

Long Ashton Parish Council

The Council met at the Schools on Tuesday January 9th 1917 at 6.45 p.m.

Mr H Jefferies (Vice Chairman) in the Chair there being also present Messrs J Barnes, C Hodgson, R E March, W R Withers, W Tucker.

Mr Butler having signed the declaration of acceptance of office took his seat on the council.

The Chairman (Mr H B Napier) sent an apology for absence. The Council approved of the Clerk's letting Winscombe's allotment to Mr H Taylor of Ridge Farm.

Mr Hodgson moved that if there were no application from a parishioner the Clerk offer J Parsons allotment to H Taylor but not rent free. Mr Butler seconded and it was carried unanimously. Mr March moved and Mr Hodgson seconded that the Allotment Committee should consider whether the Bourton Allotments should be given up they having been held at a loss to the Council. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hodgson moved and Mr Tucker seconded that the Assistant Overseer's salary be increased by ten pounds a year dating as from September 29th last.

The Clerk reported that the Providence allotment gate was out of repair and Mr Withers proposed and Mr Tucker seconded that the Clerk to asked to see Mr Napier on the subject and also with respect to another supply of ropes for the Birdwell allotments. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hodgson proposed and Mr March seconded that the attention of the District Council be called to the fact that a stable had been built at the back of Mr Parson's shop, Birdwell.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

H B Napier allotment rent	£46:3:9
Jordan Printing	17:6
H Russell repairs to pumps	12:-

H C Guyatt Rates on allotments

£3:10:11

Total

£51:4:2

The Council then booked orders for seed potatoes offered by the County Council parishioners having been invited to attend the meeting.

Mr March proposed Mr Hodgson seconded and it was carried unanimously that the Clerk write to the Ladies' Working Party thanking them for their work done on behalf of the soldiers.

Herbert Jefferies 23/3/17

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Parochial Schools on Tuesday March 23rd 1917 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Mr Herbert Jefferies in the Chair and Messrs J Avery, W J B Combe, C Hodgson, R E March, W Butler, W R Withers, J H Pearce.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. A letter from Mrs Stagg was read expressing thanks for the vote of sympathy passed at that meeting. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr W Tucker expressing sympathy with him at his enforced absence through illness.

Mr A G Thomas read the report of the Charity Trustees.

The Report was unanimously approved on the proposition of Mr Hodgson seconded by Mr Avery. The Chairman read a circular from the County of Somerset National Service Committees dated March 13th 1917.

Mr J H Pearce made suggestions with a view to assisting the meeting and it was resolved to ask Mr Hatcher to act as local correspondent and organiser and that the Clerk who had stated that Mr Hatcher had signified his willingness to act should at once write Major C George C Hamilton to inform him of Mr Hatcher's appointment.

Mr Pearce moved and Mr Withers seconded that the meeting proceed to the election of a National Service Committee.

Proposed by Mr March, seconded by Mr Withers that the Parochial Committee with power to add to their number be the National Service Committee. Carried unanimously.

Mr Coombe moved and Mr Hodgson seconded that a public meeting in connection with National Service be called by Mr Hatcher for next Monday. Carried unanimously.

H Napier

Long Ashton Parish Council

The above Council met at the Parochial Schools (at the close of the Parish Meeting) on Tuesday March 23rd 1917.

Present Mr Herbert Jefferies in the chair and Messrs J Avery, W Butler, W J B Coombe, C Hodgson, R E March, W R Withers.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council were read and confirmed Mr March proposed and Mr Avery seconded that Mr H C Guyatt be re-elected a Representative Trustee of the Long Ashton Parochial Charities. Mr Coombe moved and it was seconded by Mr Butler that Mr C Hodgson be also re-elected a Representative Trustee of the Parochial Charity both appointments to hold good until the expiration of office of the present Parish Council. Carried unanimously.

A letter from Mr A E Hicks dated March 8th was read together with an enclosed copy of a letter from George Gloscombe who asked permission to cultivate the vacant land at the sewerage disposal works. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the land was already in the occupation of Mr Charles Walker and that if he did not intend to cultivate it himself, it was very desirable to let it to someone who would. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Walker referring to the circular of the Agricultural War Committee and to the urgency in view of the national necessity of cultivating vacant land and to state that the Council could put him in communication with a possible tenant.

