Registration Business from the office on the Quay Walls to his own office in Ravensdowne. He said he had applied to the Registrar General for his approval of this step and of the fire-proof room which it was proposed to erect. A ground plan of the proposed new Register Office accompanied the application. Letter received from the General Registrar approving the proposed Register Office for this district. The Clerk also stated that due to the advanced season of the year the alterations to his office could not be undertaken, and it was therefore necessary to continue the use of</p> | |
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| | | | <p>the office on the Quay Walls. The Clerk also asked the Guardians to appoint a committee to which he could submit the plan for the new Register Office. Resolved that the matter be referred to the Workhouse Committee and that the Clerk was authorised to give the landlord of the present Register Office notice of the Guardians' intention to quit and deliver up the same on or before the 12 May next.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/377-382 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 November 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; John Marshall; Rev Thomas Proctor' Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Russel (draper); James Smith (butcher); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas light Company; Border Brewery Company; Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Ralph Holmes (china merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Adam Kinross (undertaker); Lames B Landreth (grocer).</p> <p>Out-relief account: George A Turnbull (1/2 year's education of 7 out-door pauper children).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: George A Turnbull (vaccination registration fees, Islandshire District).</p> <p>Registration expenses: George Turner (registration fee, Berwick District); Joseph</p> | 18 Nov. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Scott (registration fee, Norhamshire District); George A Turnbull (registration fees, Islandshire District); George Gibson (1/2 year's rent of Register Office due 11 Nov. instant).</p> <p>General account: Isabella Anderson (cleaning of pay-station at Tweedmouth); John Main (cleaning of pay-station at Spittal).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Michael Burke, of Weatherly Square, suffering from debility prescribed 1½ lbs of beef (2 identical entries).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; James Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with 12 sacks of oatmeal, and they recommended the Guardians to accept the tenders of Thomas Grahame, which they did.</p> <p>Application from Dr Wilson [James Wilson], of Tweedmouth, to be allowed additional remuneration for the special services alleged to have been rendered by him in the case of James Lilley, who was severely injured by a fall into a live kiln at the Sandbanks about 12 months ago, and who shortly after became chargeable to the Union under the care of Dr Wilson who is still attending him. The Guardians directed the Clerk to apply to the Poor Law Board for their sanction of the payment.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a letter from William Johnson, Clerk to the Guardians of the Belford Union, asking if the Guardians and the Parish Officers of Kyloe will agree to submit, with the Belford Guardians, a joint case for the decision of the Poor Law Board relative to the case of Dorothy Hutchinson relieved in that Union under a suspended Order of Removal. The Guardians declined to join in the proposed case as they had been advised that the order for costs in this case could not be legally enforced against them.</p> <p>The Chairman presented a letter from D A Buckley, Catholic Chapel House, Berwick, regarding a recent occurrence at Harper Rig near Donaldson's Lodge – viz. the death</p> | |
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| | | | <p>of Michael Tinlin who died on 1 November . Mr Tinlin had been receiving relief from this Union for a month previous to his death. During that month he had no medical attendance.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk send a copy of the letter to Dr Turnbull with a request for him to furnish the Guardians with such explanations as he may deem desirable.</p> <p>Communication from the Chairman of the Wrexham Union relative to the suppression of vagrancy. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/383-389 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 December 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Peel; John Henderson; Richard Makins; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; John Brown; Adam Darling; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent of garden); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); T & W Early (rug manufacturer); William Wilson & Son (iron mongers); George Douglas & others (sundries for garden and pigs); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Landreth (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); T G Turner (grocer).</p> <p>Out-relief account: George Douglas, Old Bewick (1/4 year's education of Henry Bruce, a pauper child).</p> | 2 Dec. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Lunatic account: John Crosby (expenses attending removal of Thomas Drummond to County Asylum).</p> <p>General account: Robert Davidson & Son (old rope); Hugh Robertson (old rope).