

Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Ashton Court Estate Offices (by kind permission of Mr H B Napier) on Tuesday January 6th 1903.

There were present Mr James Marsh (Vice Chairman) in the chair and Messrs W M Court, R Harding, J Hamblin, C Harris, W P Kingston, W Perry and W Tucker.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr C Harris and seconded by Mr J Hamblin that Messrs H B Napier, W P Kingston and W Perry be appointed to join three members of the District Council in the inspection of sewage disposal scheme for Long Ashton carried unanimously.

The following letter from Mr J Hamblin on behalf of the Ashton Vale Iron Company Ltd., addresses to the Clerk was considered by the Council, Mr Hamblin submitting an explanatory plan :-

Ashton Vale Iron Co Ltd – December 27 1902.

“Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that I intend asking the Parish Council at their next meeting to consent to the Company diverting a footpath (temporary) adjoining the Ashton Vale Brickworks. Kindly place same on the Agenda and oblige. Yours faithfully J Hamblin Sec”

Mr W Perry then proposed and Mr R Harding seconded “That the footpath at the Ashton Vale Iron Works as shown on plan submitted by Mr Hamblin be diverted from A B C to A E F for a period not exceeding two years from this date, the Ashton Vale Iron Company taking all responsibility that may arise through the temporary diversion, and to make good the present path to the satisfaction of the Parish Council when called upon to do so, subject to the above time limit.

This was unanimously agreed to and the Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to W Hamblin to be submitted to the Ashton Vale Iron Company for their approval.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chairman of the County Council and to the Chairman of the Long Ashton Rural District Council complaining of the dangerous condition of the road and footpath at Coalpit Batch Ashton Vale several accidents having been lately reported to members of the Parish Council.

On the motion of Mr W P Kingston seconded by Mr W Perry the Clerk was instructed to write to the Rural District Council to ascertain if they had approved the plan for protection of the Drinking Fountain suggested to them by the Parish Council Mr W Perry proposed and Mr C Harris seconded that nothing appeared in the Act in the opinion of the Council that would prevent the appointment of the Clerk H C Guyatt as the Treasurer to the Council the conditional appointment made at the last meeting be confirmed subject to his obtaining security for the sum of £300 (three hundred pounds) to the approval of the Council.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Charles Edwards giving him permission to take possession of Mrs Carey's allotment at once.

Mr James Marsh kindly undertook to see Mr Ball about the condition of his allotment. The Clerk was instructed to take proceedings against allotment holders in arrears on September 29th 1902 if they had not paid before February 1st 1903.

Accounts amounting to £47-4-11 were passed by the Finance Committee.

Richmond Harding

Long Ashton Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held in the Parochial Schools on Thursday March 26th at 8 p.m.

Mr H B Napier presided over a fair attendance.

The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read and signed.

The Clerk read the Report of the Councils doings for the past year.

The Chairman having asked if any parishioners wished to make any remark, attention was called to the damage done by rabbits at the Archgrove allotments and Mr Napier at once, kindly undertook to have wire netting affixed to the fence.

Mr A G Thomas presented the Report of the Parochial Charities showing a balance in hand of £163-13-3.

On the motion of Mr J Hamblin seconded by Mr W Perry a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr Poultney having enquired if the Trustees of the Parochial Charity were again going to use the Old Almshouses as such the Chairman replied that the Trustees thought the Almshouse was no longer required and as it was not in a fit state for occupation they had applied for permission to sell it. Failing this a sum of £60 or so would be spent in putting the house in a condition fit for letting.

Mr Poultney further enquiring what gain, if any had been derived by the sale of the property belonging to the Moryce's Charity the Clerk to the Trustees replied that the former income from the property amounted to about £70. The proceeds of the sale had been invested (£1870) Bristol Corporation 3 ½ % stock and £2169:3:11 Surrey County 3 ½ % stock and the future income would amount to £130.

This conclusion the business, on the proposition of Mr J Hamblin, seconded by Mr W Perry a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman who thanked the meeting in return.

Copy of Parish Council's Report:-

“In the past year four meetings of the Council have been held and have been well attended by its members.

The Council sustained a regretted loss in the death of Mr H H Hann the Treasurer of the Council and the Clerk to the Charity Trustees. Mr James Marsh resigned his position of Overseer at the April meeting and Messrs J Hamblin and J Avery were appointed to fill the places of Mr Marsh and Mr Roskams the latter having resigned at the January meeting.

The Council reports with satisfaction that there has been a steady demand for allotments and that there are no vacant plots. Application having been made by the Ashton Vale Iron Company for power to temporarily divert a footpath at Ashton Vale Brickworks the Council acceded to the request of the Company in the matter.

The Council caused letters to be written to the County Council and to the Rural District Council complaining of the dangerous state of the road and footpath at Coalpit Batch.

A plan for the protection of the Drinking Fountain was drawn up by the Council and submitted for approval to the Rural District Council.

The Scheme prepared by the District Council for taking the sewage of the village out of the brook not being sanctioned by the Local Government Board, the matter was allowed to drop for a time. The County Council, however, having recently threatened legal proceedings, a joint committee of the District and Parish Councils has been appointed to inspect different systems and to report on the best method to be adopted. This Committee has inspected several installations and hope shortly to make their report to the District Council.

