

## Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1901 at 7.30 P.M.

Present Mr James Marsh Chairman and the following Councillors Messrs H Ball, C Harris, J Hamblin, R Harding, W Roskams, W Perry and W Tucker. The Minutes of the last Council Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Allotment at Kingcott Mill lately occupied by W Tucker be let to James H Hinder on condition that he pays the Council 5/= towards the expense incurred by them in cleaning and digging manure into this allotment, proposed by Mr Perry seconded by Mr R Harding and carried.

The Allotment at Birdwell lately occupied by Samuel Prangell be let to Charles Poole proposed by Mr Harris seconded by W Ball and carried.

The allotment lately occupied by J R March be let to Henry Bridle proposed by Mr Perry seconded by Mr Harding carried.

Mr Perry proposed that the Allotment Committee be instructed to ascertain whether any Allotments have been sub let by the present allotment holders and if so to cancel the agreement with them and let them to suitable tenants, seconded by Mr Hamblin and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the several tenants who are in arrears of their rents and informed them if not paid by the 1st February the allotment will be taken from them and they be sued for all rents due in the County Court, proposed by Mr Hamblin seconded by Mr Harding and carried unanimously.

A precept was issued on the overseers for thirty pounds for expenses of the Parish Council on the proposition of Mr Perry seconded by Mr Harding and carried unanimously.

The custody of Parish documents was considered it was proposed by Mr Roskams seconded by Mr Tucker and carried unanimously that the Clerk should write and ask Mr Dyke if he would allow the documents to remain in the safe at Ashton Lodge as long as the Chairman of the

present council remain in office. The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council again with reference to Warren Lane accounts to the amount of £27-11-8 was passed by the Council and ordered to be paid.

James Marsh

## Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1901. Present Mr James Marsh Chairman and the following Councillors Messrs H Ball, W M Court, C Harris, J Hamblin, W Roskams, W Perry and W Tucker.

The minutes of the last Council meeting were read and confirmed.

The allotment at Kingcott Mill let to **Samuel** Jones the Clerk was instructed to see him on the matter.

The allotment which was let at the last meeting to Henry Bridle late in the occupation of J R March the Clerk reported that March wished to keep it on and it was resolved that he should do so.

The Clerk reported that Tom Watts, Robert Hynman, Walter Chard had not paid their rents and he carried out the Councils instructions by suing them in the County Court.

The allotment at Bower Ashton now in the occupation of Tom Watts be let to Frederick Thomas proposed by Mr Hamblin seconded by Mr Harris and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the several allotment holders who had sublet their allotments and caution them that if it continues the allotments would be taken from them.

The allotments now occupied by Jno Ayres, Charles Vowles and Charles Beames be taken from them and the matter be left to Mr Tucker and the Clerk to find suitable tenants.

Mr Roskams proposed and Mr Court seconded that a Memorial be sent to the Tramway Company with reference to the bus service in Long Ashton this was carried Mr Perry did not vote.

Mr Roskams proposed seconded by Mr Perry and carried unanimously that Mr Napier be asked to arrange a date with Mr Cottrell to attend a special meeting of the Council to produce the plans of the new Drainage Scheme for the Parish.

James Marsh

## Long Ashton Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1091. Present Mr James Marsh Chairman and the following Councillors Messrs. H Ball, C Harris, J Hamblin, Dr Fuller and Mr W Roskams.

The District Councillors for the Parish were also present also a deputation from Leigh Woods.

Mr Cotterell, Engineer of Bristol attended the meeting and produced the plans and report of the new Drainage Scheme for the Parish which was most fully explained and on the motion of Mr Roskams seconded by Mr Harris that the Council approve of the Scheme now laid before them on condition that the whole Parish be included carried unanimously.

Mr Marsh proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Cottrell for his attendance and explaining the matter most fully seconded by Dr Fuller and carried unanimously.

Mr Napier produced a plan of footpath leading through Wycke which on the motion of W Marsh seconded by Mr Roskams and asked the consent of the Parish Council to consent to its direction, this was approved by the Council.