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer on or before 9 December instant the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a General County Rate. Ordered to be paid and charged against the several parishes of this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Richard Atkinson, of Scott's Row, suffering from cough etc., prescribed a pint of cod liver oil; Mrs Grahame, of Chapel Street, in childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Alice Smith, of Ravensdowne, suffering from debility, prescribed necessaries; David Menke, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from gum boil, prescribed necessaries; Hearly's child, 2 months, of Chapel Street, suffering from hereditary syphilis, prescribed ½ pint of port wine; Margaret Mole, of Castlegate, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef and 1 pint of cod liver oil; George Aitchison, of Felkington suffering from (caries?) of vertebrae of neck, prescribed 2 lbs of beef weekly for a fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; James Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had considered a circular received from the Wrexham Union concerning the suppression of vagrancy and stated that they found it not advisable for this Union to adopt the proposal contained in the circular.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had sent a copy of the letter received from Rev Buckley respecting the case of Mr Michael Tinlin, of Harper Ridge [near Donaldson's Lodge], to Dr Turnbull and presented Dr Turnbull's reply in which he states that he had visited Mr Tinlin and established that he suffered from an incurable heart disease. He</p> | |
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| | | | <p>furnished Mr Scott with his report and considered that his duty towards the patient had been finished, and since he had not subsequently received any further request for his attendance he felt that he could not be blamed for what had happened.</p> <p>The Guardians expressed themselves fully satisfied with Dr Turnbull's explanation and ordered that the Clerk inform Dr Turnbull of this and send a copy of Dr Turnbull's letter to Rev Buckley.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a new order from the Poor Law Board referring to the alterations which may be required to be made in the salaries and duties of collectors of poor rates in borough parishes due to provisions relative to rating contained in the new Reform Act.</p> <p>Notice from Robert Hedley of his having been appointed Poor Law Inspector for this Union.</p> <p>The Clerk presented an application from the Guardians of the Morpeth Union for payment alleged to be due from this Union in repayment of relief advanced under a suspended order of Justices to Mary Addison. The attention of the Guardians was drawn to the provisions for payments by Guardians of suspended orders contained in the Poor Law Amendment of last session. Finding that the present application did not come within the terms of the statute, the Guardians resolved to decline payment of the sum claimed.</p> <p>Copy of valuation lists for the Parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth laid before the Guardians.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/390-395 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 December 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; John Marshall; Alexander Smith (Norham); Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; John Henderson; Matthew Young; Rev J G Row[John George Rowe]; Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker; James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> | 16 Dec. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Graham (meal-seller); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Adam Winlaw (boot and shoemaker); Thomas Landreth (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Adam Kinross (undertaker); A B Gowan and Son (shipbuilders); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (meal-seller); William Lamb (whitening manufacturer).</p> <p>Out-relief account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb (1/2 year's maintenance of William Purvis, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Lunatic account: Joseph Scott (expenses attending removal of Jane Jackson to County Asylum).</p> <p>Cheque granted to the Treasurer for instalment and interest due on loan borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, for him to transfer to his London agents to be paid to the Commissioners' account in the manner required by them.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning payment to James Wilson for the services rendered by him in the case of James (Lillie?). Payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Alice Smith, of Ravensdowne, suffering from dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries; David Menke, of Chapel Street, suffering from gum boil, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Maxwell, of Chapel Street, in child-birth, prescribed necessaries and "some clothes for the child"; Hugh Burns, 35, of Chapel Street, suffering from injury to right hand, prescribed necessaries; Alice Smith, of Ravensdowne, suffering from dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries; Robert Allan, 15, of Coxons Lane, suffering from scalded</p> | |
