

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday January 11th 1921.

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

A letter from Mr H B Napier resigning his position as Chairman of the Parish Council was read Mr Napier in his letter remarking that it had been his privilege to hold that office for 20 years, that it was with some regret he took the step he did, that it would always be a pleasure to him to look back and think of the great good will which had always prevailed at the Council's Meetings.

The Chairman remarked on the loss that the Council would sustain and mentioned that Mr Napier had promised him still to help the Council in any way.

Mr Wright remarked on the deep sense of the Council of all that was owing to Mr Napier and of how difficult it would be to get on without him.

It was the unanimous wish of the Council that it be left to the Vice Chairman and the Clerk to reply to Mr Napier and his resignation having been accepted it was resolved to hold a Special Meeting to fill the casual vacancy and to appoint a chairman of the Council at the April meeting.

Mr March proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded that the paddock only be taken for new village allotments for the time being the offer of Mr Napier to peg out the ground to be gratefully accepted.

It was resolved to let Sidney Michell take on H Bridle's allotments by lot.

It was resolved to consider at the special meeting above mentioned the matter of levying a rate to meet the Council's expenses.

The Clerk was instructed to write W H Nicholls and ask if he is intending to reside in the Parish, as otherwise his allotment will be let.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Allotment Committee at the close of the Parish Council's meeting on February 1st.

Mr Withers drew attention to the state of Kennel Lane and Mr Pearce informed the meeting that he had given necessary instructions to the

road men. Mr Withers also spoke of the state of the hedges at Yanley Lane and Mr Pearce undertook to give necessary instructions.

The Clerk was instructed to write the County Council asking to have the hedge trimmed between the Almshouses and the Thatched Cottage.

Herbert Jefferies.

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday February 1st 1921 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Mr H Jefferies in the chair and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, W Butler, C Fry, I Hamblin, C Hodgson, R E March, W R Withers and H S Wright.

Mr Withers reported that Kennel Lane and the old Yanley Lane had received attention. Mr Barnes reported that the hedge above the Almshouses had been cut back.

Mr Fry proposed and Mr Hamblin seconded that Mr Verdon Smith be elected a member of the Council to fill a casual vacancy. Carried unanimously.

Mr Withers proposed that a 1/2 d rate be asked for, to be paid by the Overseers into the Parish Council's account and it was unanimously agreed to call upon the Overseers for fifty pounds.

Mr March proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that the balance sheet of the Parish Council be produced at the Annual Meeting of the Council. Carried unanimously.

On the resolution of Mr Fry seconded by Mr March it was unanimously agreed that the Allotment Committee be given power to let the allotments without coming to a full meeting of the Council.

Mr Barnes drew attention to the impassability of the path between Mr Verdon Smith's garden and Mr E B James's field and the Clerk was instructed to write to both of the above named requesting them to kindly render the pathway usable.

Mr H B Napier's account for allotment rent was passed for payment £46.3.9.

H Jefferies.

The Long Ashton Parish Meeting was held at the Church House on Friday March 18th 1921 at 6.45 p.m. Except for the members of the Parish Council and Mr J H Pearce no one attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr A G Thomas presented the accounts of the Charity Trustees and no other business was transacted.

H Jefferies

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Friday March 18th 1921 at the close of the Parish Meeting.

Present Mr H Jefferies in the chair and Messrs J Avery, W Butler, C A H Fry, I Hamblin, C Hodgson, R E March, W R Withers and H S Wright. Mr Verdon Smith wrote regretting absence.

Mr Fry reported that the lane at Mr Verdon Smiths had been attended to.

The Clerk reported that £50 from the Overseers had been placed to the credit of the Parish Council and produced voucher.

Mr March proposed and Mr Butler seconded that the new land recently taken for allotments by the Council from the Ashton Court Estate be held on a tenancy to expire at the same time as the existing lease. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Waygood and Matthews at Bower Ashton should share the allotment. Plot 1 No 18 and that J Barnes's allotment Plot 9 No 9 be let to Mrs Trickey. The Clerk was instructed to obtain circulars re compensation to occupiers of allotments dated 10th February 1921 and to send one to each member of the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to get a price from the Ashton Court Estate for fencing the new allotment; on receipt of the same the Allotment Committee to meet on the ground and consider the matter and if satisfactory put it in hand.

Mr March drew attention to the fact that the ratepayers had been paying 10d in the £ per annum for special expenses rate and the Clerk was

asked to get particulars and also the amount of the original loan and the number of years and amount per annum paid in reduction thereof.

Herbert Jefferies.

The Quarterly and the Annual Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday April 19th 1921 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Messrs J Barnes, W Butler, C A H Fry, I Hamblin, C Hodgson, H Jefferies, R E March, W R Withers and H S Wright.

