

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Church House on Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> 1918 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 Butler, C Hodgson, W Tucker and W R Withers. Mr R E March wrote explaining unavoidable absence. The Clerk reported that

W Tucker had taken Cox's allotment 2.13

C Ludlow had taken W Tucker's 3.28

N French had taken H Barne's 3.13

N Fritter had taken C Ludlow's 8.12

It was agreed to let J P Smart take Pope's allotment 2.10.

The Clerk was instructed to write Comerford of Park View and ask if he intended to cultivate the whole of his garden and to say that the Council must have a definite assurance that he meant to cultivate or steps to find a tenant would be taken. Mr E P Patch attended and enquired to whom his allotment fence belonged. The Chairman promised to ascertain and to supply stakes and wire to Mr Patch.

The Chairman reported that the Council would shortly receive a circular from the War Agricultural Committee re special land to be cultivated with second early potatoes and if was agreed that when it came the allotment's Committee should deal with the question.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

H B Napier rent	£46.3.9
Jordan, printing	£ 1.12.6
Guyatt Rates	£4. 0.1
Napier Repairs	£11.3.2
Total	£62.19.6

The Chairman promised to endeavour to obtain £5.0.10 repairs to fence at Bower Ashton Allotments from the military authorities.

H Napier 24 January 18

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House on Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.45 p.m. The whole council attended, viz Mr H B Napier in the Chair, Mr H Jefferies Vice Chairman, Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, W Butler, W J B Combe, S Harding, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider an important circular from the War Agricultural Executive Committee in acquiring land for war allotments. The Clerk stated that there were five applicants for garden allotments. The Chairman promised to see P C Cole respecting some ground.

On the proposition of Mr Jefferies seconded by Mr R E March the following resolution was put to the meeting and unanimously carried:

That the Clerk write to the War Agricultural Executive Committee to say that all the applicants in the parish except two single men were provided with allotments and that all demands had been fully met. A letter from the Clerk to the Hotwells and District Allotments Association having been read it was decided to invite Mr Rowlatt to address a meeting of allotment holders with a view to forming an association in connection with that of Hotwells.

The Clerk was instructed to get postcards printed and call a meeting of allotment holders at Church House.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Wright re the distribution of food and promised to see Mr Wright with a view to calling a meeting to consider the question.

The Chairman undertook to see to the repairs of the wicket gate in plot 2 allotments.

The Clerk reported that Camerford had promised to cultivate the whole of his garden. The Clerk was instructed to write the District Council pointing out that the Yanley Lane from Marshalls farm to the Bridge was in a dangerous state.

It was unanimously decided to hold future meetings of the Council at the Church House on Monday evenings at 6.45 and to rescind the resolution appointing Tuesday as the evening for meetings.

H Napier

The Parish Meeting was held at the Church House on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> 1981 at 6.45 p.m. Mr H B Napier taking the Chair. There were also present Mr H Jefferies, Vice Chairman, and Messrs Avery, Butler, Withers, March, Hodgson, Barnes and Tucker.

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

Mr A G Thomas read the accounts of the Parochial Charity and they were unanimously approved on the proposition of Mr March seconded by Mr Avery.

The Chairman explained the obligation of the Trustees to keep in repair certain properties vested in the Trustees. Mr March asked if there was any prospect of road tarring. The Chairman said we had not heard of any steps being taken.

H B Napier

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> 1918 at the close of the Parish Meeting, Mr H B Napier in the chair. Also present Mr H Jefferies, Vice Chairman, and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, W Butler, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk reported reply from R D C stating that the surveyor had been directed to attend to Yanley Lane. The Chairman moved that the Council pay thirty shillings per year for the use of the Church House for all meetings connected with Parish Council business. Mr Hodgson seconded. Carried unanimously. It was agreed that Henry Hazell could take J Rossiter's allotment, plot 3, no 15 provided he (Hazell) cleared arrears in County Court and paid in advance the half year's rent from March 25 1918.

The Clerk brought to notice a memorandum from Local Government Board providing that the Parish Council Election should be further postponed for a year.

The Clerk promised to see Geddes and enquire whether he would be willing to give up the whole or a part of his allotment if he decided to give up half to be let to G Kingston and the other half to J Barnes.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Jordan & Co Printing	19/-
Jefferies (use of schools)	10/-
“ (use of Church House)	7/6-
Guyatt Stamps	£1.5.5
Audit Stamp	£2.0.0
Total	£5.1.11

H B Napier

The Long Ashton Parish Council held its quarterly meeting at the Church House on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1918 at 6.45 p.m.

The Chairman Mr H B Napier presided and there were also present Mr H Jefferies Vice Chairman, and Messrs J Barnes, W Butler, W J B Coombe, S Harding, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk reported that H Hasch had paid up all arrears; also that W Geddes was willing to give up half of his allotment. It was resolved to let George Kingston take the other half.

