

## Long Ashton Parish Council

A Meeting of the above Council was held at the Long Ashton Court Estate Offices by kind permission of Mr H B Napier on Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1904 at 8 p.m.

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

The following resolution proposed by Mr W Perry and seconded by Mr W M Court was unanimously agreed to:- That S G Parsons, Manager of the Union of London and Smith Bank (Bedminster Branch) having kindly signified his willingness to act as Treasurer to the Council be now appointed to fill that office.

The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Mr Parsons together with the names of the members of the Finance Committee who would sign cheques on behalf of the Council, viz Messrs H B Napier, R Harding and J Marsh.

Mr Perry proposed and Mr Harris seconded that the expenses of repairs to allotment fences be shared among holders of grass allotments who have wired fences in proportion to the acreage which they occupy. Carried unanimously.

A letter from Joseph Fudge complaining of the state of his allotment fence was considered by the Council.

It was proposed by Mr Harding and seconded by Mr Hamblin that Wm Stokes be allowed to take his late brother's allotment.

Mr Thomas Ruding Davey having written to the Council asking to be allowed to resign his seat, it was proposed by Mr Perry seconded by Mr Kingston and unanimously agreed to that Mr Davey's resignation be accepted.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Davey expressing the Council's deep regret that he felt compelled to vacate his seat on the Council and asking him to be good enough to suggest the

name of a gentleman in Leigh Woods who would be willing to serve on the Council.

The Overseers presented their balance sheet for the half year ending September 29<sup>th</sup>. It was examined by the Council and approved.

The Clerk laid before the Council the Final Order sent by the Board of Education.

Mr Perry proposed and Mr Harding seconded that the name of Mr W P Kingston be added to the sub committee appointed to approve the extension of the Bristol Tramway Company's lines to Long Ashton.

It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Mr Perry, seconded by Mr Court that a precept for twenty five pounds for Parish Council expenses be made on the Overseers.

The Clerk expressed his willingness to withdraw the application for an advance of salary for the present.

H B Napier.

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The Parish Meeting of Parochial Electors for the election of Parish Councillors was held at the Parochial Schools on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1904.

The Meeting was also the annual assembly of the Parish Meeting.

At 7.30 Mr H B Napier took the Chair, between 20 and 30 electors being present. The Clerk to the Long Ashton Parochial Council presented the accounts for the year 1903.

The Clerk was called upon to read the notice convening the meeting.

Mr H B Napier then proposed and Mr W Perry seconded that Mr J H Pearce should become Chairman of the Meeting. This was unanimously agreed to.

Mr Pearce took the Chair at 7.45 (recording the time) and Mr Napier handed in eleven nomination papers to which the Chairman numbered and examined finding the eleven candidates validly nominated.

Having allowed fifteen minutes to elapse the Chairman read out in alphabetical order the names of the candidates nominated together with their places of abode, and the names and places of abode of their proposers and seconders.

The Chairman then declared the eleven candidates duly elected. The names of the gentlemen elected are as follows:

Joseph Avery

William Merson Court

Joseph Fuller

Ishmael Hamblin

Richmond Harding

Charles Harris

William Kingston

James Marsh

Henry Burroughs Napier

William Perry

William Tucker

Mr Poulteney referred to the Coal Pit Batch and enquired if any steps had been taken to improve the path.

Mr Perry also spoke of the unsafe condition of the path. Mr Pearce undertook to call the attention of the Surveyor to the matter.

Mr Harris proposed and Mr Hamblin seconded a vote of thanks to Mr J H Pearce for presiding at the meeting and a similar vote was passed to Mr H B Napier for the part he had taken at the meeting.

This concluded the business of the evening.

H B Napier Chairman.

## Long Ashton Parish Council

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> 1904 at 8 p.m.

There were present Messrs. Joseph Avery, W M Court, J Fuller, I Hamblin, R Harding, C Harris, W P Kingston, J Marsh, H B Napier, W Perry and W Tucker.

All the members present having signed their declaration of acceptance of office, the Clerk requested the Council to elect their Chairman.

Mr W P Kingston proposed and Mr J Marsh seconded that Mr H B Napier be Chairman, this was carried unanimously and Mr Napier then took the Chair.

The Chairman proposed and Mr W Perry seconded that Mr James Marsh be Vice Chairman. This was carried unanimously, Mr Marsh accepting.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council welcomed Mr Joseph Avery as a new member of the Parish Council and that gentleman responded thanking the Council.

