

Decr. 6th 1917

250

A Meeting of Farmers of the Parish of Shelbridge was held at Mill Barn on the above date to discuss the question of Food production in the Parish for the coming year (1918)

Present Mr E Cole in the Chair also Messrs R Hooper, J R Hayes, J Hayes, J T Leach, P J Shapland, S Sugley, C Tucker, W Hunt, H Blackford, E H Fisher, J Crang, H Selley, E J Arcott, A Davey, C Partridge, J F Meecham, H Partridge, and the Assistant Overseer (W Tolley)

After some discussion it was decided to divide the Farms into two classes 1st Farms at least three fourths of which are arable which are to be requested to till at least two thirds of their arable Land to corn in the coming year (1918) secondly those Farms with less than three fourths arable, these to be requested to till at least one third of their total acreage to corn in the coming year (1918) and more wherever possible without unduly shrinking their supply of milk which is considered to be almost if not quite as essential as corn production. Most of the Farmers present expressed their willingness till the full quota allotted to their respective Farms and a few had already taken steps to till considerably more than the quota allotted to them. A Committee consisting of Messrs E Cole, H Blackford, J T Leach, H Selley, C Tucker and J Crang were appointed to deal