

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday January 5th 1909 at 8 p.m.

There were present Mr H B Napier in the Chair and Messrs J Hamblin, R Harding, S Harding and W R Withers. Mr Hamblin mentioned that slight complaints had been made as to the condition of the footpath level with the railway from the Railway Bridge to the Whitening Yard. The Clerk was instructed on the motion of W Hamblin, seconded by Mr R Harding to write Mr Lawrence, GWR Engineer to have it repaired. This was carried unanimously.

Mr R Harding moved and Mr Withers seconded that a letter be written to the Clerk of the Bishopsworth Parish Council advising him that his Council would be glad to pay half the cost of placing planks over ditches or watercourses dividing the two parishes on recognised footpaths. Carried unanimously.

Mr W Harding moved and Mr Hamblin seconded that the account due to the Ashton Court Estate (£48:13:9) for allotment rent be passed for payment. A letter from the Charity Commissioners referring to Mr James Marsh's appointment as a trustee to the Ashton Parochial Charity having been read, the following resolution proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr R Harding was unanimously carried:-

That Mr James Marsh be re-elected a Representative Trustee of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for a period of three years from January 5th 1909.

The Chairman moved and Mr Hamblin seconded that the Clerk be allowed the sum of ten pounds for collecting the current Special Expenses Rate. Carried unanimously.

H Napier – Chairman

Long Ashton Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Thursday March 25 1909 at the Close of the Parish Meeting.

Mr H B Napier presided and there were present also Messrs J Hamblin, H Jefferies, J Marsh, W Tucker and W R Withers.

Accounts amounting to £8:10:- were presented by the Clerk and passed for payment.

H Napier – Chairman

Long Ashton Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Parochial Schools on Thursday March 25th 1909 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr H B Napier presided and there was a fair attendance.

Mr A G Thomas presented the accounts of the Parochial Charity.

In reply to a question from the Chairman as to whether allotment rents had been more regularly paid, the Clerk stated there had been an improvement in this matter and the Chairman reminded the meeting that rents not paid had to be made up by the parish.

Mr N E Marsh asked about the condition of the road near the Glebe and remarked as to its unsatisfactory condition. The Chairman said that this was a County Council matter but felt sure that Mr Pearce would bring it up at the District Council.

Mr Pearce and the Chairman undertook to do this.

The Chairman said he was glad to see Mr W Tucker was able to be present again after his illness.

Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr Pearce seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman who in acknowledging the same remarked upon the harmony that attended the meetings.

H Napier.

Minutes of the Long Ashton Parish Council Meeting held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday the 20th April 1909.

Present: Messrs H B Napier (in the Chair) S Harding, J Hamblin, W Tucker, Mr R Withers, W P Kingston, J Marsh, J Avery and Dr Fuller.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed regret being expressed by the Members of the Council present for the cause of the Clerk's absence.

On the proposition of Mr J Marsh seconded by Mr Hamblin Mr Napier was re-elected Chairman. Carried unanimously.

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr Avery it was unanimously resolved that Messrs Hamblin and Kingston be re-elected Overseers for the ensuring year and carried by acclamation.

A letter from Mr W K Lawrence dated 15th January 1909 was read and the Clerk was requested to write him again explaining that from his letter it would appear he did not understand the footpath referred to in the Clerk's letter of January 8th. The footpath referred to leads from the Bridge over the railway at the Tramway Terminus in a southerly direction to the level crossing where there are no trees.

A letter from the Charity Commission dated 14th January 1909 was read and the Clerk was directed to carefully note that Mr Marsh's term as Charity Representative is for four years as from 5th January 1909.

On the proposition of Dr Fuller seconded by Mr Withers, Mr Hamblin was re-elected Representative School Manager with a vote of thanks for his past services.

A letter dated April 12th from Mr W Tucker of Lampton Cottage complaining that Chorley's Stable had been built on his allotment was read. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman, he promising if such proved to be the case to allow the Council the proper allowance for land so taken.

