

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on Thursday January 10th 1907.

There were present Mr H B Napier in the Chair and Messrs. Joseph Avery, J Hamblin, C Harris, and W Tucker.

The Report of the Bridges and Footpath's Committee was brought forward and further consideration of the matter was postponed till a further meeting of the Council.

The Report of the Allotments Committee with reference to additional allotments at Birdwell dated December 12th was read and approved.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Rural District Council with respect to the dangerous condition of the footpath at Rownham Hill and also to write to Wm Wilkins requesting him to trim his hedge at the Archgrove allotments.

On the recommendation of the Overseers the Council decided to allow the Clerk ten pounds for collection of the current special rate. Accounts amounting to £50:11:8 were passed.

H Napier

Long Ashton Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting of Parochial Electors for the election of Parish Councillors was held at the Parochial Schools on Monday March 4th 1907 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mr H B Napier opened the proceedings there being a well filled room of Parochial electors.

Mr J H Pearce was unanimously elected Chairman of the Meeting and took the chair at 7.42 noting the precise time.

He reminded the meeting that the first business for which it was assembled was the election of Parish Councillors and asked that nomination papers be handed in, which was immediately done, the number of such papers being fifteen. The Chairman numbered them as they were received by him, and found upon examination that the fifteen papers were valid.

Having allowed fifteen minutes to elapse, the Chairman stated to the meeting the names of the candidates in alphabetical order of their surnames and places of abode and the names and places of abode of their proposers and seconders.

The Chairman then invited these present to put questions to the candidates, no candidate having withdrawn his name the Chairman informed the meeting that he was about to take the votes by show of hands in favour of each candidate whose name would be put separately to the meeting, and explained that the voting could not be conducted by any other method.

Having put separately to the meeting the names of the several candidates in alphabetical order of their surnames, the voting took place by show of hands.

The Chairman counted the votes and stated to the meeting the number of votes given for each candidate and that subject to a poll being demanded and having to be taken he declared and elected the eleven candidates whom he named, he having given in the case of an equality

of votes between Mr Ishmael Hamblin and Mr Charles Harris his casting vote in favour of Mr Hamblin.

The Chairman then asked the meeting whether a poll was demanded and allowed ten minutes to elapse but no poll was demanded.

The following are the names of the gentlemen elected by the meeting:-

Mr Joseph Avery

Dr Joseph Fuller

Mr Ishmael Hamblin

Mr Richard Harding

Mr Stephen Harding

Mr Williams Davies Kingston

Mr James Marsh

Mr Henry Burroughs Napier

Mr William Perry

Mr William Tucker

Mr William Richard Withers

In the unavoidable absence of the clerk to the Long Ashton Parochial Charity Mr H B Napier read the Report of the Trustees and moved its adoption which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr H B Napier moved, and Mr James Marsh seconded that the best thanks of the meeting be voted to Mr Pearce for the able and impartial manner in which he had conducted the election and considered that the Parish owed Mr Pearce a great deal for his services.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

Mr Pearce thanked the meeting and remarked that he was pleased to do anything for the benefit of Long Ashton.

H Napier

Long Ashton Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the above council took place at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday April 16th 1907 at 8 p.m.

There were present Messrs Joseph Avery, Joseph Fuller, J Hamblin, R Harding, S Harding, W P Kingston, H B Napier, W Perry, W Tucker and W R Withers.

Mr Tucker proposed that Mr H B Napier be Chairman of the Council.

This was seconded by Mr R Harding and supported by Mr S Harding. Mr Perry put it to the meeting and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Mr Napier thanked the meeting and then welcomed the two new members Messrs Stephen Harding and W R Withers.

Mr Napier proposed and Mr Perry seconded that Mr James Marsh be Vice-Chairman. This was unanimously carried.

In proposing the new Overseers Mr Napier remarked that the Council was extremely fortunate in having two gentlemen like the present Overseers and that it would be difficult to find two who would have carried out the work efficiently, conscientiously and thoroughly.

Dr J Fuller seconded Mr Napier's proposition that Messrs. Ishmael Hamblin and Joseph Avery be the Overseers for the ensuing year and this was carried unanimously.

Mr Avery accepted on condition that some substitute be found next year.