Mr Verdon Smith signed the declaration and took his seat on the Council.

On the proposition of Mr March seconded by Mr Hodgson Mr Herbert Jefferies was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council.

Mr Jefferies thanked the Council and accepted the offer. Mr Withers proposed And Mr Hamblin seconded that Mr Fry be Vice Chairman.

Mr March moved Mr Fry seconding that Mr I Hamblin be Vice Chairman on account of his long connection with the Council, these being nothing personal in moving this amendment. Mr Hamblin declined for reasons which he stated.

On the original proposition being put to the meeting, Mr Fry was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

Mr Wright proposed and Mr Withers seconded that Messrs Rowland Adams and William Butler be re-elected Overseers for the ensuing year coupled with a vote of thanks for past services. Carried unanimously.

Mr Fry moved and Mr Barnes seconded that Mr Hodgson be re-appointed Representative School Manager. Carried unanimously. Mr Hodgson accepted.

Mr Barnes proposed and Mr Wright seconded and it was unanimously resolved that Mr H C Guyatt having expressed a wish to resign, Mr C Hodgson and Mr R E March be elected Representative Trustees of the Long Ashton Parochial Charities for a period of four years from April 19th 1921.

A letter from Mr H B Napier was read suggesting the endorsement of the existing lease with respect to the taking the new ground (plot 9) for allotments.

Mr Wright moved and Mr Verdon Smith seconded that the Council accept the memorandum of endorsement for the existing lease. Carried unanimously. The endorsement was then sealed and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that Mr Napier had been communicated with re fencing the new allotments but that there was no reply to date.

Mr Fry moved and Mr Hodgson seconded that the Clerk write the eleven allotment holders that the fence had been taken down adjoining West Leaze and they were urgently requested to enter by the proper gate.

Particulars of the sums required for the rate were considered and the Clerk was asked to obtain an explanation of the £327 representing the indebtedness of the parish.

Mr Fry explained that the Golf Club wished to be allowed to tap the main at Providence in order to obtain water for the greens and the Clerk was instructed to write the District Council recommending that leave be granted.

The County Council's letter dealing with rural industries was read and the form completed.

The Allotment Committee reported that they had let Payne's allotment at Bower Ashton to W Calvery and this was approved by the Council.

Mr Butler kindly promised to inspect the gate at A Coles's grass allotment and to report to next meeting. H Francombe having left the Parish it was agreed that the Allotment Committee should let his allotment to the first desirable man on the list.

Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded that the Clerk's bonus be £37.10.- for the ensuing year as before. The Clerk was instructed to write the Research Station and ask by whose authority they have blocked the footpath removed the stile and erected wire fencing at the said footpath leading from Bower Lane to the top of sidelands; this to be done if it was found that such a footpath was marked on the Council's map.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Pearce and ask if it would be possible in future to leave the footpath (in ploughing the field) leading from the bridge near the cricket field to the church. Mr Barnes asked that a step might be put to the fence above Morham's garden and that J Radford be asked either to leave the iron gate unlocked or to put a step.

Herbert Jefferies

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday May 3rd 1921 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Mr H Jefferies in the Chair and Messrs C A H Fry (Vice Chairman) J Avery, W Butler, C Hodgson, R E March, W R Withers and H S Wright.

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from Mr Pearce re leaving footpath unploughed. Mr Butler reported that he had not looked at Coles's allotment gate but would do so and report at next meeting.

A letter from Mr H B Napier re erecting fence at the new allotments was read.

Mr Fry moved and Mr March seconded that Mr Napiers offer be accepted provided that 5 or 6 strands of wire be put the Council of course agreeing to pay the extra cost. Carried unanimously.

A letter from Mr Hicks was read explaining that most of the debt incurred by the Parish was due to sewage and to water supply. The Clerk was instructed to write A Payne to settle with Calvey re allotment compensation.

The Clerk stated that there was no footpath across the Research Station field according to the Council's footpath map.

Mr Hodgson moved Mr Jefferies seconded and it was carried unanimously that the Clerk write to the District Council requesting them to repair the bridge by the cricket field at the entrance to the Church path. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Napier asking him to put stiles at above Markham's. The Clerk was instructed to write Faulkner offering him Francombe's allotment, the latter having left the Parish and was further instructed to press for payment of Bartlett's rent. On the proposition of Mr March seconded by Mr Hodgson it was unanimously resolved that the Clerk write the County Council and ask if they intend to carry out their suggestion of February 1915 to widen the main road at its junction with Yanley Lane.