A circular (undated) from the Somerset War Agricultural Committee respecting uncultivated gardens and allotments was read.

The Clerk was instructed to see Mr Comerford who was resident at Park View and if he did not intend to cultivate the garden to write Mr J H Burton.

A letter from Mrs Jefferies was read expressing the thanks of the Ladies Working Party to the members of the Parish Council for their expressions of appreciation of the ladies' work on behalf of sailors and soldiers.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr A Tiley protesting against Sunday labour on allotments. Mr Withers proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded

that the attention of the District Council be drawn to the dangerous state of the Glebe Road at its junction with Yanley Lane and to the state of the road under the railway bridge at Bridge Farm. Carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr Coombe seconded by Mr Avery the reports of the Allotments Committee dated respectively January 18th and 25th were unanimously adopted.

Mr Hodgson proposed and Mr Withers seconded that Harry Hassell's vacant allotment be dealt with by Messrs. Hodgson, Barnes and the Clerk. Carried unanimously.

It was resolved that the Allotments Committee meet the Chairman of the Council to inspect the fence at the south side of the Archgrove Allotments.

Arising out of the Report of the Allotment Committee dated January 18th the Clerk reported that Mr Taylor was willing to take only one of J Parsons' allotments Plot 4 No 6.

Haydon having manured his ground was not willing to exchange allotments and therefore the suggestions of the Committee could not be carried out.

Subsequently plot 4 No 1 has been let to John Jefferies engineer at the Union so that all the Bourton Allotments are now occupied.

G J Thorne has taken G Cox's 8.3

E P Parch has taken G Cox's grass and

W Clerk plot 8 No 15 Norman French having declined.

Ernest Carter takes E Duckett's, A Duckett takes Coles's 3.12

H Francombe takes Plot 8 No 9, P Attwood takes F Oalway's 5.3

H Napier

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the School's on Tuesday April 17th at 6.45 p.m.

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

Mr Coombe proposed and Mr Jefferies seconded that Mr Napier be re-elected Chairman. Carried Unanimously. Mr Napier accepted arising from Minutes of last meeting a letter from Mr A G Thomas was read stating that the appointment of Charity Trustees was irregular.

The Chairman formally moved Mr Jefferies seconding that Messrs. Guyatt and Hodgson be elected representative Trustees of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for four years from April 17th. Carried unanimously.

A letter from Mr Charles Walker was read in which he stated that he was arranging with George Goscombe for the cultivation of the land at the Sewerage Disposal Works.

The Chairman undertook to see if the garden at Park View was being cultivated and if it was not to obtain power to compulsory cultivation. The Clerk reported seeing Mr Hicks who stated that the matter of Yanley Lane had been attended to. These matters arising out of the last meeting's minutes having been dealt with; the Chairman proposed and Mr Withers seconded that Mr H Jefferies be re-elected via Chairman. Carried unanimously. Mr Jefferies accepted.

Mr Withers proposed and Mr March seconded that Messrs W J C Coombe and Rowland Adams be re-appointed Overseers with a vote of thanks for past service.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Jefferies seconded Mr Hodgson be re-appointed Representative School Manager. Carried unanimously. Mr Hodgson accepted. It was agreed that H Chorley should hold H Hassell's allotment for two years.

On the suggestion of Mr March it was resolved that lists of unpaid allotments rents should be brought before the Council after each collection.

Mr Hodgson reported that W Selman and J Rossiter did not keep any horst on their grass allotments but sold the produce and that the allotments were badly farmed. It was resolved that both be given notice to quit and that the Clerk be instructed to see both and ascertain if they would give up at once.

It was decided that the Clerk should see James Rossiter (next Chorley's Stores) and if he would not cultivate his allotment the Chairman would obtain an order for compulsory power to have the land cultivated. If he gave up it was decided to let it to H Hassell or failing him to N French, Mr Coombe proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that Lieut Lambert be thanked for his valuable help in digging allotments for soldiers' wives and others.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write a letter of sympathy to Mr Stephen Harding who had recently lost his wife.

