

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met on Tuesday January 18th 1910 at 8 pm. At the Parochial Schools.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr J Hamblin presented an inventory of the Parish Council effects signed by himself and by the Chairman the said effects being as follows:

Safe, Copying Press, Seal, Lease of allotment land dated 1909 Nov 17th, Agreement with Tenants, Plan of Allotment land dated 1895 March 25, Rent collecting and deposit book, Receipt and Payment Account, Allotments Register, Declarations Register, Minute Book, footpaths and bridges committee, Ordnance Surveyor sheets showing footpaths, Bank pass book, Contribution Order Book, Minute Book.

The Clerk was instructed to have the Ordnance Survey Sheets showing footpaths mounted and kept in the safe.

The Chairman moved and Mr Hamblin seconded that the name of Mr W R Withers be added to the Allotments Committee. Carried unanimously.

Mr Napier said he would on the present occasion repair the allotment wall at Bower Ashton.

It was resolved to allow Frank Radford to erect his greenhouse on his allotment.

The Chairman moved and Dr Fuller seconded that allotments be let in accordance with the suggestion in the Committee Report.

The Sub Committee having reported as to the Clerk's salary, Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr Avery seconded that the salary of the Assistant Overseer be fixed at eighty pounds per annum inclusive of all special rates. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed to let the salary of Clerk to the Parish Council remain at twenty pounds heretofore Mr Kingston reported that the District Council had refused to forward to the County Council the Parochial Committees suggestion as to tarring the roads. The Clerk to the Parish Council was instructed to forward the recommendation direct to the County Council pointing out that the District Council had refused to do so.

H Napier

Long Ashton Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting for the election of Parish Councillors was held at the Parochial Schools on Monday March 14th 1910 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was also the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting. It was moved by Mr H B Napier and seconded by Mr J Hamblin that Mr J H Pearce take the chair. This was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the first business was the election of the Parish Councillors and asked that nomination papers might be handed in, the number being 14 for 11 seats. The Chairman numbered them as they were received by him finding them to be all valid.

The following were the candidates for election:

J.Fuller, Edwin Hale, J Hamblin, R Harding, S Harding, C Hodgson, H Jefferies, W P Kingston, R E March, H B Napier, W Tucker, W R Withers.

Mr H B Napier asked that Mr Joseph Avery should be elected again as a most useful member for Leigh Woods.

Mr F E Smith asked for attendances at the Councils meetings. This was agreed to be the meeting and the Clerk read them out as follows:

Mr H B Napier 14 out of 16

J Avery 11 ditto

J Fuller 8

J Hamblin 16

R Harding 4

S Harding 11

W P Kingston 6

J Marsh 10

W Tucker 14

W R Withers 14

H Jefferies 10 out of 12

A question was raised by Mr Albert Watts as to the persons entitled to vote, which the Chairman said should be Parochial Electors only and exception was taken to some persons in the room. After allowing 15 minutes to elapse from the time that nomination papers were handed in the chairman stated to the meeting the names of the candidates and the rest of the particulars on the nomination papers relating to them. 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.

Exception was taken to the counting by Mr G Cox and some discussion followed, the chairman stating that he was in order and referring to the rules for conducting elections. The chairman gave ten minutes for five parochial votes to ask for a poll, this was not done and he therefore declared the following eleven elected:

Joseph Avery 49 votes, Joseph Fuller 52 votes, Ishmael Hamblin 50 votes, Richmond Harding 29, Stephen Harding 41, Claude Hodgson 46, Charles James Herbert Jefferies 48, William Panes Kingston 35, Henry Burroughes Napier 44, William Tucker 57, William Richmond Withers 44.

The votes obtained by the unsuccessful candidates were G Cox 10, Edwin Hale 18 and R E Marsh 17.

Mr H B Napier proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman Mr J H Pearce for the impartial way in which he had conducted the election and hoped there would be no ill feeling among those who were not elected and who might fight next time.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr Hamblin and carried unanimously.

The Chairman replied, thanking the meeting.

The Chairman of the Long Ashton Parish Council Mr H B Napier then took the chair and the Clerk was asked to read the minutes of the last Parish meeting.

These were put to the Meeting and passed. The Chairman then asked Mr Thomas the Clerk to the Charity Trustees to read the Charity Account to be presented to the Annual Meeting. This was done.