Thomas Dyke – Chairman

## Long Ashton Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting for Election of Parish Councillors and other business was held at the Parochial Schools on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1901.

On the motion of Mr Dyke seconded by Mr Roskams, Mr Swann was unanimously elected Chairman.

Mr Swann too the chair at 7.36 and asked that nomination papers should be handed in.

Mr Roskams handed in nomination papers from No 1 to 7 inclusive and Mr Marsh also handed in Paper from 8 to 11 inclusive.

At 7.56 the Chairman stated that the time had passed for nomination papers to be handed in and he then read out the names of the candidates and declared them all duly elected, viz.

W M Court, Thomas Dyke, Joseph Fuller, Ishmael Hamblin, Richmond Harding, Charles Harris, William P Kingston, James Marsh, William Perry, William Roskams and William Tucker.

Mr Dyke the Chairman of the Parish Council read the report of the Parish Council meetings for the past year and he moved the adoption of same which was seconded by Mr Marsh and carried unanimously.

Mr Ham read the accounts of the Parochial Charities for the past year which were on the motion of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Hamblin adopted.

A long discussion took place in respect to fire appliances for the Parish and the following resolution was proposed by Mr Roskams seconded by Mr Ham and carried unanimously that the Parish Council do forthwith take all necessary steps for providing all requisite and adequate fire appliances for the general benefit of the Parish.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Roskams seconded by Mr Ham that the Parish Council be requested to take into consideration the question of watering the main roads in the parish suggesting the highway from Clifton Bridge down Rownham Hill to the main road at Ashton Vale Colliery and then along the main road so say 100 yards

beyond the 4<sup>th</sup> milestone, carried. Mr Pearce proposed that the following resolution should be sent to the County Council that the Parish Council of Long Ashton greatly regret that the District Council have withdrawn the grant towards the watering of the main road in Long Ashton and desire to submit to the County Council the great inconvenience and annoyance caused to the residents in Long Ashton through the summer by the great amount of dust on the main road in the Parish and urgently request that the grant for watering such main road in Long Ashton may be renewed, this was seconded by Mr Ham and carried.

Mr J Harding proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to the Members of the Parish Council for their services during the past year, seconded by Mr Pearce and carried unanimously.

Mr Dyke proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Swann for presiding seconded by Mr Harding and carried unanimously.

Thomas Dyke – Chairman

## Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Parochial Schools on April 15<sup>th</sup> 1901.

The following Councillors were present Messrs T Dyke, W Perry, J Hamblin, James Marsh, W Roskams, D Harris, W P Kingston, W Tucker, W M Court, J Fuller.

The members present signed the declaration accepting the office of Parish Councillors.

It was proposed by Dr Fuller, seconded by Mr J Marsh that Mr T Dyke be appointed Chairman of the Council, this was carried unanimously.

It was proposed By Mr Dyke, seconded by W Perry that Mr James Marsh be appointed Vice Chairman, this was also carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Perry seconded by C Harris that Mr W Roskams and Mr James Marsh be appointed overseers.

This was carried unanimously Mr Roskams and Mr Marsh were thanked for their just services. It was proposed by Mr Dyke seconded by Mr Perry that Mr W W Ham be reappointed Treasurer. Carried unanimously.

A vote of condolence was passed to Mr H Ham at the death of his son and directions given to have a letter to that effect sent to him Mr Dyke undertook to forward the announcement.

Fire appliances, A Committee comprising the following members were appointed. Mr Roskams, Mr Marsh, Dr Fuller, Mr Perry, W Kingston. These were to meet Mr Swann, Mr Napier and two other gentlemen from Leigh Woods to discuss the matter.

## Road Watering of Long Ashton

Mr Roskams who had written to the local government Board and obtained all information from them in the matter stated that the rural district council had been empowered by the local government to carry this but as an urban authority he moved a resolution that the District Council be asked to take the matter in hand at once and asked them to

appoint the Long Ashton Parish Council a water committee to make the necessary arrangements to carry this only Mr Kingston was asked to present the suggestion to the District Council and support the same.