Mr Perry proposed and Mr Kingston seconded that Mr I Hamblin be appointed School Manager. This was unanimously carried. Mr Napier proposed and Dr Fuller seconded that Mr James Marsh be re-elected a Trustee of the Parochial Charity for a term of four years from June 1st 1907. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk read a letter from the clerk to the Rural District Council stating that a Committee had been appointed to view and report upon the footpath at Rownham Hill.

The Report of the Footpaths Committee was further considered and it was decided to let the matter stand over for a further report. Mr Avery

suggested strengthening the Committee and the names of Mr W Perry and Mr S Harding were added. Dr Fuller proposed and W R Harding seconded that the attention of the Rural District Council be drawn to the very unsafe condition of the fence bounding road at Belmont Hill there being no protection in case of a horse shying. Carried unanimously.

Mr Kingston proposed and Dr Fuller seconded that the attention of the same Council be called to the main road fence between the turning to Gatcombe Court and the Batch. Carried unanimously.

The report of the Allotments Committee dated April 16 was adopted. A circular from the Board of Trade re census of production was considered.

H Napier.

Long Ashton Parochial Council

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday July 2nd 1907 at 8 p.m.

Present Mr H B Napier in the chair, Mr James Marsh Vice Chairman and Messrs J Avery, J Fuller, J Hamblin, S Harding and W R Withers.

The Clerk reported the correspondence with Mr A E Hicks respecting fences. Mr Napier moved and Mr Marsh seconded that the following resolution be sent to the Rural District Council:-

“That while the fence at Belmont Hill was quite good against cattle, what the Parish Council complain of is the unsafe condition of the road where it is above the level of the adjoining land and there is no guard rail or protection in case of a horse shying”. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hamblin reported the District Auditor's remarks as to allotment arrears and it was resolved that the clerk act as instructed in the receipt book and if necessary distrain and take possession.

The Clerk was instructed to endeavour to get one of the Bourton allotment holders to cut down the weeds in Pope's plot (4.No7) and set the payment against the allotment rent. Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr Avery seconded that the Clerk receive an allowance of ten pounds for collecting the current special rate. Carried unanimously.

Accounts amounting to £45:8:6 were passed.

James Marsh

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday October 1st 1907 at 8 p.m.

Mr James Marsh presided and there were also present Messrs J Avery, J Fuller, J Hamblin, R Harding, S Harding, W P Kingston, W Tucker and W R Withers.

Mr H B Napier wrote explaining his unavoidable absence.

Charles Waterman having complained of the fence between his grass allotment and the adjoining plantation having been broken down Mr Hamblin moved and Mr R Harding seconded that Mr Napier be written to respecting the matter. Carried unanimously.

James Winscombe's letter complaining of Mr Gregory's hedge was read and Mr Hamblin moved and Mr Kingston seconded that the matter be referred to Mr Napier as agent of the Ashton Court Estate. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the School Managers requesting that better arrangements might be made for the comfort of the Parish Council at its meetings.

Mr Hamblin stated that no further report of the Footpath's Committee had been prepared as the Committee had waited to arrange with Mr Napier. Mr Hamblin moved and Mr Avery seconded that Mr W P Kingston be elected to fill Mr Perry's place on the Footpath's Committee. Carried unanimously.

The following resolution moved by Mr S Harding and seconded by Mr Kingston was unanimously carried.

That the Clerk write to the Local Government Board asking who is responsible for keeping in repair (1) stiles connected with public footpaths (2) bridges over brooks where such bridges carry footpaths.

Mr Napier having referred in his letter to the vacancy on the Parish Council caused by Mr Perry's having left the Parish and suggested that Mr W Evans of Bower Ashton should be elected to fill Mr Perry's place, Dr Fuller proposed and Mr R Harding seconded that Mr Perry having left

the district, the Parish Council at their next meeting declare his seat vacant and take the necessary legal steps to fill the vacancy. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk reported that he had carried out his instructions with respect to the allotment arrears (see page 209).

A letter from the Clerk to the Rural District Council was read with reference to the fence at Belmont Hill stating in reply to the Parish Council's resolution of July 2nd that no action was taken with reference to this matter.

A letter from the Charity Commission was also read stating that the appointment of Mr James Marsh as a Trustee of the Parochial Charity "was premature and imperative as Mr Marsh's term will not expire until the 18th April 1908."

A communication from the Local Government Board relating to the allotment arrears at the last audit with Mr Napier's reply was read at the meeting.

James Marsh