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| | | | <p>face, prescribed necessaries; George Flannigan, 11, of Walkergate Lane, suffering from fever, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; George Aitchinson, of Felkington, suffering from caries of vertebrae of neck, prescribed 2 lbs of beef and 8 bottles of ale; Jane Pike, 33, of Norham, in child-birth, prescribed 2 lbs of beef; George Gilchrist, of Norham, suffering from ulcerated leg, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of rates in this Union.</p> <p>Entry in the Workhouse Visitors Book from Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector. He states that he found the Workhouse clean and in good order, and that the inmates appear comfortable and cared for. He suggests a little additional ventilation in the Young Women's Day Room. Suggestion referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Further letter from Rev Buckley regarding the case of Michael Tinlin, in which he expresses his inability to agree with the Guardians in their decision that the explanation expressed in Dr Turnbull's letter was satisfactory.</p> <p>Resolved that on 25 December, Christmas Day, the inmates of the Workhouse be allowed to have beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>The Chairman also intimated that with the permission of the Guardians, he would, as heretofore, treat the inmates of the Workhouse on New Year's Day to a dinner of beef and plum pudding. The generous offer accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for beef, bread, and out-door oatmeal will expire on 28 instant. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders.</p> <p>Order of Justices received from the Alnwick Union, directing the removal of Mary Chape, widow, and her 2 children to this Union as containing the township of Norham to which it is alleged they are now removable by reason of the father of the pauper's late husband having gained a settlement there by hiring and service. Referred to Mr Scott, Relieving Officer, to make enquiries.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The annual examination of the Workhouse schools by the School Committee will take place tomorrow morning and the attendance of the Guardians is invited. A sum of money was subscribed by the Guardians now present to enable the Committee to distribute prizes to the deserving children.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/396-404 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 December 1867. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; John Brown (Gainslaw); Rev Thomas Proctor; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Landreth (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Joseph Scott (registration fees, Norhamshire District).</p> <p>General account: Knight & Co (books and forms).</p> <p>Accounts examined by the Nuisances Removal Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Dr Paxton [John Paxton] (inspecting and certifying nuisances); Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (inspecting and certifying nuisances); Alexander Davidson, Inspector of Nuisances, (remuneration for 21 days services up to 16 December).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered:</p> | 30 Dec. 1867 |

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| | | | <p>Robert Allan, of Coxons Lane, suffering from scalded face, prescribed necessaries, will resume his employment on Monday next; Hugh Burns, of Chapel Street, suffering from abscess on (head?), (2 identical entries), nothing prescribed; Margaret Johnson, of Greens, suffering from abscess on thumb (2 identical entries), nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical return received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>Messrs James Carter, James Keenan and Robert Craik, 3 of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Berwick, attended the meeting at the request of the Chairman in order to make arrangements about the collection of the poor rate just made by them, and upon the present position of their Collector John Thompson who had not yet closed his account with the Local Board of Health, and whose surety to the Board, the Chairman, desired to withdraw and ask the Guardians not to permit Mr Thompson to proceed with the collection of the present poor rate till he has found a surety in the place of the Chairman. Mr Thompson also attended and produced the books of the Parish in present use, but prior to his entering the Board Room he sent in his resignation of the offices of Assistant Overseer and Collector of Poor Rates.</p> <p>The Guardians resolved to accept Mr Thompson's immediate resignation, and the Overseers undertook to examine Mr Thompson's accounts since the last special audit, and ascertain what proportion of the arrears of rates then outstanding have now been collected, as well as the balance due to or from Mr Thompson. The books were handed over into the care of the Overseers.</p> <p>As the Guardians needed money from the Parish to defray the cost of the relief of the poor and other expenses, the Overseers undertook to collect forthwith a portion of the new rates.</p> <p>Resolved to appoint a new collector of poor rates for the Parish of Berwick at the next meeting, and that subject to the sanction of the Poor Law Board and the Guardians the remuneration shall be a poundage of sixpence in the pound on the sums collected and accounted for by him. He will be required to enter into a bond with two sufficient sureties for the sum of £400. The Clerk to put advertisements in the local newspapers.