

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday January 13th 1914 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Mr H B Napier in the Chair, Messrs H Jefferies, Vice Chairman and J Avery, J Barnes, C Hodgson and R E March.

The Clerk report that Mrs Taylor was willing to allow carts to turn on her allotment at Bower Ashton. He also reported that the hedge below the Convalescent home had been trimmed by E James.

The question of the footpath leading from Warren Lane was discussed and the Chairman agreed to put a stile.

Mr R E March brought forward the question of the footpath between the Union and the Police Station. The Clerk was instructed to write to Sup Pitman stating that the path referred to was an occupation lane and that the owners on both sides may, if they will, repair it but that the Parish Council was under no obligation.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Hicks stating that the Parish Council understands that a charge exists for water used in repairing the roads and is of opinion that the road being now a county road identified by the Council, steps should be taken to cancel the agreement with the Water works Company by which the parish has to pay a minimum rate.

Mr R E March proposed and Mr H Jefferies seconded that the County Council be requested to tar the road through Long Ashton at an earlier date than last year. Carried unanimously.

Herbert Jefferies.

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday March 24th 1914 at the close of the Parish Meeting.

Present: Mr W H Jefferies (Vice Chairman) in the chair and Messrs. J Avery, J Barnes, Dr R A Fuller, Messrs S Harding, C Hodgson, R E March, Mr R Withers and W Tucker.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr J Barnes called attention to the fact that the stile had not yet been put to the Warren Lane path.

The Clerk read a letter from W Hicks stating that he had given formal notice to terminate the agreement with the Bristol Water Works Company dated 29th July 1901.

J Musgrove having complained of the damage done by the Elm Tree to his allotment, Plot 1, No1 it was decided on the proposition of Mr Withers seconded by Mr Barnes that the Chairman (Mr H B Napier) be asked to deal with the matter, Mr Tucker having reported that S Cox wished to give up his allotment, Plot 1 No 8 it was proposed that the Parish Council had no objection to allowing Cox to give up to the next applicant.

This was seconded by Dr Fuller and agreed to Dr Fuller raised the question of the time of the Council's Meetings and proposed 7.30.

Mr Avery proposed and Mrs Harding seconded that the matter be deferred till the April meeting.

Mr Barnes proposed and Mr S Harding seconded that the Clerk offer E Atherton's allotment to F Hortley failing another parishioner tenant at Bourton.

Mr Hodgson asked if the Parochial Committee had received any report as to the nuisance at Chorley Row and stated that the nuisance had not been adequately remedied.

H Napier.

The Long Ashton Parish Meeting took place at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday March 24th 1914.

There was a moderate attendance. Most of the Members of the Parish Council were present.

Owing to the enforced absence of the Chairman through ill health W H Jefferies (Vice Chairman) took the chair.

The Clerk read the minutes of the last Parish Meeting and they were confirmed.

A question was asked about the Fire Brigade and the Chairman replied that nothing had been done, a discussion took place respecting the road at Durnfords Quarry. Mr G J Nicholl on behalf of the District Council replied that the road would have to take its turn with the rest and that the matter was constantly brought before that council.

Dr Fuller suggested a notice board.

Mr Marsh proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded that the road at Durnfords quarry being in such a dangerous state it should either be repaired forthwith, or that a notice board should be put up at each end pointing out that the road is dangerous . Mr Withers suggested that the Parish Council should ascertain whether the road leading from Yanley main road to Mr G Marshall's farm was controlled by the District Council and if so they should be requested to repair it.

Mr Hodgson moved and Mr Barnes seconded that the hedge at Mrs Gibb's should be cut back as it obstructed the path.

Mr H Jefferies proposed and Mr R E March seconded that the Clerk write the Chairman at the Council Mr H B Napier expressing the sympathy of the Council at his enforced absence.

The Clerk t the Parochial Charity Trustees Mr A G Thomas presented his balance sheet for the past year.

H Napier

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday April 21st 1914 at 6.30 p.m.

