

The Quarterly Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday January 10th 1922 at 6.45 p.m.

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

The Chairman spoke in feeling terms on the loss the Council had sustained through the death of Mr Hamblin who had been a member of the Parish Council from its start, a representative School Manager and Overseer for many years.

The Clerk was instructed to convey to Mrs Hamblin the Council's sympathy. Explanations were received from Mr Fry and Mr Hodgson that illness prevented their attending this meeting. Mr Verdon Smith wrote regretting he was unable to attend.

Mr Rimey wrote that he was unable to reply to the Parish Council re Yanley Lane until we had received the Surveyor's Report.

The Clerk reported that Mr Butler was willing to let the Council have the original footpath and the Clerk was directed to inform Mr Butler that the Council would like the path to follow that on the map this being moved by Mr March, seconded by Mr Wright. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk reported that Mr Cole had repaired the gate at his grass allotment to his own satisfaction. Mr Marshall wrote regretting he had sub-let and promising not to do so in future.

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from County Council respecting Mr Leas petition re footpaths.

The Clerk reported that he had informed Providence Allotment holders that they must keep a three feet wide footpath along the top of plot 5. Mr Fry's letter was read stating that he thought the Ashton Court Estate Account £12.10 should be paid.

Mr Hicks wrote that he had not received population figures from Registration General.

Mr Barnes proposed and Mr March seconded that Rossiter could take Mr Maggs allotment. Mr Rossiter would be allowed to see if

the holder next to his would give up in exchange for another allotment so that Rossiter could have two together. The Chairman reported complaints re road in plot 2.

The Clerk was instructed to get road pegged out and write allotment holders to keep each to his boundary and to keep the road in proper repair, Mr Wright kindly offered iron piping for pegs.

Mr G H Lea having expressed a desire to have the streets lighted the clerk was instructed to get particulars and estimates from the North Somerset Electric Supply Company.

It was also agreed to let Walter Mitchell have Sidney Morgan's allotment at Providence.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr Willis to put a wire to fence at the allotments at Birdwell, Mr W Bishop having asked for same and also to repair wire fence at Cole's grass allotment and top bar between Marshall's and Williams' allotments (grass).

Write W Tucker Council could not give permission for him to put wicket gate at Providence allotment and inform Musgroves' daughter that the space at Bower Ashton Allotments would not be filled.

A circular letter from Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries re acquiring land for allotments and dated Nov 1921 was read at the meeting.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Church Wardens Use of Church House £2.10.-

H B Napier, allotment rent £47.11.9

“ Repairs Birdwell Pump -13-

Guyatt Rates £ 9.13.7

The Clerk to ascertain who owns Providence and Birdwell Pumps.

Herbert Jefferies

The Parish Meeting for the election of Parish Councillors and for other business was held at the Church House on Monday March 13th 1922 at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was also the annual assembly of the parish Meeting.

By the unanimous wish of those present, Mr J H Pearce on the proposition of the Chairman of the Council took the chair and carried out the various duties connected with the election in an impartial manner to the satisfaction of all present.

The attendance was large, all the members of the retiring council were present.

At 7.5 Mr Pearce 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 taking the names of the candidates one by one in alphabetical order the chairman asked the parochial electors at the meeting to vote by show of hands and counted the votes. The following were the names of the candidates and the number of the votes they obtained:

J Ambrose 36, Joseph Avery 31, O J Ball 59, Herbert Barnes 34, Thomas Barnes 16, Wm Butler 21, E G Childe 35, C A H Fry 35, W A Handcock 16, C Hodgson 18, Herbert Jefferies 44, R E March 54, Sidney Mitchell 36, W R Prideaux 25, Charles Shore 30, I J Thorne 20, Albert Watts 34, W R Withers 16, H S Wright 54.

The Chairman then gave ten minutes for give Parochial Electors to demand a poll by a poll not being demanded he declared the following eleven elected to serve on the new Council:

Ambrose, William Tom

Avery, Joseph

Ball, Oliver John

Barnes, Herbert Sidney

Childe, George Edward

Fry, C A Harrington

Jefferies, Herbert

March, Richard Elliott

Mitchell, Sidney

Watts, Albert

Wright, Hartland Stuart

Mr Pearce was cordially thanked for kindly conducting the election.

