

Meeting held. Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1927.

Present: Mr R.G. Ashall (in the Chair) Second Officer Hacey, Engineers  
Quoi, Farling & Baker. Firemen H Taylor. C. Miller & Horsnell.  
H Taylor. H White Wright & H Seale & Messengers Seale &  
Baker with Mr. A.E. Kirkby & the Hon Secretary (H Morris)

Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

Resignation of Chief Officer Nockolds.

The following letter from Chief Officer Nockolds was read.

"10 Nov. 1927. I am very sorry to say that I find that owing to pressure  
of business I am compelled to ask you to accept my resignation as Chief  
Officer of the Sawbridgeworth Fire Brigade. I need hardly say that  
I deeply regret having to take this step as the work is one that appeals  
to me very strongly & having such an excellent colleague to work with  
in Second Officer Hacey it has made it all so very enjoyable. I feel  
that not having sufficient time to devote to the Brigade I shall only  
possibly let it down which of course is the last thing I wish to see  
but I may add that if I can be of assistance in any way in the  
future in helping in any function they may have in hand I shall be  
only too pleased to do whatever I am asked to do. I have for some  
years had credit for wonderful work done by your Second Officer & I  
hope you will all see your way to place him in the position which he  
well & thoroughly deserves so that he may receive the credit for his  
extraordinary knowledge & calm assurance under the most trying  
circumstances. In conclusion I should like to take this opportunity  
of thanking you & the members & other officials connected with the  
Brigade for the most kind & willing help you have all given me  
during the period I have had the honour of being allowed to occupy  
the position of Chief Officer of the Brigade"

After considerable discussion it was decided. That a Deputation  
of the Firemen wait on Chief Officer Nockolds to request him to