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had obtained tenders for supplying the Union with beef etc. for the ensuing quarter and recommended the Guardians to accept the following: James Smith – rounds of flanks of beef; houghs of beef; legs of mutton. Elias Pearson - in-door fine bread; in-door second bread; out-door second bread; out-door oatmeal. Recommendation accepted by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee also reported that they had ordered improvement of the Young Women’s Day-room by placing a half-sash window to the north side of the room opposite the present window.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee further reported that they had considered the arrangements to be made with Mr Willoby [Edward Willoby], the Superintendent Registrar, upon the removal of the offices for register purposes from the Quay Walls to Mr Willoby’s own offices in Ravensdowne. The plans of the new offices, approved of by the Registrar General, were now submitted and accepted by the Committee. The Committee then considered the allowance to be made to Mr Willoby for the use of his offices for register purposes, and the other expenses in connection with it. The present expense is: rent £12; rates £3; coal, gas and sundries £5 – total £20. The Committee resolved to recommend the Guardians to allow Mr Willoby for all these purposes the sum of £15 per annum. The Committee also approved the iron door appended to the safe in the present Register Office, property of the Guardians, be used for the door of the new fireproof room to be erected by Mr Willoby on condition that on his ceasing to hold the office of Superintendent Registrar this iron door shall again become the property of the Guardians. Resolved that these several recommendations and matters sanctioned by the Committee be confirmed and adopted by the Guardians.</p> <p>Report from the School Committee’s Chairman Rev J G Rowe. He reported that the schools were thoroughly examined on Dec.14 by Dr Richardson, Mr Willoby, Mr William and himself. He stated that the examination may be regarded as very satisfactory and most creditable to Mr and Mrs Nesbit.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a further communication received from Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] respecting the case of Michael Tinlin and enclosing a letter received by the Doctor from Rev Buckley.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Joseph Scott reported the results of his enquiries into the alleged settlement of Mary Chape, widow, and her 2 children, now under order of removal from the Alnwick Union to this Union. As the Guardians were not satisfied with Joseph Scott's report they directed the Clerk to obtain a copy of the depositions in this case and if, after perusing them, he deemed it desirable to send Mr Scott to examine the pauper and witnesses.</p> <p>The attention of the Guardians was drawn to the provisions of the new Vaccination Act, and to the instructions issued to the registrars by the Registrar General. At the request of Mr Scott the Guardians directed the Clerk to communicate with the Public Vaccinator and point out the necessity of their regular attendance at the stations named in their contracts.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/405-414 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 January 1868. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; George Peel; George Storey; James Gilroy; John Henderson; William Cleghorn; John Brown; Charles Stewart; David Tait; Matthew Young; Thomas Black; Robert Cairns; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Marshall; James Mitchell; Richard Makins; Adam Darling; Alexander Smith (Letham); William Moor; Thomas Friar; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; John Embleton; James Hogg; Rev T Proctor [Thomas Proctor]; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]; Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Salaries to which the officers are entitled for the quarter ended at Christmas last ordered to be paid to: Edward Willoby (clerk); John Crosby (relieving officer and collector to the Guardians); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John A Wood (treasurer); Colville Brown (medical officer); Robert C Fluker (medical officer); James Wilson</p> | 13 Jan. 1868 |

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| | | <p>(medical officers); George Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Hood Mitchell] (master of Workhouse); Mary Ann Daniel (matron); William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); Robert Fair (hairdresser); Ellen Dalgleish (school monitor). Also to be paid: John Thompson (collector of rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (collector of rates, Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (collector of rates Holy Island); George Dick (collector of rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Ordered, on the recommendation of the Assessment Committee, that the Assistant Overseers of the Parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth be paid for their services in preparing new valuation lists for those parishes according to the provisions of the new Reform Act, and that these expenses be charged to the Common Fund of the Union. To be paid: John Thompson (assistant overseer, Berwick); George Turner (assistant overseer, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); George Lamb (plumber); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Dickson (slater); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Thomas Landreth (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Adam Kinross (undertaker); Hannah Wight (china merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Alexander [Yourson] (carter).