Thomas Dyke – Chairman

Long Ashton Parish Council

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1901 A Special Meeting of the parish Council was held at the Parochial Schools this evening when there were present the following councillors Mr T Dyke Chairman, and Messrs. James Marsh, J Hamblin, W Roskams, W Tucker, J Fuller, M Court, C Harris, R Harding W P Kingstone.

Mr R Harding signed the Declaration accepting office as Parish Councillor. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The appointment of Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council was next considered. Applications were received from Messrs. W H Shystone, W J Woods, R Marsh, J S Latham, J F Anglin and H Guyatt.

Mr W P Kingstone proposed that the Council proceed with a view to electing a Clerk and Collector from one of those applicants present.

Mr W Tucker seconded this and it was agreed to.

The Council then interviewed the candidates and after some discussion a ballot was taken with the result that M C Guyatt was unanimously elected.

Mr W Roskams proposed that Mr Guyatt be appointed Clerk to the Parish Council, Assistant Overseer and collector of the rates on condition that he obtain a guarantee of Five Hundred Pounds.

This was seconded by Mr W P Kingston and carried unanimously.

Mr J Marsh proposed that the salary for the two offices be seventy pounds per annum as before.

This was seconded by Mr W P Kingston and carried unanimously.

A report from the Committee appointed to meet Mr Napier, Mr Swann and two other gentlemen from Leigh Woods was presented and Mr



Roskams moved that the Clerk to the Council be directed to write to the Local Government Board and ascertain what the borrowing powers of the Parish Council were in reference to the proposed Fire Appliances.

This was seconded by Mr W P Kingston and carried unanimously.

Thomas Dyke – Chairman

Minutes of Meeting of Long Ashton Parish Council held in the Long Ashton Parochial Schools on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1901.

Mr T Dyke took the chair and there were also present Messrs W M Court, J Fuller, J Hamblin, R Harding, C Harris, W Perry, W Roskams and W Tucker.

Messrs S Harding and J Pearce District Councillors attended the meeting by invitation to discuss the subject of watering the main roads.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and were signed by the Chairman.

Upon being questioned, the Clerk produced evidence that he had been elected a member of the Poor Law and Local Government Officers Mutual Guarantee Association Ltd.

The Clerk was directed to give notice to the Clerk of the Trustees of the Parochial Charities stating that Dr J Fuller and Mr James Marsh had been reappointed two trustees on the Councils sub-committee as to Charities.

The business for which the meeting was called, viz "Watering Main Roads" was then proceeded with Mr Roskams introducing the subject and reading letters from the Local Government Board. The Minutes of the Parish Meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup> 1901 so far as they bore upon the subject were read and also a letter from Mr E J Swann affirming that in his opinion the resolution passed at the Parish Meeting referred to had been correctly reported in the Minutes of the said Parish Meeting.

The following resolution was also passed:

It was proposed by Mr Roskams and seconded by W Perry "that the members of the Parish Council attending this meeting and who were present at the last Parish Meeting consider the two resolutions bearing upon the water of the roads are correct" carried unanimously.

Mr Pearce and Mr Harding stated their views upon the subject of watering the roads and a discussion followed as to the advisability of taking immediate steps to carry the matter into effect.

It was then proposed by Mr Roskams and seconded by Mr Court “that the Parish Council having met and discussed with the District Councillors the question of watering the roads, request the District Council to take immediate steps to carry out the worked as suggested in the petition presented to them at their last meeting. Mr Roskams then further proposed and Mr R Harding seconded that a copy of the resolution re watering the roads passed at the meeting of the Parish Council on June 7<sup>th</sup> be handed to Mr Kingston and failing Mr Kingston, Mr Harding or Mr J Pearce with a copy of the portion of the minutes passed at the Parish Meeting bearing upon the said question and including Mr Swann’s reply and that he be requested to again laws the subject before the Long Ashton District Council at their meeting on Tuesday next June 4<sup>th</sup>. These resolutions were both unanimously agreed to.

