

# BIRCHINGTON NATIONAL SCHOOL

## Raising the money needed for improvements

### July 19<sup>th</sup> 1872

Vestry called for 25<sup>th</sup> July to consider raising by Voluntary Rate on owners and occupiers a sum sufficient to place the existing school in a proper state of efficiency to enable the Managers to meet the Government's requirements. Agreed (debateable) to make the present school equal to the school accommodation required by Government. To obtain funds for that purpose, a voluntary rate of 2d in the pound to be levied.

7 voted in favour and 3 only against it - therefore it was carried. The Rev. Alcock was in the chair.

### Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1872

Parishioners requested to meet in Vestry room to consider the School Question. Meeting adjourned to December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Powell Arms. Agreed that it is desirable to make the present school equal to the Government requirements, provided that the present Trustees shall share their trust with the representatives of the Parish and that for the purpose of enlarging the school, funds shall be raised by voluntary rates. Carried unanimously.

Mr T H Watson - Chairman (Vicar not present)

The 'Birchington and Acole National Schools' were founded in 1848 and opened on the feast of St Barnabas 1849

The first Master was Mr A H Ansell of St Mark's College, Chelsea. The Mistress was Mrs Ansell

The School was subject to inspections by

- 1) Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools
- 2) Diocesan Inspectors of Schools

A Stipulation was entered into with the Trustees of the Crispe Charity Fund, at the suggestion of the Attorney-General's Council that the children of Dissenters from the C of E shall be made to learn the Church Catechism or be instructed in any distinctive principles of the C of E or to attend the school or the Parish Church on Sundays, except where the parents state in writing that they are dissenters and that they object on conscientious grounds to any such teaching.

Signed by :

*Richard P Whish, Vicar of Monkton*  
*Henry F Whish (son) Curate of Birchington*