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Northumberland County Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of 26 pauper lunatics, and the like of 2 others for part of the quarter); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (1/4 year's maintenance of Hannah Jamison, a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District); M J Turnbull (West Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); M J Turnbull (West Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Registration expenses: E Willoby [Edmund Willoby] (annual allowance for coal and</p> | |
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| | | <p>gas at Register Office during year ended 31 Dec. 1867).</p> <p>General account: James Wilson (fee for attending Petty session to give evidence in Emery's' case); E Willoby (justices' clerk's fees); E Willoby (postages and other payments during Christmas quarter).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: John Davidson, of Cowport Gate, suffering from urinary disease, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Johnson, of Greens, suffering from abscess of hand, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Robert Shiel, 17, of Scremerston Hill, suffering from [incorr?] phthisis "would require a liberal allowance"; Elizabeth Hume, 28, of Ancroft Steads, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Jane Pike, of Norham, suffering from fever after child-birth, prescribed beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull and James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements received from all the collectors of rates in this Union.</p> <p>Appointment of a collector of poor rates for the Parish of Berwick, and fixing of the remuneration to be paid, was entered upon. The Clerk laid before the meeting the applications and testimonials of 8 candidates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Cairns, clerk, Berwick. 2. Nichol Elliott, builder, Monkwearmouth. 3. Joshua Arcbold, forgerman, Spittal. 4. William Bogue junior, farmer, Wooler. 5. William Lisle, clerk, Lowick. 6. John Husband, schoolmaster, Berwick. 7. Robert Lambert, commission agent, Edinburgh. 8. William Nesbit, Workhouse schoolmaster, Berwick. <p>Three candidates were proposed and a vote was taken. For Mr Husband: Rev Thomas Proctor. Alexander Smith (Letham). Robert Cairns.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Rev J G Rowe. James Gilroy. Richard Makins. John Henderson. Adam Darling. William Cleghorn. Matthew Young. John Embleton. Thomas Black. John Brown, Gainslaw. William Moor. J R Nicholson. A total of 15 votes.</p> <p>For Mr Lambert: Robert Brown, Sanson Seal. John Marshall. John Brown. George Peel. Charles Stewart. Thomas Friar. A total of 6 votes.</p> <p>For Mr Nesbit: Andrew Thompson. David Tait. George Storey. James Mitchell. James Hogg. Dr Richardson [Henry Richardson]. A total of 6 votes.</p> <p>John Husband was duly appointed to the office of Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick. Mr Husband was informed of this and told to furnish the Guardians with the required security.</p> | |
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| | | | <p>Letter from Dr Wilson [George Wilson], of Lowick, Medical Officer of the Islandshire District, informing the Guardians that he was about to leave the neighbourhood and therefore had to resign from his office. The Clerk ordered to find out when Dr Wilson was leaving the neighbourhood and if he, or his deputy, would be able to perform the duties of his office until 25 March when the present engagement terminates.</p> <p>Letter received from George Dick, Collector of Poor Rates, Tweedmouth requesting an increase of salary in consequence of the great amount of extra work which he now has to perform. He has been a collector for 30 years and his salary last year was only £20 a year based on a collected sum of £2,200 making his salary only 2d in the pound upon the collection.</p> <p>Resolved that subject to the approval of the Guardians at the next meeting and of the Poor Law Board, the salary of Mr Dick be increased to the sum of £30 per annum.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a circular from the Poor Law Board upon the provisions of the new Vaccination Act, and informed the Guardians that to comply with the term of the Act they will have to enquire into the conditions of the present contracts with the public vaccinators and probably enter into new contracts. To be referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee with the addition of the following County Guardians, Messrs Thomas Black; David Tait; John Embleton; James Hogg; Thomas Friar and William Cleghorn.</p> <p>Tenders received from 3 joiners in Norham for supplying coffins for the out-door poor residents in the townships of Grindon, Norham and Norham Mains. Resolved to accept Joseph Pentland's tender to supply the same from this date until 25 March 1869 at the prices stated, including the necessary attendance and church dues.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk be authorised to take the necessary proceedings before the Justices to obtain an order to remove Thomas Handley and his 2 children, who are now inmates of the Workhouse and chargeable to this Union and removable to Ireland.</p> | |