This concluded the business.

Upon the Chairman inviting parishioners to ask any questions relating to parochial matters Mr Charles Bishop enquired who was responsible for keeping in order the public path from Birdwell through the coppice to the Railway Bridge and which he said was a disgrace. He also stated that the crossing from the stile over the ditch was dangerous to the public.

Mr W Tucker suggested that the stile should be improved and a footbridge placed over the ditch.

The Chairman said the Parish Council had no control over the path. He promised to inspect the stile which belong to the landlord and if he could make it more convenient he would do so.

The question of the path was to be brought before the next Parish Council meeting. The meeting then closed.

H Napier.

Long Ashton Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Monday March 14 1910 at the close of the Parish Meeting.

Present Mr H B Napier in the Chair and Messrs J Avery, J Fuller, J Hamblin, R Harding, S Harding, H Jefferies and W Tucker.

Mr W R Withers was absent through illness. The Minutes of the meeting of January 18th were gone into with regard to some accounts not entered up as to amount these were entered up in the minutes and were now passed and signed.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 28th were then read and confirmed. The Clerk stated that Arthur Watts had asked to be allowed to keep on his allotment promising to keep it in better order and a discussion followed. It was stated that he had had plenty of opportunities of keeping it in order. Mr W Tucker moved that he should be allowed to keep it on but subsequently withdrew as there was no seconder. It was finally agreed upon that Watts should not be allowed to retain his allotment.

Mr W Tucker reported that it was agreed that the letting of allotments should be left to the Allotment Committee and the Clerk undertook to call a meeting of the Committee this week. Mr Tucker brought forward a question as to payment to W Collins for cleaning the school room after a Parish Meeting. Moved by Mr I Hamblin that 2s6d should be paid to him in respect of the last meeting and also the same for this one. Seconded by Dr Fuller and agreed to./

It was also agreed that his sum should be paid in future when the large schoolroom is used for a parish meeting.

It was proposed by Mr Tucker and seconded by Dr Fuller that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr James Marsh expressing the Council's regret that his connection had ceased and thanking him for his services in the past. This was agreed to.

Accounts amounting to £5:11:0 were passed for payment.

H Napier

Long Ashton Parish Council

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday April 19th 1910 at 6.30 p.m.

There were present Messrs Joseph Avery, Joseph Fuller, Ishmael Hamblin, Stephen Harding, Claude Hodgson, C J Herbert Jefferies, H B Napier, and William Tucker and Richmond Harding. Mr W R Withers was presented through illness from attending.

All members present signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Dr Fuller proposed that Mr H B Napier be elected Chairman of the Council, remarking on the satisfactory way in which that gentleman had always filled the chair. Mr Hamblin seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Mr Napier then took the Chair, thanking the Council for his re-election and stating that he was pleased with the way in which matters had always been settled in the Council. He also pleaded for regular attendance and hoped that it would be better.

Mr W Tucker proposed and Mr Richmond Harding seconded that Mr J Fuller be Vice Chairman. This was supported by Mr S Harding and carried unanimously.

Dr Fuller thanked the Council and said he would do his best in fulfilling the office. Dr Fuller proposed and Mr Avery seconded that Mr I Hamblin be Overseer. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hamblin accepted office, the Chairman saying that the Parish was to be complimented upon securing his services Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr S Harding seconded that Mr Avery be Overseer. This was carried unanimously. Mr Avery accepting office.

The Chairman proposed and Mr S Harding seconded that Mr I Hamblin be elected School Manager. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hamblin agreed to take this office and thanked the Council for electing him. The Chairman proposed and Mr Hamblin seconded that the Allotments Committee considered of Messrs Tucker,

Withers and Hodgson. The Clerk reported that Stephen Young had agreed to take the allotment (plot 2 No 3) taken from Arthur Watts.

The Chairman proposed and Mr W Tucker seconded that the drinking fountain be turned on on 1st May and off on Oct 31st and that a cup should be supplied. This was agreed to.

A letter from Mr R W March was read respecting the unsatisfactory Police supervision on Bank Holidays.

On the proposition of Mr Hamblin seconded by Mr R Harding it was agreed that the Chairman be authorised to interview the Superintendent of Police on the subject with a view to having our own men on holidays than extra men on Bank holidays. Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr S Harding seconded that in future the Councils Meetings be held at 6.45 p.m. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed to leave the matter of allowing James Pope to move his trees to the Allotment Committee. The account of 5 shillings to Mr A E Hicks as Returning Officer was passed for payment.