On the proposition of Mr Marsh, seconded by Mr Perry Messrs Ishmael Hamblin and Joseph Avery were again appointed overseers.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Hamblin seconded the following resolution which was unanimously carried:- That Mr James Marsh be appointed a representative trustee of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for the term of four years as from June 1<sup>st</sup> 1903.

The Chairman proposed and Mr W Perry seconded that Mr Ishmael Hamblin be appointed the Representative of this Council on the managing body of the Long Ashton Parochial Schools. Carried unanimously.

Mr W P Kingston complained of the weedy state of the village allotments (plot 2) and the Chairman of the Allotments Committee undertook to call his Committee and warn defaulters.

The question of Joseph Fudge's allotment fence was again referred to and the Clerk was instructed to say that Fudge should be supplied with material and should himself do the repairs.

Mr W Tucker complained of the unsatisfactory state of the road through Archgrove Allotments, and the District Councillors present promised to try and get some road earth tipped in heaps on the understanding that allotment holders would then spread it.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Kingston seconded that a letter be written to Mr Dyke, County Councillor for the District, pointing out the urgent necessity of the County Council taking in hand the improved roadway at Coalpit Batch more particularly as considerable progress is being made with the new road in the City of Bristol to Hotwells which will very considerably increase the already congested traffic over this road. Carried unanimously.

Mr W P Kingston proposed and Mr J Avery seconded that the Clerks premium of Assurance of Five Hundred pounds in the Poor Law and Local Government Officer's Mutual Guarantee Association, Limited for the years 1903 and 1904 be paid by the Council and that the future premiums be repaired annually by the Council on the production of a certificate from the Clerk to the District Council stating that the Clerk to the premium of the current year has been paid. Carried unanimously.

James Marsh.

## Long Ashton Parish Council

A Meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1904 at 8 p.m.

There were present Mr James Marsh (Vice Chairman) in the Chair and Messrs. J Avery, J Fuller, I Hamblin, and C Harris.

The Report of the Allotments Committee was presented by the Chairman and was adopted by the Council.

The Clerk read a letter from the Charity Commission saying that the re-appointment of Mr James Marsh, as a Representative Trustee had been noted.

A letter from Mr Thomas Dyke was read with reference to the unsatisfactory state of the road of Coal Pit Batch. In this letter W Dyke stated that he would bring the case before the next meeting of the County Works Committee before which he hoped to get the Chairman to view the road personally.

Mr I Hamblin moved and Mr Fuller seconded that the Clerk having reported that Mr S G Parsons had removed from Bedminster and that his successor had kindly consented to become Treasurer to the Council. Mr H B Rich, Manager of the Union of London and Smiths Bank Limited be now appointed Treasurer to the Long Ashton Parish Council and be thanked for his willingness to assist the Council by accepting the post. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr Harris seconded that George Gascombe be allowed to take the allotment about to be given up by Henry Williams.

It was decided that the Ashton Court Estate Account for repairs to grass allotment fences should stand over till next meeting of the Council.

H B Napier.

## Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 1904 at 8 p.m.

Mr H B Napier presided and there were also present Messrs. J Avery, W M Court, J Fuller, I Hamblin, and WP Kingston.

The Clerk having reported that an application had been received from John Williams for the Allotment given up by Alfred Harris on the ground that Williams's Allotment was and always had been unproductive, the Clerk was authorised after consulting Mr Tucker to make such arrangements as he, Mr Tucker advised.

Mr Kingston proposed and Mr Court seconded that all accounts be passed and cheques for the same be drawn and signed at a Parish Council Meeting at that the minutes of January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895 (p.12) and of April 18<sup>th</sup> 1896 (p.45) be rescinded. This was unanimously carried.

The Clerk having asking for instructions as to the collection of amount due from allotment holders for repairs of fences was instructed to apportion the money in accordance with the minute passed by the Council on January 5<sup>th</sup> 1904 and if there were any defaulters to at once report to the Allotments Committee.

Mr Kingston at the request of the Rural Sanitary Authority produced Mr Cotterell's alternative scheme for dealing with the drainage of Providence with a request that the Council would say which of the two schemes they recommended – one scheme providing for dealing with the effluent by irrigation the side of the hill at Providence, the other by carrying a drain down the hill and connecting with the proposed outfall works and on the proposition of Mr Kingston, seconded by Mr Court it was resolved to recommend the latter scheme. At the same time the Council must not be understood as approving the estimates.

James Marsh.