| Item | GBR | Minutes of Berwick | Present at the meeting: | 27 Jan. 1868 |

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| | 48/415-423 | Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 January 1868. | <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; James Gilroy; Matthew Young; David Tait; William Cleghorn; Robert Cairns; John Brown, Gainslaw; John Marshall; Thomas Black; James Hogg; Adam Darling; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Landreth (farmer); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Knight & Co (copies of new act etc.).</p> <p>Out-door medical stores: W G Carr & Son (cod liver oil).</p> <p>General account: Robert Thompson (fees for searching Parish Register); William Dickson, Alnwick (Justices Clerk's fees for copy deposition in a removal case).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Northumberland Clerk of the Peace a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the County Treasurer on or before the 25 January instant the sum being the amount charged and assessed upon the parishes of this Union towards a General Police Rate. The amount ordered to be paid and charged against the several parishes in this Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Mrs Crawford, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed 1½ lbs of beef; Margaret Johnson, of Greens, suffering from abscess of hand, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Prudence Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, suffering</p> | |
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| | | <p>from sickness, prescribed necessaries; Robert Shannon, 24, of Cornhill, suffering from disease of kidney and bladder, in all probability may be permanent, nothing prescribed.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker; Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; James Wilson.</p> <p>Regarding the application from George Dick for an increase in his salary as Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth, in consequence of increased workload due to the new Reform Act, it was resolved that subject to the sanction of the Poor Law Board the salary of Mr Dick will be increased.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Wilson [George Wilson], of Lowick that he would try to fulfil his appointment until 25 March, but that a portion of that time would be dealt with by his deputy.</p> <p>The Clerk ordered to write to Dr Wilson as he has not made any return of vaccinations performed by him since the commencement of his contract in March last and that the Guardians want to know how this has occurred.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing a new order regarding the duties of the district auditors, and also a letter sanctioning the appointment and salary of John Husband, Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick.</p> <p>The Clerk read to the Guardians the half yearly return received from the Superintendent of the Northumberland County Asylum of the state of the lunatics chargeable to this Union and maintained in that asylum. The Guardians thought it desirable if some arrangements could be made by which those lunatics whose cases are chronic or harmless might be maintained and treated in the Workhouse. Resolved that it be referred to a committee consisting of the Chairman and Messrs Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; Thomas Black; David Tait; James Hogg; Adam Darling; Alexander Smith junior; James Gilroy and Dr Brown, to make enquiries into the accommodation which can be obtained in the Workhouse for such purpose.</p> <p>The special committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with the public</p> | |
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| | | <p>vaccinators of the Union about the arrangements necessary for carrying out the new Vaccination Act. They found that the five districts for vaccination and medical purposes should be kept. Time and place for vaccination and inspection was fixed: Berwick District: vaccinator Dr R C Fluker. Every Wednesday from 9 to 10 at the vaccinator's residence.</p> <p>Tweedmouth District: vaccinator Dr James Wilson. Every Wednesday from 2 to 3 at the vaccinator's residence.</p> <p>First Thursday in January, April, July and October at the Colliery Scremerston at 2 p.m. and at the Lamb's Inn, Ancroft at 3 p.m.</p> <p>Inspection at the same places and hour but one week later.</p> <p>The alterations from the present contract are the dispensing with a station at Spittal and the addition of one at Scremerston.</p> <p>East Norhamshire District: vaccinator John Paxton. Every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the vaccinator's residence, Norham.</p> <p>First Wednesday in January, April, July and October at the house of Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Hornclyffe at 2 p.m.</p> <p>First Thursday in the same months at the house of farm steward, Grindon, at 1 p.m.; at the School House, Duddo, at 2 p.m. and at the School House, Shoreswood at 3:30 p.m.. First Friday in same months at Twizel Railway station at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>For inspection, at the same places and hours but one week later.