Joseph Fuller – Chairman.

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday July 5th 1910 at 6.45 in the evening.

Dr J Fuller (Vice Chairman) took the chair and there were present Messrs J Avery, I Hamblin, R Harding, S Harding, C Hodgson, H Jefferies, W P Kingston, W Tucker and W R Withers. W H B Napier wrote explaining his unavoidable absence.

The Chairman proposed and W R Harding seconded that the name of Mr I Hamblin be added to the Allotment Committee. This was carried unanimously and Mr Hamblin agreed.

It was agreed to let James Pope remove trees from the allotment formerly occupied by him and now rented by Herbert Vining. It was proposed by Mr S Harding and seconded by Mr Kingston that Wm Mitchell be excused payment of half year's rent from September 1910 to March 25 1911 on plot 6 No.10 on account of its neglected condition. Mr Jefferies proposed and Mr R Harding seconded that Mr R E March's allotment Plot 2, No 7 be transferred to H Burden. Frederick Fisher having complained that the soil of the allotment adjoining his house caused considerable dampness it was agreed in the proposition of Dr Fuller seconded by Mr Hamblin that the matter be referred to Mr Napier.

The Clerk reported that the ordnance maps showing the agreed footpaths had been mounted and were kept in the safe. The following accounts were passed for payment:-

W H B Napier, allotment rent £46:3:9, repairs to Providence pump £1:2:9, repairs to Birdwell pump three shillings and 4pence, Messrs Lavers & Co mounting ordnance maps as above £1:1:-.

Mr Withers thanked the Council for his re-election during his illness.

H B Napier

Long Ashton Parish Council

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday October 4th 1910 at 6.45 p.m.

Mr H B Napier presided and there were also present Dr J Fuller (Vice Chairman) and Messrs J Avery, I Hamblin, R Harding, S Harding, C Hodgson and H Jefferies.

Mr W R Withers sent a message explaining his unavoidable absence.

Mr W Tucker being unable to attend owing to the death of his son, the clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr Tucker expressing the sympathy of the Council.

A correspondence between the Local Government Board and the Overseers was read with reference to the disallowance and surcharge of £5 made by the District Auditor at his audit for the half year ended the 31st March 1910 of the accounts of the Overseers of the poor of the parish of Long Ashton.

A letter from the Clerk to the Assessment Committee stating that that Committee had resolved to recommend the Overseers to pay the sum of £5 for preparing new valuation lists was also read.

The Local Government Board wrote desiring the observations of the Parish Council on the subject.

The Chairman moved, Mr Jefferies seconded and it was unanimously agreed to that it was resolved to confirm the recommendation of the Assessment Committee of 16th March 1910 and to vote the Assistant Overseer the sum of Five Pounds for preparing the new Valuation Lists for the Parish.

An application from Charles Hynam of Providence for 2 acres of land was considered and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain for what purpose it was wanted whether to cultivate it or to use it as a grass field.

It was proposed by W Hodgson and seconded by Mr Jefferies that E Summers be allowed to take the allotment plot 8, No 18 from W

Roberts on account of his having promised to compensate Roberts for his crops, Roberts having been obliged to leave the Parish at the middle of the half year.

The state of the hedge at the south of the Providence allotments was considered and Mr S Harding undertook to have it repaired.

Sup Pitman having complained of the state of the footpath between the union and the Police Court it was resolved to refer him to the Rural District Council, the path not being a Parish Council one.

Dr Fuller moved, Mr S Harding seconded and it was carried unanimously that the Parish Council confirm the action of the Chairman in having the water at the upper fountain cut off in consequence of the cup having been again removed.

A W Vowles complained that drainage had been done to his crops at the new allotment by cattle owing to the state of the fence.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Allotments Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to call a meeting of the Allotments Committee.

Mr Hodgson mentioned that Mr R Harding had spoken at the last meeting of the Council of the desirability of establishing a children's playground at Birdwell.

A discussion followed, but no steps were taken.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

H C Guyatt – Rates £4:2:-

Jordan printing Total £5:6:-

£-:18:6

Ricketts fountain cup £-:5:6