Mr Withers called attention to the bad condition of the bridge carrying the occupation road and public footpath on the west side of the second level crossing from the Ashton Bridge on the Portishead line and the Clerk

was directed to write the owners of land using this occupation road calling their attention to the dangerous condition of the Bridge the owners being the Ashton Court Estate and the Ashton Vale Iron Co.

Mr Tucker called attention to the question of a payment of extra rent on the grass allotment to cover cost of fencing which payment he thought was to end with the term of the lease (25th March 1909). The Chairman promised to look through his papers and report to the next meeting on the proposition of Mr Kingston seconded by Mr Hamblin it was resolved to ask the Ashton Court Estate to renew the lease of grass and garden allotment lands for a further term of fourteen years on the same terms as the expiring lease, the Chairman promising on behalf of the Estate to improve the fencing of grass allotments by placing some posts and barbed wire along the line of the present wire fences.

H Napier – Chairman

Long Ashton Parish Council

July 6 1909

Business:

1. Accounts (three cheques)
2. Letters
 - Mr Hamblin re Bridge
 - Mr Lawrence re footpath
 - Mr Napier re Tuckers allotment
3. Consideration of new lease
4. Clerks allowance for special rate.

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday July 6th 1909 at 8 p.m.

W H B Napier took the chair and there were also present Messrs J Avery, J Hamblin, S Harding, H Jefferies and W Tucker.

A letter dated July 3 1909 from Mr Lawrence relating to the footpath leading from the Bridge over the railway at the railway terminus in a southerly direction to the level crossing was read and Mr Hamblin undertook to see if his directors would as an act of grace put cinders upon that portion of the path outside the Great Western Railway Co's boundary and report to the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that he had written Mr Tucker re his allotment that he had the full quantity land for which he was paying .

The question of the dangerous condition of the Bridge carrying the occupation road and public footpath on the west side of the second level crossing from the Ashton Bridge on the Portishead Line was dealt with in error the site being in the parish of Bishopsworth.

The Chairman produced the lease of the allotment land which expired on the 25th March last and it was agreed that a new lease should be

prepared on the same lines adding the new allotments at Birdwell at the agreed rent of £92:7:6 which sum took into account the amount of £5 (five pounds) set out in the expired lease as being payable annually to the Ashton Court Estate for the term of the Lease and adding a clause giving the estate the power to resume possession of the allotment field adjoining the Bristol City Boundary and numbered part 1036 on the plan attached to the expired lease at any time on giving seven months notice expiring on any 25th March in the event of this land being required for building purposes and allowing the Council after the rate of three pounds per acre for the land taken accounts amounting to £53:16:7 was passed.

Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr Jefferies seconded that the Clerk be allowed ten pounds for collecting the current special rate.

The Clerk begged to be allowed to thank the Council for their kindly reference to himself at the last meeting.

The Chairman moved and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk owing to illness be granted three months leave of absence.

H Napier.

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Long Ashton Parochial Schools on Tuesday October 5th 1909 at 8 p.m.

Present: Mr H B Napier in the Chair and Messrs J Avery, J Hamblin, H Jefferies, J Marsh, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr Napier moved and Mrs Marsh seconded that Mr Hamblin be thanked for having put cinders on the footpaths leading from the bridge over the railway at the Railway Terminus in a southerly direction to the level crossing.

The Council having compared the new lease with the expired lease dated 30th September 1895 and the minutes of the previous Council meeting it was resolve upon the motion of Mr Hamblin, seconded by Mr Marsh that the seal of the Parish Council be affixed to the new lease between the Council and Dame Emily Frances Smythe.

Mr Napier moved and Mrs Withers seconded that Mr Hamblin be asked to make an inventory of all books papers and effects belonging to the Parish Council at present in the custody of the Clerk.

Mr Avery moved and Mr Marsh seconded that the offer of the Ashton Court Estate to supply the material for erecting fence at the allotment adjoining West Leaze be accepted and the labour for fixing be paid by the Parish Council.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Messrs Jordan 11s:6d and Ashton Court Estate 10s:1d.

H Napier