Signed H B Napier

Long Ashton Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday April 14th 1903. There were present Mr H B Napier in the Chair and Messrs W M Court, J Fuller, J Hamblin, R Harding, C Harris and W Tucker.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr J Hamblin with reference to the diversion of footpath at Ashton Vale:-

“Ashton Vale Iron Company, Bedminster, Bristol

January 10th 1903

Mr H Guyatt, Clerk to the Parish Council, Long Ashton

Dear Sir

Re: Diversion of footpath at Ashton Vale

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant enclosing a copy of resolution passed by the above council and I am requested to inform you that my Directors agree to the conditions stated therein.

Yours faithfully

Signed: J Hamblin Secretary.”

A letter was read from the Chairman of the County Council with regard to the road and footpath at Coalpit Batch. The Parish Council was therein referred to the Rural District Council.

The Chairman reported that the District Council agreed to the plan for protecting the Drinking Fountain provided a top rail be notched.

Mr Tucker reported that Mrs Willey had promised to have her allotment cultivated and that he (Mr Tucker) would go up and see it.

The Chairman proposed and Mr R Harding seconded that Messrs. Ishmael Hamblin and Joseph Avery be reappointed Overseers for ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

A letter from Mr W Perry making suggestions with regard to the election of a school manager having taken place it was proposed by Mr W Tucker, seconded by Mr C Harris and carried unanimously that the said manager be elected from the Parish Council.

The Chairman then proposed and Mr R Harding seconded that Mr Ishmael Hamblin be appointed manager, carried unanimously.

Mr Hamblin accepted the post, thanking the Council for his election.

It was agreed that Edward Offer should have Mrs Barnett's allotment.

H B Napier

Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday July 7th 1903 at 8 p.m.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman submitted to the meeting a scheme prepared by Mr A W Stone for the better supply of the lower fountain.

The following resolution proposed by Mr W Perry and seconded by Dr Fuller was unanimously carried:-

“That the restoration proposed in Mr Stone’s report dated 7th July entailing an estimated expenditure of £12:10:0 (twelve pounds ten shillings) be adopted”

A letter from Mr Swann wherein he stated that he had written the Rural District Council with reference to the proposed Drainage Scheme was read and the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:- “That Mr Swann’s letter of April 15th do lie upon the table”.

The Clerk presented the Council’s Accounts for the past year showing a balance in the Treasurers hands of £44:7:8. Mr Perry proposed and Mr Marsh seconded that the accounts be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Ham ????????? and Butchers letter asking for payment of £1:10:0 the late Treasurers Guarantee Premium was held over for consideration at the next meeting that the Clerk might look into the matter.

It having been reported that the allotment fences needed repair in Plot 7 Mr Perry proposed and Mr Hamblin seconded that the Ashton Court Estate be requested to repair the fences and that this be charged to the tenants in accordance with the terms of their agreements.

It was resolved that Mrs Carey's arrears of allotment rent be struck off as irrecoverable. The Clerk was instructed to take steps to recover allotment arrears due from Walter Morgan and if necessary to re-let his allotment and also to send reminders to those who owed rent for the half year ending March 25.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Willey's allotment was better cultivated.

Accounts amounting to £48:18:4 were passed by the Council.

The Clerk having asked for a rise of salary, the matter was held over till next meeting that particulars as to other assistant overseers payment and duties might be obtained.

H B Napier Chairman

Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the above Council was held in the Parochial Schools on Tuesday October 6th 1903 at 8 p.m.

There were present Mr H B Napier in the chair and Messrs W M Court, J Fuller, J Hamblin, R Harding, C Harris, W Perry and W Tucker.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk reported that Walter Morgan's arrears of allotment rent had been paid.

Mr W Perry proposed, Dr Fuller seconded that the account for £25:14:9 sent in by the Ashton Court Estate for alteration of supply to drinking fountain and cattle trough and for providing and erecting guard in front of drinking fountain be passed for payment.

It was proposed by Mr Perry and seconded by Dr Fuller that at the end of Ryman's term of office (March 25th 1904) the custody of the fountains be transferred to Andow. This was carried.

Mr Perry proposed and Dr Fuller seconded that the Parish Council accounts be transferred to the Union of London and Smiths Bank Limited, Bedminster Bridge Branch carried unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Manager of the said Bank to become Treasurer to the Council.

The Ashton Court Estate account for repairing allotments' fences was handed to Mr W Tucker that the allotments Committee might consider it and bring it before the next meeting of the Council.

Consideration of the Clerk's application for advancement in salary was postponed till next meeting that further particulars might be obtained.

James Marsh

Long Ashton Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Monday December 28th 1903 at 8 p.m.

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

The following resolution proposed by Mr W Perry and seconded by Mr R Harding was carried unanimously:-

“That this Parish Council strenuously oppose the proposed extension of the Bristol Tramway Company and memorialise the County and District Councils to offer their strongest opposition to the Scheme”.

The following members of the Council were then appointed to act as a Deputation or as a sub committee:- Mr W Perry, Chairman, Mr James Marsh, Dr J Fuller, Mr J Hamblin and Mr W Tucker.

Mr C Harris moved and Mr W M Court seconded that the above committee be empowered to memorialise against the proposed scheme of Tramway Extension. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman undertook to forward to the County Council and to the Rural District Council copies of the resolution approving the Tramway Company's proposed extension.

James Marsh.