The Clerk read a copy of his letter to the Local Government Board relating to the Fire Appliances and also the Assistant Secretary’s reply. The Clerk was instructed to give Mr E J Swann the full correspondence relating to the Fire Appliances and also a copy of the Minutes referring to the same.

James Marsh

Minutes of a Meeting of Long Ashton Parish Council held in the Parochial Schools June 13<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Mr James Marsh took the Chair and there were present also Messrs. Fuller, J Hamblin, R Harding, W P Kingstone, J Marsh, W Perry, W Roskams and W Tucker.

Messrs S Harding and J Pearce were present from the Rural District Council.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bristol

A letter from the District Authorities was read asking for the Authorities was read asking for the Authority of the Council for permission to erect a pillar box at Leigh Woods. The Council agreed to the request put forth in the letter referred to.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Rural District Council informing the Parish Council that they (the Parish Council) had been appointed with the addition of Messrs Stephen Harding and J H Pearce a Parochial Committee for the purpose of street watering and that they would be allowed to spend a sum not exceeding £100.

It was proposed by Mr W Roskams and seconded by Mr W Perry "that this meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council be adjourned that the members with the addition of District Councillors J Pearce & J Harding constitute themselves a Parochial Committee for the purpose of carrying out the scheme for watering the roads in accordance with the authority granted them by the Long Ashton Rural District Council on June 4<sup>th</sup> 1901". This was carried unanimously.

The Council at once resolved themselves into the said Parochial Committee who after a lengthy discussion appointed a sub-committee to carry out the work.

It was subsequently proposed by Mr Kingston and seconded by Mr Roskams that the Parish Council of Long Ashton having obtained powers under the Rural District Authorities to water the streets of the village beginning the Somerset County to renew the grant originally made to them for this purpose and in doing so the Parish Council would point out that their expenditure is limited to £100, an amount insufficient

to meet the expenses incurred. It is hoped that this request will meet with a substantial response as the County Authorities are doubtless well aware of the immense advantage watering is to the roads. Carried unanimously.

James Marsh

## Long Ashton Parish Council

The adjourned meeting of the above council was held at the Parochial School on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1901.

The Vice Chairman Mr James Marsh took the Chair and there were present Messrs J Fuller, J Hamblin, C Harris, R Harding, W Roskams, W Tucker, Mr E Swann, Mr Davey from Leigh Woods and Mr H B Napier attended the meeting in order to address the council after the proposed Fire Appliances.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

The Clerk was asked to read the correspondence with the Local Government Board respecting Fire Appliances and the following resolution was proposed by Mr W Roskams seconded by Mr C Harris and carried unanimously.

That the deputation from the Leigh Woods portion of the Parish be invited to address the Council on fire appliances.

The deputation having expressed their views, it was unanimously resolved upon the motion of Mr Roskams seconded by Mr Hamblin that the Long Ashton Rural District Council be requested forthwith to take the necessary steps under the powers now vested in them under the Local Government Order of 19<sup>th</sup> March 1888 for raising a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds for the purpose of purchasing and supplying adequate fire appliances for the Parish of Long Ashton and an annual sum not exceeding £15 (fifteen pounds) for payments in respect of the repairs and otherwise in connection with such fire appliances and that the Parish Council with power to add to their number be appointed a Committee to carry out the work.

Mr Roskams proposed and Mr D Harris seconded "that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the District Councillors of the Parish with a request that they will kindly give it their support". This was carried unanimously. Mr E J Swann thanked the Council and the deputation withdrew.

The question of allotments' arrears was next dealt with and the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:

“That a solicitor (Mr Wansbrough) be instructed to endeavour to ascertain the approximate amount due to the Parish Council from the estate of the late Mr Frank Watts and to ascertain what effects of the said estate had been sold before valuation for probate had been made and what effects had been sold since”.

It was proposed by Mr Roskams and seconded by Mr Tucker “that the Finance Committee with the Clerk be instructed to interview the solicitor and give him the necessary information in connection with the indebtedness of the late Clerk to the Council” This was carried unanimously.