Mr A G Thomas then read the Report of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity Trustees. The Rev G H Lea spoke of the desirability of having the Parish lighted by electric light and at the need of a tip for rubbish.

Mr Thorne asked the Chairman (Mr H Jefferies) if the allotments would pay for themselves and the Chairman replied that they would do so.

Mr Theo Barnes expressed the opinion that the Providence and Birdwell pumps should be handed over to the District Council.

J Avery

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday March 21st 1922 at 6.45 p.m.

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

Mr Hamblin wrote thanking the Council for their expression of sympathy on the death of the late Mr I Hamblin.

Mr Butler reported that he would be willing to restore the original footpath leading to Barrow Gurney and pointed out that a new stile would be necessary and the clerk was instructed to ask the Ashton Court Estate to put a new stile between Mr Butler's arable land and Cole's Grass allotment. The Clerk reported that the road at plot 2 had been levelled at a cost of £3 and that the plots had been pegged out.

The Clerk read a letter from the North Somerset Electric Supply Co re lighting the village and was directed to ask Mr Napier for full particulars respecting electric lighting by next meeting.

The Clerk reported that Mr Willis had not done the wire fencing at plot 8 allotments but would do so at once.

Mr Napier wrote in reply re Birdwell and Providence pumps that as both these pumps had been for many years repaired by the Parish Council it might be assumed to be their property.

Mr March proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded that the Parish Council take no liability in future for the maintenance of Providence and Birdwell pumps and refer the matter to the District Council.

The Clerk reported that he thought he was acting in the interests of the Council not to instruct Mr Willis to repair Cole's allotment fence.

The Council approved and the matter was to be considered at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported Mr Edwards letter dealing with the overflow at the fountain and stated that he had had the matter which was urgent attended to. This the Council also approved.

Mr March proposed and Mr Wright seconded that the Parish Council's accounts be produced at the July meeting. Carried unanimously.

The following were allowed to take allotments:

A Handcock to take W Shore's

Percy Parsons to take Mrs Carter's

Parsons (Bourton) to take Winscombe's

Sidney Morgan to take F Barnes'

Trickey W to be offered A Handcock's

Ratcliffe to take Magg's

Leonard Young to take Clark's

Mr Hogson reported that the gate at the Archgrove allotments needed repair and the Clerk was instructed to ask Mr Willis to mend it.

The Clerk was instructed to write W Endsor and draw his attention to the fact that there is a flushing tank situated near Mr Adam's front door and it is important that it should always be accessible.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Jordan £2.10; Hadden & Best 13/-; Election Order 10; L G Young £1.10-; G Wilkins £1.10.-;levelling road at Plot 2 allotments. A Staynings 6/-; H B Willis £1.2.6 and 10/-; Jordan's £3.3.6; audit stamps £2; cheque book for PC 10/-; H C Guyatt Stamps £2:13:5.

Herbert Jefferies

Long Ashton Parish Council

The Annual Meeting took place at the Church House on Thursday April 20th 1922 at 6.45 p.m.

Present Messrs J Ambrose, J Avery, O J Ball, H Barnes, E G Childe, C A N Fry, H Jefferies, R E March, S Mitchell and H S Wright.

Mr Avery proposed and Mr Childe seconded that Mr H Jefferies be re-elected Chairman. Carried unanimously.

Mr Avery proposed and Mr Ball seconded that Mr C A H Fry be re-elected Vice Chairman. Carried unanimously. Both of these gentlemen thanked the Council and accepted the offices respectively.

Mr Fry proposed Mr March seconded and it was carried unanimously that Messrs R Adams and W Butler be re-appointed Overseers.

Mr Mitchell reported that the stile at Mr Butler's field had not been erected.

After discussion Mr Ball proposed and Mr Childe seconded that the Clerk take steps to call a Parish Meeting to discuss whether the Street Lighting Act should be adopted – the meeting to be called for Monday May 15th at 8 p.m. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk reported that the fence at Plot 8 allotments (Birdwell) had been repaired.

He also reported that Mr A Handcock's allotment had been let half each to Messrs D Handcock and Maltby.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Albert Watts expressing the Council's regret at his inability to be present and sympathising with him.

Mr Barnes proposed and Mr Childe seconded that Mr R E March be appointed as the Council's Representative School Manager on the Managing Body of the Long Ashton Parochial School for a

period of one year expiring on April 20th 1923 subject to the provision that he shall continue to act until his successor is appointed and also to the provision that he may resign or may be removed by the appointing body but otherwise shall continue to act until successor is appointed. Carried unanimously.