Present Mr H B Napier in the Chair, Mr H Jefferies (Vice Chairman) Messrs R E Marsh, W Tucker, W R Withers. Mr Jefferies proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that Mr H B Napier be re-elected Chairman of the Council. This was carried unanimously. Mr Marsh proposed and Mr Withers seconded that Mr H Jefferies be re-elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously.

A letter having been read from Mr Joseph Avery stating that he would be willing to serve as Overseer for another year but that he would be abroad from the early spring of 1915, it was resolved for this year to appoint three Overseers.

On the proposition of Mr Jefferies it was unanimously resolved that Mr Joseph Avery, Mr W J B Coombe and Mr G J Nicholl be elected Overseers for the ensuing year.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that W C Hodgson be appointed representative School Manager. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman promised to see to the stile at Warren Lane. Mr Barnes promised to see Norley, Flax Bourton about Mr Atherton's allotment. Failing Norley's taking it the Clerk was instructed to see Mr Atherton.

Mr Withers asked about the road leading to G Marshall's farm.

Mr Pearce being present stated that this road was not under the authority of the District Council. A discussion took place with reference to the nuisance in the brook at Chorley Row. Mr Pearce reported that further work was to be done there, but this had been delayed till there was less water in the brook.

A discussion took place respecting the time of the Council's Meetings.

It was proposed by Mr Hodgson seconded by Mr Barnes and agreed to that having regard for the convenience of all members of the Council the time of meeting should be 6.45 p.m. winter and summer.

H Napier

Long Ashton Parish Council.

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday July 14th 1914 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Mr H B Napier in the Chair, Mr H Jefferies Vice Chairman and Messrs S Barnes, R Harding, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and Dr R A Fuller.

Mr Barnes reported that he had seen Norley who was not able to take Mr Atherton's allotment. The Clerk reported that he had seen Mr E Atherton who was willing to keep on the allotment (Plot 4 No. 6) for a year at five shillings in order that the ground should not be idle. The Council agreed to this.

The Allotment Committee reported that they were willing to let R Hynam's allotment to a tenant for one year free of rent, the tenant to clear the ground. The report was agreed to (Plot 5 No. 2).

The Clerk was instructed to write C Vowles requesting him to get his allotment clear.

Mr R E March reported that Short Lane had not been either weeded or swept for some considerable time and the Clerk was directed to call the attention of the District Council to the matter. Attention was called to the condition of the path between Ashton Vale Brickworks and the creosoting tank belonging to the Ashton Court Estate which path is considered to be in a dangerous condition and the Clerk was directed to call the attention of the secretary of the Ashton Vale Iron Company to the state of the path and ask him to have it immediately attended to.

The Council agreed to let Roger Hinder take Charles Hassell's allotment Plot 2 No 12.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

H B Napier Allotment Rent £46:3:9

HC Guyatt's Rates £4:2:0

Herbert Jefferies.

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday September 15th 1914 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Mr H Jefferies (Vice Chairman) in the chair, and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, R Harding, S Harding, C Hodgson, W Tucker and W R Withers. Mr R E March called re Special Constables. The Clerk read a letter from the Rural District Council which stated that the District Surveyor had been instructed to attend to the Short Lane as soon as possible.

The Clerk also read a reply from Mr I Hamblin stating that the state of the footpath at Ashton Vale should have prompt attention.

A letter from Mr H B Napier who was prevented from attending (stating that the proposed diversion of the footpath at Ashton Vale would not in anyway inconvenience the public) was read.

The Clerk then read a letter from Mr I Hamblin dated September 2nd 1914 and accompanied by plan asking the Council to approve of the temporary diversion by the Ashton Vale Iron Company of the footpath at Ashton Vale as shown in the plan.

The following resolution moved by Mr C Hodgson and seconded by Mr J Barnes was unanimously carried.

That the proposed temporary diversion of footpath by the Ashton Vale Iron Company referred to in Mr I Hamblin's letter of September 2nd and accompanied by plan be approved. Mr S Harding drew attention to the state of the road leading from the main road to the allotments at Bower Ashton and it was agreed to defer the matter till the October meeting of the Council. It was also agreed to let the consideration of C Vowles' allotment stand over.