A list of unpaid rents was brought forward by the Clerk who was asked to see W Wilkins and Harry Hassell and request them to agree to pay 5/- a fortnight out of their wages at the Cider Institute. In case of refusal Wilkins must give up possession at once and Hassell not to be let another allotment.

H Jefferies 10/7/17

Long Ashton Parish Council

A special meeting of the Council was held at the Schools on Saturday May 21st 1917 at 6.45 p.m.

Mr Jefferies wrote explaining why he would not be able to attend.

Mr H B Napier presided and there were also present Mr S Harding and Mr W R Withers.

The Chairman read a circular from Mr J H Burton advocating the establishment in Long Ashton of a Food Production Committee.

The matter was discussed and Mr Napier undertook to write to the Director of Agriculture Food Production Department, Victoria Street, London to obtain if possible an instructor who would address a public meeting on the subject.

Mr Harding called attention to the state of the gate at Bower Ashton Allotment and the Chairman promised to look at it.

Herbert Jefferies 10/7/17

Long Ashton Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at the Schools on Tuesday July 10th at 6.45 p.m.

Mr H Jefferies (Vice Chairman) presided and there were also present Messrs. J Barnes, W J B Coombe, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers.

Mr Coombe reported that Park View garden had been cultivated the Clerk was instructed to let J Rossiter's grass allotment to Williams if H Barnett did not wish to take it.

Mr Tucker proposed and Mr Coombe seconded that necessary repairs to the iron gate, iron fencing supports and wicket gate at Bower Ashton should be carried out, and notice boards repainted and that the Providence Gate should be attended to. Carried unanimously.

Mr Coombe proposed and Mr March seconded that circulars be sent to allotment holders who had failed to pay on July 6th stating that it was reported to the Council that rent was not paid on that date and that unless it was paid by August 4th they would be given notice to quit. Carried unanimously. The Clerk was asked to produce a copy of the rules at next meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to write Charles Poole stating that if his arrears were not paid within one month the Council will take possession.

The Clerk reported that Mr Hatcher would pay Mrs Mitchell's arrears of allotment rent.

Winscombe's arrears not having been paid it was suggested that the Clerk see the Estate Agent of the Tyntesfield Estate.

Mr March undertook to try to obtain the arrears from Mrs. Lewis. The Clerk was instructed to write Harry Hassell that rent must be paid within days or a County Court Summons would be taken out.

H Napier

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Parochial Schools on Friday October 12th 1917 at 6.45 p.m.

Mr H B Napier presided and there were also present Mr H Jefferies (Vice Chairman) and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, W Butler and C Hodgson.

The Clerk reported that J Rossiter's Grass allotment had been let to Mr Williams. Also that all allotment holders to whom notice had been sent had paid their rents. The Clerk was instructed to see Mr Chamberlain re Winscombe's allotment rent.

It was agreed to let W Tucker Jr give up his allotment and take Cox's plot 2 no. 13 and to offer

W Tucker's 3.28 to Ludlow

Ludlowes 8.12 to N French

Or H Barnes's 3.13

Or failing him to H Fritter.

The Chairman received a letter dated September 6th 1917 from Mr E J Swann of the Gables, Leigh Woods stating that he had created a Trust for the distribution of Coal and blankets in the Parish of Abbots Leigh and the Ecclesiastical District of St Mary's Leigh Woods Trust Fund amounting to £500 in costs and that he had expressed a desire that the terms of the Trust should be recorded in the Minutes of the Parish Council of Long Ashton, Mr Swann enclosed with the letter a copy of the trust which the clerk was instructed to file with other parish papers.

The Clerk was further instructed to write to Mr Swann stating that the Chairman had read his letter of September 6th 1917 relating to the Coal and Blanket Trust for the Parish of Abbots Leigh and the Ecclesiastical District of Leigh Woods and acquaint him that his wishes had been duly carried out and a full minute entered in the Minute Book of the Parish Council.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Jordan 6/-, Hadden and Best 1/4 , total 7/4.

H Napier