It was unanimously resolved to re-appoint Messrs W J B Coombe and Rowland Adams Overseers for the ensuing year with a vote of thanks for past services.

The Chairman proposed and Mr March seconded that Mr C Hodgson be re-appointed representative school manager. Carried unanimously.

Mr Smith of Bower Ashton having by letter (read) applied for allotment Mr Hodgson moved and Mr Barnes seconded that notice be served on Mr Taylor to give up plot 1 no 2 in March next.

A circular letter from the Somerset Agricultural Executive Committee dated April 6<sup>th</sup> 1918 and relating to the provision of Allotments was read and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Burton saying that allotments have been supplied in all cases.

Mr H B Napier on the proposition of Mr Jefferies was unanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Council and Mr March proposed Mr Coombe seconding that Mr H Jefferies be Vice Chairman Carried unanimously.

Mr Barnes drew attention to the ground giving way at the top of Providence Allotments and the Clerk was instructed to bring to the attention of the District Council to the matter as the dirt obstructed the way to the houses beyond.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

H B Napier repairs to wicket gate (village allotments) £2.5.3.

H B Napier

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1918.

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

The Clerk reported that G Kingston had taken half of Geddes allotment the latter retaining the other half. The Chairman reported that he had written Alderman Moore re obtaining an allotment for Mrs Taylor.

The Clerk was instructed to write the District Council stating that the Parish Council considered it to be the District Council's duty to obtain the removal of dirt from the passage leading to Edwin Poole's house, Providence, as it was on a highway leading to several houses.

The Clerk was instructed to inform Chorley and Curtis that they must give the allotment jointly held by them there being applicants for allotments. The allotment was then to be let to Thomas Thorne and Thomas Price who were to have half each with promise of full allotment each if anyone gave up.

Mr John Ayres attended and complained that damage had been done to his allotment by Mr Reynold's cattle.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Reynolds pointing out that the damage done was considerable that a request had been made to him to repair the fence but that nothing had been done and that the Council now asked him to get the fence repaired. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Butler to same effect. It was resolved to write off Rossiters half year's rent Plot 3, no 15, 4/2 as a bad debt, Prescott must be told that he must pay his rent or receive notice to quit.

H B Napier

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at The Church House on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 J B Coombe, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers.

A letter dated July 29<sup>th</sup> was read from the District Council adhering to their former resolution that they could not undertake to remove the obstruction in the passage leading to the cottages at Providence.

It was resolved that a further letter be written to the District Council pointing out that they are the only authority which can enforce the removal of the obstruction and as it is a right of way to several cottages the Parish Council trusted that the District Council would have the site inspected when the Parish Council are satisfied their request would be complied with, the Chairman promised to draft a letter.

A reply from Mr Butler was read in which he stated that he would attend to his fence at the grass allotments.

A letter from Mr Reynolds was read in which he questioned whether the fence between his field and the grass allotments about which the Council had complained was his.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Reynolds as follows:

The Council has the strongest evidence that the fence complained about belongs to the Barrow Court Estate and will hold Mr Reynolds responsible for any future damage our tenant may sustain.

A letter was read from Mrs Williams stating that the gate leading into her husband's grass allotment was broken. The Clerk was instructed to see to this and get it repaired.

The report of the Allotment Committee Meeting held at Bower Ashton on September 30<sup>th</sup> was read showing that it had been resolved by the Committee that the Clerk should write to the eight allotment holders residing outside the Parish asking each if he would voluntarily give up his allotment. The Clerk produced replies which were considered by the Council. It was resolved not to disturb Musgrove who attended the

meeting. J Lloyd was also informed that he would not be called upon to give up.

The Chairman moved that H G Weeks give up his allotment at such time as it can be legally demanded and that Mrs Taylor be advised that her notice had been withdrawn. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Job Barnes could take Arthur Barnes's allotment at Providence, that P C Coles could take Harvey's and that Price and Thorne could each have an allotment one to take H J Chorley's and the other Mrs Vowles's.

Herbert Jefferies

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1918 at 6.45 p.m.

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

Mr Butler drew attention to the fact that he was willing to repair the fence at the grass allotment if he were provided with material as stated in his letter of October 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk reported that he had not yet received a reply from Mr J Reynolds. At the request of the Mr Williams the repairs of the allotment gate were deferred for the present. The Clerk reported that the matter of the District Council and the obstruction at Providence had not been dealt with.

The Clerk reported that Job Barnes had taken Arthur Barnes' allotment that P C Cole had taken Harvey's, Price had taken H Chorley's.

The Clerk reported that he had written H G Weeks informing him that his allotment would be required on March 25<sup>th</sup> next for a parishioner and was instructed to write Mr F E Smith and suggest that he should negotiate with Mr Weeks for earlier possession.

A letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> November from the District Council was considered asking if houses were necessary and if so how many.

Mr March proposed and Mr Butler seconded that the Clerk reply that there is a deficiency of houses and that at least twenty five are required at once.

H Napier