H B Napier.

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday October 13th 1914 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Mr H B Napier in the Chair and Messrs J Barnes, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The state of the road at Bower Ashton allotments referred to by Mr S Harding at the Council's last meeting was discussed and the Chairman undertook to have the road repaired. It was decided that Charles Vowles should give up his allotment owing to its neglect, the Clerk to let it on the best terms he could make. It was agreed to offer Stephen Tucker R Hynam's allotment (Plot 5 No 2) rent free to March next. (He would not take it). It was also agreed to let J Stevens take G Brimble's Plot 3 No 22 and give up his own Plot 3 No 40 in March.

The Chairman read a letter from the Marquis of Bath appealing to the Parish for funds for the Prince of Wales's national war relief fund, the Chairman was instructed to reply that considerable sums had already been sent direct through the Lord Mayor of Bristol and that the Parish Council did not see their way to appeal generally through the parish for further support.

It was agreed to receive at next January meeting a list of Ashton men who had volunteered for service such list to be entered in the Minute Book.

H B Napier

"Mr Chairman and Gentlemen

In compliance with your request I have great pleasure in submitting a list of those who have left Ashton and serving in H M Forces in this terrible war, from which it will be seen at the outbreak there were 5 men in the Regular Army, 8 in the Navy, while 4 army and 4 navy reserved were called up.

33 Territorials were mobilized, 36 have joined since, 33 have joined Lord Kitchener's Army (including the National Reserves called up) making a total for Ashton proper of 123 to which has to be added those from Leigh Woods, viz 2 Naval Reserves, 5 Territorials mobilised, and 10 joined since, total being 17, making a grand total of 140. The population at the

last census was 1986. 2nd Lieut J S Davey of Leigh Woods was killed in action while several others have received wounds.

While the men folk of Ashton are doing their duty those left behind are doing theirs. The ladies immediately set together to make articles needed for Red Cross Work and I am informed that including proceeds of a jumble sale subscriptions have come in to the extent of £54-5-: enabling them to send away some 461 articles besides 150 parcels for the soldiers themselves, 122 of these being for Xmas to our own men and the other 28 earlier in the war.

For these parcels the parishioners were asked to contribute some little article and right well did they respond a great many being received and varies in nature. The children of the Band of Hope also shared in this, contributing a £1 from the proceeds of a concert they gave. A sheaf of letters of thanks has been received from the men which in some way should have a little publicity.

Ashton has also participated in finding part of the purchase money of the N S M A Waggor a sum of £120-6-1 being raised, the largest sub being £20 and the lowest being a penny, there being in all 380 subscribers.

Something has also been done for the Belgian Refugees resident in Bristol the village being canvassed for vegetables the result being that 4 cart loads were taken to Bristol; while the children of the Sunday School are fore going their prizes, the value of the same being given to the Red Cross and Belgian Relief Funds.”

EUROPEAN WAR 1914-1915

PARISH OF LONG ASHTON

ROLL OF HONOUR

Army

Pte Geo. Hill; P.AAS.L.I.
Alfred Mitchell R F A
Pte Frank Mitchell Gren.Gds.
FF Trayler R F C
Sergt Burge PA SLI

Army Reserves

Pte T Hinder, Duke of Cornwall
T Ludlow, Irish Gds
Sergt Mappedoram R H A
Corpl H Watts, Gren Gds

Navy

Pte W Ball. HMS Goliath RNLI
P O C Brock HMS Argyle
W Fisher HMS Berwick
W Froud HMS Essex
W Hinder Submarine
R H Milsom HMS Conqueror
T G Salter HMS Naird
Lce Cor W Watts R M L I

Navy Reserves

F Ball HMS Venus
H Lane
W Brown HMS Erin
Lieut R A Bernard

TERRITORIALS 1st Wessex Field Co R E

Sapper W Ayres
Sapper S Baker
Sergt O J Ball
Lce Cor T Bartlett
Sapper F Blackmore
Sapper H Blackmore
Sapper H Brown
Sapper W Brown
Sapper N Dark

