

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on January 9th at 6.45p.m.

Mr H B Napier presided and there were also present Messrs J Avery, E Hale, J Hamblin, R Harding, S Harding, C Hodgson, H Jefferies and W Tucker.

Mr W R Withers wrote explaining his absence through illness.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs Fuller expressing the Council's sympathy with herself and son at the loss of Dr J Fuller who had been a member from the time of the commencement of Parish Council and a regular attendant.

On the recommendation of the Allotment Committee G Davies' allotment was to be let to the next applicant on the list.

The Council confirmed the Chairman's decision to hold the Parish Meeting for the election of Parish Councillors on March 15th as suggested by the County Council.

The Clerk having read a letter dated December 18th and enclosing plan from the City Valuer, Mr Hamblin moves and Mr Hodgson seconded that the Parish Council raised no objection to the suggestion in the letter of widening the road at Bower Ashton allotments so long as the tenants are compensated and that no loss is sustained by the Parish Council. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr R Harding seconded that H C Guyatt be appointed a Representative Trustee of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity.

Mr Tucker proposed and Mr Hamblin seconded that Mr C Hodgson be also appointed a Representative Trustee of the above named charity. Both propositions were carried.

The Clerk read a letter from the Charity Commissioners and presented enclosed copy of amended scheme which was read by the Chairman to which no objection was offered. The Chairman explained the scheme for providing the necessary capital

estimated at £1500 to provide a properly equipped motor fire engine, to be housed at Long Ashton and to be available for use at all times in the following parishes: Long Ashton, Abbots Leigh, Pill, Easton in Gordano, Portbury, Clapton, Wraxall, Tickenham, Nailsea, Backwell, Flax Bourton, Barrow Gurney, Dundry and Bishopsworth.

He also explained that application had been made to Parish Councils in the above district, asking them to pass a resolution approving the Scheme and to pledge themselves to use their best endeavours to get their respective parishes to pass a resolution agreeing to a rate not exceeding a halfpenny in the pound to cover the estimated annual upkeep.

A resolution embodying the above was proposed by W R Harding seconded by Mr J Hamblin and carried unanimously.

The following accounts were passed for payment:- H B Napier, allotment rent £46:3:9. Repairs to fountain 4/5, Russell alternations to horse trough £1:12:10.

H Napier, Chairman.

Long Ashton Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting for the election of Parish Councillors was held at the Parochial Schools on Monday March 17th 1913 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mr H B Napier having read the attendances of the Councillors for the past three years moved that Mr J H Pearce be Chairman of the meeting for the election of the new council. This was unanimously agreed to and Mr Pearce took the chair.

He then asked that nomination papers be handed in the number being 14 for 11 seats. Mr George Cox subsequently withdrew his name.

The Chairman numbered the nomination papers as they were handed in finding them all to be valid.

The following were the candidates for election:-

Messrs W R Withers, W Tucker, H B Napier, R E March, H Jefferies, C Hodgson, S Harding, R Harding, J Hamblin, E Hale, R A Fuller, Theodore J Barnes, Joseph Avery.

Mr H BN Napier spoke of Mr Avery's valuable services as representative of Leigh Woods and expressed a wish that he might again be elected.

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 read the rest of the particulars on the nomination papers relating to them.

Persons not on the register of Parochial Electors were requested to remove to the back of the room.

The Chairman 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.

He then gave ten minutes for give parochial electors to ask for a poll. This was not done and he therefore declared the following eleven elected:

Joseph Avery	43 votes
Theodore Tom Barnes	30 votes
Ralph Annesley Fuller	24 votes
Richmond Harding	26 votes
Stephen Harding	23 votes
Claude Hodgson	38 votes
Charles James Jefferies	49 votes
Richard Elliott Marsh	28 votes

Henry Burroughs Napier 35 votes

William Tucker 32 votes

William Richard Withers 35 votes

The votes obtained by the unsuccessful candidates were Ishmael Hamblin 21, Edwin Hale 20.

Mr H B Napier proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Pearce for the impartial way in which he had conducted the business of the meeting.

This was unanimously carried. Mr Pearce in reply said it always gave him pleasure to do anything he could for Long Ashton.

The Chairman of the Parish Council Mr H B Napier then took the Chair,

The Clerk read the minutes of the last general meeting which were confirmed.

The Chairman then asked Mr A G Thomas the Clerk to the Charity Trustees to read the Report. This was done.

A discussion took place as to the state of the road at Birdwell.

The Chairman explained to be meeting the steps which had been taken towards the establishment of a fire brigade for this and neighbouring parishes.