</p> <p>West Norhamshire District: vaccinator M J Turnbull. Vaccinations first Monday in January, April, July and October. All at the house of James Marshall, Cornhill at 12 non and at the house of William Mole, Donaldson's Lodge at 1 p.m.. Inspection at the same places and hours but one week later.</p> <p>The fees payable to each of the vaccinators are those named in the Statute. As the vaccinator for the Islandshire District is about to leave the neighbourhood the Committee postponed the arrangement for this district.</p> <p>The Committee recommend that the new contracts be entered into with the Public Vaccinator for the districts of Berwick, Tweedmouth and East and West Norhamshire embodying the above described arrangements.</p> <p>On the motion of Alexander Smith junior, seconded by Adam Darling, the above report was adopted. The Clerk directed to obtain and prepare the necessary forms of</p> | |
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| | | | <p>contract and get the same executed by the Public Vaccinator.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the meeting that the inhabitants of Berwick Parish , in Vestry assembled, had unanimously agreed to permit John Thompson to regain the office of Assistant Overseer of the Parish, and that the bond at present given to the Guardians by Mr Thompson covered both the offices of Assistant Overseer and Collector of Rates, the latter of which Mr Thompson had now ceased to hold, and it was therefore necessary that a new bond should be obtained from him. Resolved that the Overseers of the Parish be requested to meet and communicate with the Guardians before their next meeting and they should also state their opinion as to the amount of the security which Mr Thompson should be called upon to give.</p> | |
| Item | GBR 48/424-429 | Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 February 1868. | <p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; John Brown, Gainslaw; James Hogg; Thomas Black; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; James Mitchell; Robert Brown; David Tait; Adam Darling; Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe [John George Rowe]. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers John Crosby and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smith (butcher); Robert Rutherford (draper); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Landreth (farmer); John M Gall (carpenter); M Jobling (master mariner); B J Sinclair (wood merchant); George Douglas (farmer); James Landreth (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic account: Chrichton Royal Institution, Dumfries (1/4 year's maintenance of Ann Alexander, a pauper lunatic).</p> | 10 Feb. 1868 |

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| | | | <p>Vaccination expenses: George A Turnbull, Islandshire District (vaccination registration fees).</p> <p>Registration expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District); George A Turnbull (Islandshire District).</p> <p>General account: Captain James Barclay (removing Irish paupers); Moss Johnson (old rope); John Renwick (old rope).</p> <p>Collectors' poundage: James Paxton, Horncliffe.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Johnston, of Greens, suffering from abscess of hand, prescribed necessaries; Jane Crawford, of Chapel Street, suffering from erysipelas, prescribed bread and oatmeal etc.; Mary Thompson, of Chapel Street, suffering from rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; William Wright, 58, tallow chandler, suffering from depression and chronic rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; Pride [?Prideaux] Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, does not require any medical relief at present but may probably need necessaries; James Reid, of West End, suffering from sickness, prescribed necessaries; George Thompson, of Grindon, suffering from debility, prescribed 1 bottle of wine Jane Pike, of Norham, suffering from fever after child-birth, prescribed ale.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns received from Drs Brown; Fluker and James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were received from all the collectors of rate sin the Union.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Union sanctioning the increase in salary to George Dick, Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that John Husband, Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick, had applied to the European Assurance Society to give the security required from him. He had received a form to be filled in and certified by the Clerk on behalf of</p> | |
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| | | | <p>the Guardians. The Clerk read out the replies filled in by him under the direction of the Workhouse Committee. The Guardians approved the replies and authorised the Clerk to sign the declaration and transmit the form to the Society.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians of the arrangements made between the Overseers of the Parish of Berwick and John Thompson, their Assistant Overseer, relative to the parish monies. Resolved to call upon Mr Thompson to enter into a bond with 2 sureties for the due performance of the duties of his office.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee authorised to advertise for and obtain tenders to supply the Workhouse with 20 sacks of oatmeal.</p> | |
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