James Marsh

Long Ashton Parish Council

A Statutory Meeting of the above council was held in the Parochial Schools on Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Mr James Marsh took the chair and there were also present Messrs W M Court, J Fuller, C Harris & W P Kingston.

There being no very pressing business a general discussion took place respecting watering streets and also about allotment arrears.

The Clerk was advised to make application for Allotment Arrears and to state to defaulters that they would receive notice to quit unless arrears were paid.

The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk to the County Council enquiring what grant it was the desire of the parish Council to have renewed in respect of street watering and the Clerk was instructed to reply giving the necessary information (see letter book page 5).

Thomas Dyke – Chairman



## Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1901. Mr T Dyke took the chair and there were also present Messrs. J Fuller, J Hamblin, R Harding, C Harris, W P Kingston, W Perry, W Roskams and W Tucker.

It was proposed by Mr W Perry and seconded by Mr W Roskams that Messrs Wansbrough, Dickinson, Robinson and Taylers's bill of costs amounting to £8-2-2 in connection with the arrears of the late Clerk be passed, this was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr W Perry and seconded by Mr W P Kingston that the thanks of the Council be given to the Finance Committee for the able and successful manner in which they dealt with the arrears of the late Clerk. (carried unanimously).

On the motion of Mr W Perry seconded by Dr J Fuller it was agreed that the Clerk apply to the County Court for the five shillings for which judgement was obtained against J Watts and if it has not been paid he be instructed to apply for a judgment summons forthwith and that at the same time the clerk apply for a summons for the five shillings due March 25<sup>th</sup> 1901.

It was also agreed that the following should be warned by the Clerk that legal proceedings would be taken against them unless their arrears for allotments rents were paid by Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> 1901 and that in the case of the said proceedings having to be taken they would receive notice to quit their allotments:-

Job Mitchell, James Pope, Wm Wilkins, E J Thomas, A E Tucker, S Pope, J Cannard. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr James Marsh, seconded by Mr W Perry that a similar warning be given to all who owed allotment rent for the half year ending September 29<sup>th</sup> 1901 and due June 24<sup>th</sup> 1901.

It was unanimously agreed that the following changes with regard to the occupancy of allotments should be sanctioned by the Council:-

A Barnett – to follow – Joel Fisher

Abraham Jenkins - to follow – James Carpenter

Sidney Morgan - to follow – C Hynam Junior

Sidney Mitchell - to follow – Nathan Young

On the motion of Dr Fuller seconded by Mr W P Kingston it was unanimously agreed that Sarah Hazell's allotment be taken away.

It was proposed by Mr W Roskams and seconded by Mr W P Kingston that the Clerk apply to the Rural District Council of Long Ashton to request them to add to the Parochial Committee appointed to deal with Fire Appliances for the Parish of Long Ashton the names of the following gentlemen:-

Mr H B Napier, Mr E J Swann and Mr J Davey (carried unanimously).

The Chairman then proposed and the Vice Chairman seconded the following resolution which was unanimously agreed to "that the Members of the Long Ashton Parish Council desire to express to your Ladyship (Lady Smyth) their heartfelt sympathy in the great loss you have sustained through the death of Sir Greville Smyth. They will never cease to remember that Sir Greville was always a ready friend in assisting the Council to promote those objects that it has been their duty to carry out".

The Chairman kindly agrees to present a copy of this resolution to Lady Smyth.

Mr W Roskams proposed and Mr R Harding seconded that a deputation consist of Dr Fuller and Mr W P Kingstone do represent the Council at the funeral of Sir Greville Smyth (carried unanimously).

The Clerk having applied for an increase of salary owing to the especially heavy work entailed by the making and collecting of the supplemental Rate, the following resolution was unanimously pass upon the motion of Mr W Perry, seconded by Mr W Roskams "that the salary of the Assistant Overseer, Collector and Clerk to the Parish Council be increased to eighty pounds for the current year ending Marsh 25<sup>th</sup> 1902.

James Marsh