

Long Ashton Parish Council

A Meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Thursday January 2nd 1902.

There were present Mr James Marsh (Vice Chairman) who occupied the Chair and Messrs. W M Court, J Fuller, W P Kingston, J Hamblin, C Harris, W Perry and W Tucker. At 8 p.m. Messrs H B Napier, S Harding and J Pearce attended by invitation to discuss with the Council the Drainage Scheme.

Mr Thomas Dyke and Mr W J Roskams having written to the Council resigning their posts as Chairman of the Parish Council and Members of the Parish Council and Overseer respectively, the Council received with great regret the resignation of these gentlemen which were accepted and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter to each of them expressing the feelings of the Council and tendering to them its warmest thanks for their past services.

The Clerk wrote as follows:

To Thomas Dyke Esq

“Dear Sir I am instructed by my Council to thank you for your most courteous letter of the 1st instant which I laid before them at their meeting last evening and to express to you their deep regret that you have decided to re-sign your membership and the Chair which you have so ably filled and with so much satisfaction and pleasure to the Council since it was first called into existence.

In heartily thanking you for past services they wish you every happiness in your retirement and warmly reciprocate your good wishes for the new year.

Yours obediently H C Guyatt – Clerk”

To W J Roskams Esq

“Dear Sir – I am instructed by my Council to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th ult and to express their great regret that you feel compelled to resign your membership through having left the Parish.

They highly appreciate the great attention you have paid to your duties the interest you have shown, and valuable assistance you have rendered in parochial matters generally during your residence in the Parish.

The Council were pleased to hear from your colleague Mr Marsh that you will continue to fill the office of Overseer till the end of the current year, (25th March).

Yours obediently – H C Guyatt – Clerk”

A letter was read from Mr Napier stating that he was requested by Lady Smyth to convey to the Council her sincere thanks for the resolution passed by them expressing their sympathy with her in the great loss she had sustained through the death of Sir Greville Smyth. A letter was read from the Clerk to the Rural District Council stating that that Council had appointed Messrs H B Napier, E J Swann and J Dooly members of the Parochial Committee appointed to deal with Fire Appliances for the Parish of Long Ashton.

The Clerk read a Report stating that the following allotment Holders in arrear to March 25th 1901 had paid:

Job Mitchell, James Pope, Wm Wilkins, A E Tucker, S Pope and J Cannard.

A statement from E J Thomas that he had been incorrectly charged was accepted.

Tom Watts had paid the sum he was sued for in the County Court but wrote a letter explaining that he had paid the half year's rent to March 25th 1901 which statement was accepted.

Of allotment holders in arrear for the half year ending September 29th 1901 all had paid except Joseph Cannard and R Hynam.

The Clerk stated that W Griffin of Flax Bourton and Herbert Ball had informed him that they intended to give up their allotments.

The Applicants for allotments were Moses Brock, George Kingston and W Ayres.

It was proposed by Mr Tucker and seconded by Mr Harris that Moses Brock should take Mrs Hazell's allotment at once but that his rent should not commence till March 25th 1902 the allotment being in a neglected state.

On the motion of Mr Kingston, seconded by Mr Court it was agreed that George Kingston should take Herbert Ball's allotment.

On the motion of Mr Court, seconded by Dr Fuller it was unanimously agreed that Mr W Tucker should provide two locks for the Archgrove allotments field the use of the same locks to be confined to allotment holders only.

The Clerk was directed to write to Eli Gamlin, Coal Haulier, Nailsea warning him that he must desist from taking his car over the road passing through the Archgrove Allotments.

A discussion on the Drainage Scheme having taken place, it was proposed by Dr Fuller and seconded by Mr Kingston that the District Councillors of the Parish of Long Ashton be requested to ask the District Council (1) to appoint

the Parish Council and District Council for the Parish a Parochial Committee be given powers to expend on the Outfalls a sum not exceeding twenty five for one year carried unanimously.

The Clerk was directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Clerk to the District Council and another to Mr S Harding.

Dr Fuller proposed and Mr Court seconded that Meeting of the Parish Council be held on January 30th 1902 at 7.30 p.m. This was carried without dissent.

The Vice Chairman undertook to call a meeting of the Parochial Committee to deal with Fire Appliances to be held the same evening at 8 p.m. A letter from the Bristol Waterworks Company relating to Parish Council Allotments was presented by the Clerk but no action was taken in the matter.

James Marsh

Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Thursday January 30th 1902.

