

## Long Ashton Parish Council

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held at the Church House on Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> 1919 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, R E March, W Tucker and W R Withers.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was agreed that E Clarke should take in March the allotment plot 8 No 20 now jointly held by H Chorley and A Curtis. The Clerk was instructed to return to H G Weeks his cheque for allotment rent it not being the correct amount due.

A letter from the District Council was read dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1918 asking the Parish Council to suggest sites for 15 houses due regard being made to the needs of the Parish.

The Clerk was instructed to reply that the following sites were suggested:-

1. Between the Laundry and Fenswood Farm.
2. Between the Bird in Hand and the Gardeners Arms.
3. On the South side of the road opposite Archgrove Terrace.
4. It is not certain that the Orchard lying west of Warren Lane is sufficiently high to enable the drainage to be connected with the Parish System. If it should be this orchard would make an admirable site.

The Council passed a vote of sympathy with Miss Harding at the loss of her father, the late Mr Stephen Harding who had for many years been a useful and respected member of the Council. The Clerk was instructed to write Miss Harding expressing the Council's sympathy.

The Clerk reported the complaint of Mangroves' overhanging bough on his allotment. No action was taken.

Mr Barnes drew attention to the blocking of the drain at the Fenswood Landry and to the fact that sewage matter was percolating onto the highway. The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council on the subject.

Mr Withers drew attention to the water breaking up through the manhole of the main drain in Yanley Lane between the entrance to Mr Withers' farm entrance and the Brook Cottage and it was resolved to call the attention of the District Council to the matter.

It was decided that the question of the fence between Mr Butler's land and the grass allotment should be left for the clerk to write the Chairman about.

The Ashton Court Estate account for allotment rent £46:3:9 was passed for payment.

H Napier.

## Long Ashton Parish Council

The Parish Meeting for the election of Parish Councillors was held at the Church House on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was also the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting.

Mr H B Napier 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 for the eleven seats on the Council numbering them as they were handed in and finding them all to be valid.

Allowing fifteen minutes to elapse after the handing in of the nomination papers, 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.

There being only eleven nominations for the eleven seats the Chairman declared the following gentlemen whose names he read to the meeting to be duly elected:-

Joseph Avery, Theodore Tom Barnes, William Butler, William John Brooks Coombe, Claude Hodgson,

Herbert Jefferies, Richard Elliott March, Henry Burroughs Napier, William Tucker, William Richard Withers and Hartland Stuart Wright.

Mr H B Napier proposed a vote of thanks to Mr J H Pearce for conducting the election, remarking on the able manner in which he always carried out his duties.

This was seconded by Mr Joseph Avery and unanimously carried.

Mr Pearce in acknowledging the vote said it always gave him pleasure to do anything for Long Ashton.

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

The Clerk read the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting which were confirmed.

Mr A G Thomas at the request of the Chairman then read the Report of the Long Ashton Charity Trustees.

The Chairman invited questions but none being put and there being no other business he declare the meeting close.

H B Napier.

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> 1919 at the close of the Parish Meeting.

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

The Clerk reported that he had returned H G Weeks' cheque and had subsequently received the correct amount due.

A letter from Miss Harding was read thanking the Council for their sympathy.

A letter from Mr A E Hicks was also read stating that the matters of the drain at Fenswood and the man hole at Yanley Lane were being dealt with.

The Clerk was instructed to give H G Weeks one month's notice to quit the allotment plot 1 No 3 pursuant to Section 30 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 and to write a covering letter pointing out that the Council requested that they were compelled to take this course and also that H G Weeks was under the same section, entitled to compensation as outgoing tenant and that the Council intended appointing Mr F W Hunt of Messrs Nichols Young Hunt to act for them. The Clerk was instructed to add that if H G Weeks preferred to quite as from March 25<sup>th</sup> the Council recognised that he would still be entitled to compensation if any under the act.

Mr Withers drew attention to the want of drainage of land water at the junction of Glebe Road with Yanley Lane and Mr Jefferies to the bad state of repair of the church path across Merriotts and the Chairman undertook to see Mr Pearce with respect to both these matters and report to the next meeting of the Council.