Sapper F Gazzard
Driver F G Imstead
Sapper F Hazell
Sapper L C Hazell
Driver R Hynam
Driver V James
Sapper C Jukes
Lce Cor W Lewis
Corple S Mitchell

Supper C L Ogborne
Driver P Payne
Sapper S Raines
Driver J Shore
Driver W Shore
Sapper P Tucker
Sapper W Stenner
Sapper W Wilkins

Driver D Handcock S Mid RE
Sapper W C Whiting
Lce Cple C Poole 2nd
Wessex

W French RAMC
T B Ricketts
H P Cotterill RGH

H J Stone RNVR

TERRITORIALS SINCE JOINED

4 TH Glos	S Mid R E	RAMC
Leonard Young	Harold Watts	J Wilson
Fredk Gunston	John Kerton	Edw Payne
Hugh Gregory	Guy Robinson	H Noble
W H Oatway	Reginald James	N S Y
Edward Hurd	Harry Vining	R T Nurse
Capt F J Hannam	George Evans	W Wiltshire
6 th Glos	Ernest Earley	Edw Brock
Harold Hicks	1 st Wessex	Norman Pearce
L Hicks	W Tucker	W Triander
Arthur Newman	Geo Wilkins	Harry Walters
Herbert Gunston	M Burge	H M Cotterill RGH
F Fowles	Chas Tucker	Mark Ashley
Frank Thorne	2 nd Wessex	
W Payne	Lieut G T Nicholl	

LORD KITCHENER'S ARMY

Victor Adams RAMC	Wm Ratcliffe 7 th Glos
F Barnes Hussars	W Richards
A Brown RFA	J Thompson
T Brock A S C	Arthur Tucker PASLI
G Brock Spl Res Welsh Reg	Stanley Watts Hussars
Kirtler	Ernest Wedmore RFA
Gilbert Fear PASLI	Joseph Wedmore Bristol's Own
Norman French PASLI	I Kempe Bristol's Own
McClymont	Edgar Pearce Bristol's Own
H Milsom, Hussars	Harold Smythe Bristol's Own
Fred Oatway Lancers	E Staff Bristol's Own
	Tibbs Bristol's Own

NATIONAL RESERVES (called up)

George Ball	Albert Barnes
Chas Hazell	Chas Burge
Fred Hill	Tom Barnes
Stephen Ogborne	W W Beames
Fred Parker	Arthur Watts

LEIGH WOODS

Navy Reserve
Lieut C Davey
Thomas Bailey

Territorials
Lieut J S Davey NSY
Lieut W D Wills
Lieut R B Wills 2nd Wessex
Lieut M C Wills 2nd Wessex
Pte C MacOvens

Since Joined
Lt V Wills RFA
Pte W Booth 2nd Wessex
D Phillips 2nd Wessex
C Godby NSY
A Slade NSY
B Tuck NSY
Lt J S Burrow Hill
Lt M V Burrow Hill
Lt H Burrow Hill
Pte Frank Davey 4th Dor

Gentlemen –

In continuance of my last report as far as I can gather Private F Mitchell, Gren Guards, & Pte T Hinder – Duke of Cornwall have been wounded, while Ptes G Hill and T Ludlow are prisoners.

Omitted from my last list were W Blackmore (Navy) Julian Ogborne, 1st Wessex R E, Frederick Williams, John Smith and Edgar Charlton, 12th Service Batt, Glos Reg: (Bristol's Own) and Lieut C Harrington Fry NSY.

The following have since joined

6th Glos (T)

James Parsons
Wilfred Grimstead
T Best
John Barnes
Stanley Rolf

SMRE (T)

Charles Shore
Sidney Shore
William Rossiter
Gilbert Brock
Sidney H Carter
Frederick Vining

Whiting RAMC
H Abernethy (Naval Cadet)
Stuart Kempe (MT)
Rev N M Kempe (Chaplain)
E Wilkins Cyclists Corp
Fred Hynam PASLI
Harry White
S Jarvis

This brings our grand total up to 165 out of population of 1986.

It is with much regret that I have to record the death of Capt R B Wills of Leigh Woods.

R E March

23 March 1915