
DEDDINGTON.

THE FIRE BRIGADE ON STRIKE.—At the meeting of the Deddington Parish Council on Tuesday a letter was read from Mr. Thomas Smith, the secretary of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, in which he tendered his resignation, and also that of the other officers and members of the brigade. It was understood that what the brigade wanted was the grant of a certain sum of money annually, by the Council, instead of having to solicit donations and subscriptions from private individuals in the town and neighbourhood, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of purchasing accoutrements and the costs incidental upon attending drills out of the town and other outlays. —The Council were unanimously of opinion that the grant of a certain sum per year out of which would have to be paid the costs of the items mentioned above and other like payments, would be out of all fairness to the ratepayers, when it was taken into consideration that the sum to be raised would be by rate, and that the Council would be far exceeding their duties by so doing.—It was unanimously decided to accept the resignation of the brigade, and to ask them to send in their uniforms to the clerk of the Council, as it was contended that these were the property of the Council.

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