It was agreed to let Charles Poole's allotment to W A Handcock and to let W Rossiter the same occupation of the one he had occupied before.

In reply to a letter from the District Council respecting the destruction of rates the clerk was instructed to say that an organisation for the purpose already existed in the Parish.

Mr Withers proposed and Mr Jefferies seconded that Selina Mitchells arrears of allotment rent be written off as a bad debt. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Jefferies seconded by Mr Withers that the Council hold their annual meeting on Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> next. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to get someone to make the middle section of the hedge at the Archgrove allotments.

Herbert Jefferies

The Annual Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1919 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Messrs. J Barnes, W Butler, C Hodgson, H Jefferies, W Tucker, W R Withers and H S Wright.

Mr R E March wrote explaining that he was prevented from attending. This meeting was the first meeting of the newly elected council.

On the proposition of Mr Withers seconded by Mr Jefferies Mr H B Napier was unanimously re-elected Chairman.

Mr Hodgson proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that Mr H Jefferies be re-elected Vice Chairman. This was unanimously carried and Mr Jefferies accepted the office.

It having been the wish of Mr W J B Coombe to retire from the office of Overseer it was proposed by Mr Hodgson and seconded by Mr Barnes that Messrs Rowland Adams and W Butler be the Overseers for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Mr Withers proposed and Mr Wright seconded that Mr C Hodgson be re-elected School Manager. Carried unanimously.

Mr Withers reported that the man-hole cover at the bottom of Yanley Lane was broken and was a source of danger to the public. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Rural District Council asking for attention to the matter.

Reporting the drainage of land water at Glebe Road as the state of the church path across Merriots, no report had been received from the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that W A Handcock had taken C Poole's allotment and that Wm Rossiter had resumed occupation of the one formerly occupied by him.

Mr Withers proposed and Mr Butler seconded that M Davis account for making Archgrove allotment hedge 22 perch @ 2/3 per perch and amounting to £2.9.6 be passed for payment. Mr Barnes proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded that H Chorley and W Wilkins

having already gone to the expense of making the hedge bounding their allotments should be excused participation in payment of the account. Carried unanimously.

Mr Wm Mitchell complained that an encroachment had been made on the path bordering his allotment plot 2 and the matter was referred to Mr Withey's and the Clerk for settlement.

It was resolved to excuse the arrears of 4/2 on plot 3 no 15 due from J Rossiter who had left the Parish.

Mr Hodgson proposed and Mr Wright seconded that a Special Meeting be called to consider the Clerks remuneration. Carried unanimously.

Mr Barnes reported another burst in the sewer at Archgrove and the Clerk was instructed to impress upon the District Council the necessity for immediate attention to the matter.

Mr Hodgson proposed and Mr Tucker seconded that George Kingston be requested to hand over to G Hill the half of the allotment formerly occupied by W Geddes. Carried unanimously.

It was resolved that the Allotment Committee be Messrs. J Barnes, C Hodgson, W Tucker and W R Withers.

H B Napier

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1919 at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Mr H B Napier in the chair, Mr H Jefferies, Vice Chairman, and Messrs J Avery, W J B Coombe, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker, W R Withers and H S Wright.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported that Mr Pearce had stated that instructions had already been given to deal with the water in Glebe Road at its junction with Yanley Lane. He also reported that Mr Pearce had promised to bring the question of the church path before the next meeting of the District Council. Mr Withers reported that he and the clerk had looked at the path at Staynings allotment and that he Mr Withers had spoken to Staynings on the matter of encroachment.

Owing to the abnormal times the clerk applied for an increase of salary.

Mr Jefferies moved and Mr Coombe seconded that the salary of the Assistant Overseer be £125 plus a bonus owing to the expensive cost of living of £25 such bonus to be reviewable annually and both of these increases to dated from March 25<sup>th</sup> 1919. Carried unanimously.

Mr Coombe proposed and Mr March seconded that the remuneration of the Clerk to the Parish Council be increased to £25 dating from March 25<sup>th</sup> 1919. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk thanked the Council.

