

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday February 8th 1916.

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

Mr W J B Coombe having signed the declaration of acceptance of office also took his seat upon the Council.

The Chairman alluded to the death of Mr Richmond Harding and remarked on the great loss to the Council and to the Parish which he had served faithfully for many years.

The Clerk was directed to write Mrs Harding expressing the sympathy of the Council.

The Chairman then explained the County Agricultural Committee Scheme for the distribution of seed potatoes.

Mr Pearce and Mr West offered to receive potatoes for the convenience of purchasers.

Orders for 47 cwt were booked at the meeting. H B Napier

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday March 21st 1916 at 6.45 p.m. after the Parish Meeting.

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

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Burton for the seed potatoes. On the proposition of Mr Jefferies seconded by Mr Harding, Mr Wm Butler of Gatcombe Farm was unanimously elected to fill the casual vacancy by the death of Mr Richmond Harding.

The Chairman promised to ask Mr Stone to give an estimate for repairs to the water cart.

The Clerk was asked to find if the Bristol Water Works Co would make the same arrangements as heretofore.

It was agreed to let Pop take E James's allotment.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board dated 13th March 1916 calling attention to certain irregularities in payment of the Assistant Overseer for carrying out the work of preparation of the Votes' lists and it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Mr March, seconded by Mr Hodgson that payment of the Assistant Overseer does not include any payment in connection with his duties in preparing the Parliamentary Register. The Clerk was instructed to ask Russell to attend to the drinking trough.

Mr Harding drew attention to the fact that the gate and posts had been removed from the road leading to the Bower Ashton allotments and the Chairman promised to attend to the matter.

Mr March drew attention to the bad condition of Yanley Lane due to heavy traffic in connection with the mile depot and the Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council asking them to give the matter their attention particularly as the mules are being removed.

Mr Barnes called attention to the Short Lane, Providence and the Chairman promised to see Mr Pearce about the matter.

Mr Jefferies drew attention to the water rising out of the sewer man hole at the Railway Bridge and Yanley Lane, and the Clerk was requested to write the District Council on the matter stating that the Parish Council was opinion that a large volume of water must find its way to the sewage outfall works which should be prevented.

Mr Withers drew attention to the Spring in Glebe Road at its junction with Yanley Lane and the Clerk was requested to write the District Council on the matter asking them to put a short length of piping from the spring head into the adjoining ditch and thus prevent damage to the highway and also inconvenience to foot passengers.

H B Napier

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday March 21st 1916 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Mr H B Napier in the Chair, Mr H Jefferies Vice Chairman, and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, S Harding, C Hodgson, R E March and W R Withers members of the Council and Messrs. Woodberry and Poultney.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mrs Slagg expressing sympathy with her at the loss of her husband. The Chairman remarked on the late Mr Staff's usefulness to the Parish and his willingness to help on all occasions.

Mr A G Thomas read the Report of the Charity Trustees which he explained were in different form to meet the requirements of the Charity Commissioners.

Herbert Jefferies

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday April 18th 1916 at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Messrs H B Napier, H Jefferies, J Barnes, W J B Coombe, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers. Proposed by W March and seconded by Mr Coombe that Mr Napier be re-elected Chairman of the Council. Carried unanimously.

Mr Napier proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded that Mr Jefferies be re-elected Vice Chairman. Carried unanimously.

Both of these gentlemen accepted office. Proposed by Mr Withers seconded by Mr Jefferies that Messrs W J B Coombe and Rowland Adams be re-elected Representative School Manager. Carried unanimously. Mr Hodgson accepted office. The Clerk reported no replies from District Council re 3 letters dealing with matters at last meeting of the Council. No meeting of the District Council having been held.

The allotment rent of plot 3 No 17 (Jukes) for half year to March 25 1915 was written off as a bad debt.

Mr W Butler being ill the Clerk was directed to write Mrs Butler expressing the Council's sympathy.

H B Napier.

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday July 11th 1916 at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Mr H B Napier in the Chair Mr H Jefferies Vice Chairman, and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, W J B Coombe, C Hodgson, W Tucker, and W R Withers.

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs Butler thanking the Council for sympathy. The Clerk reported having received no replied from the District Council to letters dealing with matters brought forward by the Parish Council at the March meeting. The Chairman stated that the mattes complained of had been attended to.

The Clerk was instructed to see Mr L Jones re taking Winscombe's allotment and to make the best arrangements for rent. The Chairman stated that he had had the water cart repaired.

H Napier

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Parochial Schools on Thursday October 13th 1916 at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Mr H B Napier in the Chair and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, W J B Coombe and W Tucker, W Jefferies who was away from home wrote apologising for absence.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk reported that he had let Winscombe's allotment plot 4, No 5 to Mr H Taylor of Ridge Farm free of rent to March 25th 1917. (See page 75) a circular from the County Council re seed potatoes was read and the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries if there was any demand.

It was decided that Mr H Russell be asked to repair the Providence Pump.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Coombe and seconded by Mr Barnes was unanimously passed:

That an account of the extra work involved in making new assessments and revising the rating of standing assessments it was resolved on the proposition of Mr Coombe and seconded by Mr Theo Barnes to vote the Assistant Overseer the sum of £10 (ten pounds). Mr Guyatt was also instructed to prepare a statement of the rateable value of the parish at the time he was appointed and of the rateable value today, in order that the Council may at their next meeting consider the question of permanently increasing the salary.

Herbert Jefferies