The Vice President Mr J Marsh in the Chair. There were also present Messrs W M Court, J Fuller, J Hamblin, S Harding, C Harris, W P Kingston, W Perry and W Tucker.

Dr Fuller proposed and Mr Court seconded that Mr H B Napier fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr J Dyke from his membership of the Parish Council. Mr Perry proposed and Mr Kingston seconded that Mr Thomas Ruding Davey fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr Roskams from his membership of the Parish Council. These propositions were unanimously carried. The two gentlemen elected having signed the Declarations and taken their seals on the Council.

Dr Fuller proposed and Mr Perry seconded that Mr H B Napier accept the Chairmanship of the parish Council that post having been resigned by Mr T Dyke at a previous meeting. Mr Napier having thanked the Council for electing him took the Chair.

It was decided to let James Hinder Junior take the allotment at Archgrove recently occupied by James Short.

The Clerk was directed to procure a Notice Board for Kingcote Allotments Ground giving notice of vacant allotments.

Long Ashton Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Parochial Schools on Wednesday March 26th at 8 p.m. Mr H B Napier presided over a fair attendance.

The Clerk read the Report of the transactions of the Council following the past year.

The Report was adopted in the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr W Perry.

Mr H H Ham presented the accounts of the Parochial Charities showing a balance in hand £148.12.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Accounts Mr Pearce seconded the resolution was unanimously carried.

The Chairman referred to the losses sustained by the resignations of Mr T Dyke and Mr W Roskams.

The following is a copy of the Council's Report:-

“During the year the Council has held nine meetings which have been well attended by its members and has dealt very fully and effectively with several matters affecting the interest and welfare of the Parish, the Chief of these having reference to Road-watering, Fire Appliances and Allotments.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council it was announced that the Rural District Council had been empowered by the Local Government Board to carry out the work of road watering as an Urban Authority. The Rural District Council was approached upon the subject and appointed the Parish Council with the addition of the District Councillors of the Parish Parochial Committee to deal with Road watering. The Parochial Committee having made all necessary arrangements and received the generous support of private subscribers in the purchase of a water cart which they tendered as a loan to the Council had the satisfaction of seeing the roads properly watered much to the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the Parish.

With regard to Fire Appliances – after correspondence with the Local Government Board and discussions with deputations from Leigh Woods, the Council with the addition of the District Councillors of the Parish was appointed by the Rural District Council a Parochial Committee to deal with the matter. It is hoped that in a comparatively short time a complete set of Fire Appliances will have been provided at an estimated cost of £150.

An enquiry has been held by the Local Government Board into the proposed drainage scheme for the Parish and the Parish Council and District Councillors together with the assistance of Mr Swann of Leigh Woods take

credit for having so satisfactorily opposed the Scheme that the Boards' Inspector has reported against it.

The Council has sustained regretted losses by the resignations of Mr T Dyke the respected Chairman of the Parish Council from the time of its formation and Mr W J Roskams one of its most useful members”

W H Napier

Long Ashton Parish Council

The Annual Statutory Meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Thursday April 17th 1902. The Chairman (W H B Napier) presided and there were present Messrs W M Court, J Fuller, J Hamblin, C Harris, W P Kingston, J Marsh and W Tucker.

The Clerk report that James Hinder had taken the allotment recently occupier by James Short and that Edwin Atherton had taken that vacated by William Griffin and Edwin Reynolds that given up by Edwin Atherton. It was agreed that H Hall should take the allotment at Kincote recently let to Wm Seagre the latter being desirous to give it up (Plot 4 No 4).

The Clerk was instructed to write Edwin Reynolds stating that the Council would require him to give up his allotment at the end of the year in case of any request from a parishioner for an allotment at Kincote.

Mr Tucker reported on the bad state of the boundary wall at the Archgrove Allotments, Mr Napier undertook to carry out the obligation with regard to the wall undertaken by Mr Dyke.

Mrs Willey having applied for leave to give up her allotment it was agreed that she should do so if she could find a tenant.

The Council proceeded to elect Overseers.

On the motion of Dr Fuller seconded by Mr Court, Mr Joseph Avery of the Evergreens Leigh Woods was unanimously appointed.

Mr James Marsh having stated that he resigned his position of Overseer the Chairman moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to that gentleman for his services.

On the motion of Mr Kingston, seconded by Mr Harris it was unanimously resolved to appoint Mr Ishmael Hamblin Overseer.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the new Overseers that they had been appointed and also to write to the magistrates' Clerk giving the names of the Overseers appointed. The retiring Overseers presented their accounts for the year ending March 25 (the first half having been audited by the District Auditor) showing a balance in the hands of the Overseers £122-1-6.