The Chairman reported that the fence at the Sewage Disposal Works needed repair and he was requested to obtain estimates.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Walker who superintends the Sewage Disposal Works and ask him to meet the Parochial Committee on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman moved and Mr Withers seconded that the meetings of the Council be held on Tuesday evenings at 6.45. Carried unanimously.

H Napier – 15 July 1919

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1919 at 6.45 p.m.

Mr Napier presided and there were also present: Messrs C Hodgson, W Tucker, W R Withers and H S Wright.

The object of the meeting was to consider what steps should be taken for carrying out the Peace Celebrations.

The matter was fully discussed and it was resolved to form a Committee to consider what steps should be adopted to celebrate the Peace.

The Committee then nominated the Clerk and he was instructed to call a meeting of the same for Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Church House.

H Napier

The Quarterly meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1919 at 6.45 p.m.

Mr H B Napier presided and there were also present Messrs J Barnes, C Hodgson, R E March, W Tucker and H S Wright.

With respect to the Peace Celebrations the Chairman reported that a meeting was held a Committee was formed and a very suitable programme was prepared.

A letter from Mr G Weeks was read and the Clerk was instructed to write him that so far Mr Hunt had not made his valuation of the Bower Ashton Allotment. The Clerk was also instructed to arrange with Mr Hunt.

Mr Barnes drew attention to the ruinous condition of property belonging to the Ashton Court Estate at Providence Place and the Agent promised to have it attended to at the earliest possible date.

Accounts passed for payment were H B Napier allotment rent £46:3:9 H C Guyatt rates £5:10:-.

H Napier 13 Oct 19

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> 1919 at 6.45 p.m.

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

A Circular from the County Council i.e Rat Week was read but it was deemed unnecessary to take any action. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain if Mr E P Patch would give up one of his grass allotments to Mr H Barnett. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Chamberlain that although complaints had been made the bad condition of the fence between Reynolds Farm and the Council's grass allotments was still continuing and the Council would be obliged if Mr Chamberlain would give the matter his attention. Carried unanimously.

It was decided that the Clerk should write Mr Jennings of Pennywell Road requesting him to desist from using the drinking trough for his engines.

The following resolution moved by the Chairman was carried unanimously.

That the Council deeply regrets the loss that both the family of the late Mr Wm Tucker and we sustain through the removal from the Council of this valuable member of the same.

The Chairman attended sympathetically to the late Mr Tucker remarking that he was always straight forward and had the courage to say what he thought without fear or favour.

The Chairman moved Mr Wright seconded and it was carried unanimously that Mr I Hamblin be elected to fill the casual vacancy caused by the death of Mr W Tucker.

Mr Butler was elected a member of the Allotment Committee.

The Clerk reported that he had sent a cheque for 10/- compensation to Mr H G Weeks the sum name by Mr Hunt as due to him on flowers and shrubs left by him on the allotment at Bower Ashton which he had been called upon to give up.

The Chairman undertook to see to the repair of the fence on the east end of the Birdwell Allotments by W Moreham's field.

The Clerk was instructed to give notice to allotment holders who refused to pay their share of the repairs to fence in Plot 3.

Accounts were passed for payment were Hadden and Best £1

Guyatt for Weeks Compensation 10/-.

H B Napier

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> 1919 at the close of the meeting of the Parochial Committee.

Present Mr H B Napier in the Chair, Mr H Jefferies, Vice Chairman and Messrs J Barnes, W Butler, C Hodgson, W R Withers and H S Wright.

The Clerk was instructed to give notice at the proper time to George Parsons to give up his grass allotment and also to see Parsons and find if he was willing to give up on Lady Day.

The Clerk read a reply from Messrs Jennings stating that in future water for their engines should not be taken from the drinking trough.

The Chairman reported he had had an interview with Mr J Hamblin and was glad to say he had withdrawn his resignation as a member of the Council.

The Clerk was instructed to see Mr H J Chorley and ascertain if he intended as reported, to give up his Grass allotment.

It was resolved that J J Fisher should not be allowed to give up his own allotment in order to take his late Father's and that the late Joel Fisher's allotment be let to E J Snell.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Chamberlain who stated that he had inspected the fence at the Grass Allotments and advised that the trees in the hedge be cut down.

H Napier