Herbert Jefferies

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Monday March 17th 1913 at the close of the Parish Meeting. Mr H B Napier presided and there were also present Messrs Joseph Avery, E Hale, J Hamblin, S Harding, C Hodgson, H Jefferies, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs Fuller thanking the Council for the resolution of sympathy passed at the last meeting.

A letter from the Charity Commissioners dated February 17th was read referring to the appointment of Messrs. Hodgson and Guyatt as Representative Trustees. The letter stated that "Both Trustees will be entitled to hold office for 4 years from the 9th ultimo, the date of their appointment".

John Beames wrote asking for compensation on giving up his allotment and the clerk was instructed to inform him that the Council regretted they could not recognise his claim.

The Council agreed to write off as irrecoverable the rents due on allotments Plot 6 nos 8 & 11.

H Napier

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday April 15th 1913 at 6.45 p.m. this being the first meeting of the newly elected council.

Present Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, R Harding, S Harding, C Hodgson, H Jefferies, R E March, H B Napier, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The Council having signed the necessary declarations. Mr Jefferies proposed and Mr Withers seconded that Mr H B Napier the Chairman. This was carried unanimously and Mr Napier took the Chair.

The Chairman welcomed the new members and spoke of the loss the Council sustained in not having Mr J Hamblin upon it.

The Chairman then suggested Mr R Harding as Vice Chairman but that gentleman declined on account of ill health. Mr R Harding proposed and Mr S Harding seconded that Mr H Jefferies be Vice Chairman. Carried unanimously.

Mr Jefferies accepted the office. The Chairman proposed and R Harding seconding that Mr Avery be Overseer and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the late Overseer (Messrs Hamblin and Avery) for their work. The proposition and vote were carried unanimously and Mr Avery again took office.

Mr March proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded that Mr W J B Coombe be Overseer.

The Chairman moved Mr J Barnes seconded and it was unanimously carried that Mr C Hodgson be representative school manager. Mr Hodgson accepted the office.

The Chairman moved and Mr R Harding seconded that Messrs J Barnes, S Harding, C Hodgson, W Tucker and W R Withers be appointed the Allotments Committee. Carried unanimously.

All the above named agreed to serve.

A discussion took place with respect to traction engines taking water at Kennel Lane and the Chairman promised to bring the

matter before the attention of the District members of the Rural District Council. Mr J Harding asked if anything had been done with respect to the Bower Ashton Road and the Chairman replied that the matter was still in abeyance. Mr Lewis of Providence attended and complained of the allotment road at Plot 4. It was decided that the allotment Committee should visit the place on the next Monday at 6.30. The account of Mr A E Hicks (5/-) as returning officer was passed for payment.

H Napier.

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Schools on Tuesday July 15th 1913 at 6.45 p.m. Mr H B Napier presided. There were present: Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, Dr R A Fuller, Messrs C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers. It was agreed that W Geddes should be excused one half year's rent on account of the state of the allotment which he took from F Barnes and Barnes be called upon to pay this if he applied for and before taking another allotment.

The Allotment Committee reported that in reference to Mr Lewis' complaint, they had inspected the Providence Allotment, Plot 4 and decided there should be a 3 feet wide pathway adjoining the iron fence on the north end of the allotment the pathway to be common to all holders of allotments in the plot.

Mr Hodgson promised to asked Mr R Harding to allow the Council to put up a strand of barbed wire outside the allotments, plot 8 and the Chairman undertook to put up a protection.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council calling to the condition of the Short Lane at Yanley and the allotment holders at Flax Bourton to trim the hedges evenly.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

H B Napier	Allotment Rent	£46.3.9
Jordan and Co	Printing	8.9
H C Guyatt	Rates	£4.9.5
Total		£51.1.11

Herbert Jefferies

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday October 14th 1913 at 6.45 p.m.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman Mr H Jefferies presided, there being present:

Messrs. J Barnes, R Harding, S Harding, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr March moved and Mr Hodgson seconded that the Clerk write to the Clerk to the Guardians and to the District Council for copies of their last published accounts. Carried unanimously.

Mr J Barnes complained of the state of the footpath below the Convalescent Home Lawn and proposed that the tenant be requested to trim the hedge that at present obstructs the pathway.

Carried unanimously.

Mr Barnes having also called attention to the bridle path from Warren Lane and to the footpath from Gatcombe Farm to Bedminster Down it was decided that the Clerk bring the map to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Tucker proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that the Clerk write to Mrs Taylor and asked if she would give permission to allotment holders to turn their manure carts on her allotment and Mr Tucker promised to call.

Mr March proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded a vote of thanks to the Vice Chairman for presiding.

Carried unanimously.

H Napier.