The Clerk presented the Accounts of the Parish Council for the past year showing a balance in hand of £54-4-9 3/4 .

The Clerk was instructed to notify to allotment holders in arrear that County Court Summonses would be taken out unless the arrears were promptly paid.

A correspondence with the clerk was presented from the Charity Commissioners with reference to two representative trustees to be appointed by the Parish Council to serve on the Long Ashton Charities Committee and the Clerk was instructed to carefully act on the requisitions of the Charity Commissioners.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Clerk to the Rural District Council stating that the trimming of the hedge of Providence Lane Allotments shall be attended to. Mr Marsh brought forward the question of the bad state of the footpath and road at Coalpit Batch and the Chairman was asked to write to the District Council calling their attention to the matter.

The Chairman was requested to write to the Ashton Vale Iron Company asking them to lower the wall on their property at Coalpit Batch.

It was proposed by Dr Fuller and seconded by Mr Court and carried unanimously that in future the meetings of the Council be held on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays.

Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday July 1st 1902.

There were present Mr H B Napier in the Chair, and Messrs J R Davey, J Fuller, W P Kingston and W Perry.

The Clerk reported that C Reed had left the Parish and the Clerk was instructed upon the unanimous resolution of the Council to deal with him in regard to his allotment as provided for under the Parish Councils Act.

The Clerk reported that two of the four allotment holders in arrear had paid and that he had applied to the others. He was instructed to act on the minute of the last meeting. Mr Perry proposed and Dr Fuller seconded that Mr Hugo Cunliffe Owen be appointed Treasurer to the Long Ashton Parish Council in the place of the late Mr H H Ham and that he enter into the usual bond. Carried unanimously.

A letter from H Ryman was considered respecting the repairs of the fountain and on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr W Perry a sub committee consisting of Messrs Napier, Perry and Kingston were appointed to view the fountain and carry out any necessary repairs.

It was resolved in the motion of Mr Kingston seconded by Dr Fuller that Mr Napier have the Providence Pump put in order whenever out of repair, the expense to be met by the Parish Council.

It was resolved that the allotment standing in the name of W Hinds be transferred to his son John Hinds and that W Mitchell could give notice in the usual way in September to vacate his allotment in the following March.

The explanations given in the letter of Mr George Matthews respecting the allotment standing in the name of Richard Harford (not deceased) were considered satisfactory and the Council resolved to allow him (G Matthews) to hold the allotment unless it was required by a parishioner.

James Marsh

Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday October 21st 1902.

There were present Mr H B Napier in the Chair, Mr James Marsh Vice Chairman and Messrs W M Court, J Hamblin, R Harding, C Harris, W P Kingston, W Perry and W Tucker.

The minutes were read and confirmed. The Clerk reported that he had given notice to C Reed to quit his allotment on March 25th next.

The Clerk submitted the report of the Allotments' Committee. This was amended with respect to Mrs Carey's allotment which was now let by the Council to Charles Edwards.

On the proposition of Mr J Marsh seconded by Mr R Harding the Report as amended was adopted. The following changes were made as to allotments:

Thomas Ambrose to take Fred K Hills

George Lovell to take Wm Mitchells

Arthur Grimsted to take Job Balls

J D Tiley to take 20 poles of C Reeds

These changes to be made March 25th 1903 Fred Thomas having moved to Birdwell was allowed to take Job Mitchell's allotment and Job Mitchell was allowed to take F Thomas's subject to the condition that as Mitchell has a large garden at Bower Ashton he will be given notice in accordance with the rules of the Council should the allotment he required. Carried unanimously.

Mr W Tucker moved and W Perry seconded that Mrs Carey having left the parish the Parish Council take over the letting of the allotment, and authorise Charles Edwards to take it at once.

On the proposition of Mr Marsh seconded by W Harris it was unanimously agreed that the Council give the Committee appointed to inspect the Fountains power to carry out the work of protecting and flushing the fountain in the manner suggested by Mr Stones' plan the expense not to exceed ten pounds.

It was proposed by Mr Kingston and seconded by Mr Perry that H C Guyatt be appointed Treasurer to the Parish Council provided there be nothing contrary to such appointment in the Act of Parliament. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to write to H Ball calling attention to the bad state of his allotment and requiring him to properly cultivate it or to give it up.

Accounts amounting to £53-18-5 were passed by the Finance Committee.

James Marsh