Mr Fry moved and Mr Withers seconded that owing to the fact that Ashton people can rarely at present get a seat in the bus the Bristol Tramways Company be asked to put on a local service and also to be

good enough to change the present stopping station at the Post Office to a point west of Golf Lane. Carried unanimously.

Herbert Jefferies.

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Church House on Tuesday June 6th 1921 at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Mr H Jefferies in the Chair, Mr C A H Fry, Vice Chairman, and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, I Hamblin, C Hodgson, R E March, W G Verdon Smith and W R Withers.

The Clerk reported that Francombe's allotment had been let to H Smith at Gatcombe.

Also that no reply had been received from the County Council re widening the road at Yanley Lane.

A reply was read from Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company dated 7th May stating that the company were considerably augmenting the service on the Clevedon route from Whitsuntide throughout the busy season, but regretted they could not see their way to change the present stopping station.

Mr Hamblin proposed and Mr Avery seconded that Mr Pearce see the Traffic Manager re the stopping place for bus. Mr Verdon Smith kindly stated that he would ask the Manager to re-consider.

It was agreed to let H Parsons take J Burge's allotment (3.35). It was resolved to ask F Radford to put a stile to his fence near Markham's house.

Mr Butler wrote regretting being unable to attend the meeting and stating that a new post was required at Cole's Grass Allotment and also some repairs to other gates adjoining.

He suggested that some other members of the Council be asked to see them and the Chairman and W Barnes agreed to do so.

Herbert Jefferies.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday July 12th 1921 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Mr H Jefferies in the Chair, Mr C A H Fry Vice Chairman and Messrs J Avery, J Barnes, W Butler, I Hamblin, C Hodgson, R E March, W R Withers and H S Wright.

Mr Pearce who was present stated that orders had been given by the District Council for repair of man hole at Yanley Lane.

The Clerk reported that he had written the County Council re road widening at Yanley but had so far received no reply. Mr Hodgson kindly undertook to see Frank Radford about putting a stile to fence above Markham's.

Mr Wright proposed and Mr March seconded that the Clerk's bonus for the ensuing year be confirmed as usual. Mr Fry moved and Mr Hamblin seconded that in accordance with a promise made by the Parish Council the premium annually paid by the Clerk to the Poor Law and Local Government Officer's Mutual Guarantee Association be repaid him.

The Clerk undertook to produce the Council's balance sheet at the next meeting.

Proposed by Mr March seconded by Mr Hodgson and carried unanimously that there be no objection to diversion of footpath at the Research Station as shown on sheet 5.12 (ordnance map).

Mr Barnes proposed and Mr March seconded that there be no objection to the diversion of the footpath on no 246 sheet V1 9 ordnance map.

The Clerk was asked to bring the map to the next meeting.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

H B Napier allotment rent £46.10.9

H C Guyatt rates £10.3.2

Total £56.13.11

The Clerk was instructed to write the County Council again respecting widening of the road at Yanley Lane and point out that no reply had been received to his letter of May 6th last.

C Fry.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday October 11th 1921 at 6.45 p.m. Mr C A H Fry (Vice Chairman) was in the chair and there were also present Messrs J Barnes, I Hamblin, C Hodgson, R E March and H S Wright.

Mr Simey's letter July 18th re Yanley Lane was read. Failing a reply within a week the Clerk was instructed to write Mr Simey.

The Clerk produced the Parish Council's accounts to March 1921. The Clerk was instructed to see Mr Cole and Mr Butler re footpath leading from Wild Country Lane to Barrow Gurney.

Propose by Barnes seconded by Mr Wright that a new falling post to one gate be put and wire broken to be made good at a Cole's Allotment; the Clerk to see Willis' the blacksmith. Carried unanimously.

Mr March proposed and Mr Hamblin seconded that the Clerk write Mr W Marshall that the Council has been informed that he is not grazing the grass allotment himself but is allowing cattle belonging to another owner to graze there and if this were correct, he appeared to be breaking the rules under which he held the allotment and the Council would be glad to hear whether they had been misinformed. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed that W Young take Parker's allotment W Stenner take W Youngs. The Clerk produced a petition received from Rev G H Lead and signed by numerous inhabitants re improving the village footpaths. Mr March moved, Mr Hodgson seconded that it was carried unanimously that Mr Leas' petition be forwarded to the County Council with the strong recommendation of the Parish Council that the matter be attended to immediately.

The Clerk was instructed to write allotment holders at Providence to keep a footpath 3 feet wide under the iron fence.

It was agreed that Frank Ball take Frederick Fisher's allotment. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Hicks for population numbers. Jordan's account £2.19.3 was passed for payment and the Ashton Court Estate Account £12.10.- for fencing new allotments be left for the Chairman (Mr Fry) to look into and to be paid if he were satisfied that it was correct.

H Jefferies.