Mr March accepted the post.

The following members were appointed to act as Allotments Committee viz Messrs H Barnes, J Ambrose, O J Ball, E G Childe and S Mitchell. Mr H B Napier's letter dated April 20th dealing with proposed slight diversion of footpath which runs from the main road to Yanley Lane close to the brook was considered together with accompanying tracing. Mr Napier asking that the Council, if they saw no objection to pass a resolution of a non committal form of approval. The above request was made on account of the Electric Supply Company's desire to acquire a plot of land as shown on the tracing for the purpose of erecting thereon a transformer station and cottage.

Mr Barnes moved, Mr Wright seconded and it was carried unanimously.

That this Council has no objection to the diversion of the footpath.

The Clerk was then directed to write Mr Napier as follows:

"The Long Ashton Parish Council at their meeting last evening considered your letter of yesterday's date together with plan annexed thereto dealing with proposed slight alteration of the footpath which leads from a point opposite Baker's Lane to the main road to Yanley Lane close to the Brook.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

That this Council offers no objection to the slight deviation of the footpath referred to in Mr Napier's letter of April 20th 1922 as shown on the plan, no 443 accompanying his letter".

Mr Ball proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that the resolution appointing the Council's Meetings for 6.45 be rescinded and that in

future the meetings be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr Ambrose seconded by Mr Barnes it was decided to ask the Bristol Waterworks Co to re-open the fountain at the bottom of Clarken Combe.

Mr Ball moved and Mr Childe seconded that it be left to the Chairman and the Clerk to see to the above matter. The account from Mr Hicks 10/- for acting as Returning Officer was passed for payment.

Mr Avery proposed and Mr March seconded that the Clerk's bonus be continued at the same rate as last year. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk (Mr H C Guyatt) asked the indulgence of the Council to allow him to make a statement which was of some moment to him.

It was his desire to relinquish his office as Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council. He would be sorry to part company with the Council, especially at the present time, as so many of the new members were former scholars of his, while in the past, the members had not been masters but friends. His association with them for many years had been a happy one but he and his wife would be grateful if the Council would allow him to give up office at the end of September next. The Chairman said he was sorry to hear the statement from the Clerk which came as a great surprise and Mr Ambrose suggested that Mr Guyatt should defer his decision to see if his health improved.

On behalf of the new members of the Council Mr O J Ball said they were very sorry to hear of the Clerk's decision. They came with the full intention and were quite willing to give him all the assistance in every way possible especially with the matters dealing with the allotments.

Mr Guyatt thanked the members for their kind expressions and said he felt he must be allowed to relinquish the work which he had carried out for 21 years.

Mr Fry moved that the Council receive with the greatest possible regret the resignation of the Clerk the same to take effect as from the 30th September next at the same time to place on record their deep appreciation of the services he had rendered as Assistant Overseer and Clerk to that Council for so many years. This was seconded by Mr R E March as one who had been a member of the Council for several years as well as a former pupil of Mr Guyatt.

Mr Hartland S Wright describing himself as comparatively a new comer in the village, desired to be associated with the sentiments expressed and testified to the cordial manner in which Mr Guyatt had always treated them and to the ready assistance Mrs Guyatt had always rendered her husband as well as her willingness to assist in other spheres of labour in the village.

The motion was carried.

It was decided to take steps to fill the position at the next election.

Herbert Jefferies 15/5/22

A Special Parish Meeting was held at the Church House on the evening of May 15 1922.

The Rev G H Lea spoke on the desirability of lighting the village on the ground that the present conditions were dangerous and that people were hindered from attending places of worship on account of the darkness and the state of the paths.

He moves that this Parish adopt the Lighting and Watching Act.

Mr H S Wright thought it desirable and seconded the resolution.

Mr J H Price spoke against it and mentioned the present high rates and Mr Inman Harvey did not see the necessity and pointed out that in any case lighting would be required only four months in the year.

Mr I J Bennel spoke of the danger to the public under present conditions saying that we all liked economy but that this might be carried too far.

The Chairman Mr H Jefferies spoke in favour of adopting the Act.

Mr Camps suggested lighting by gas but this was by others thought to be impracticable. On a question being asked Mr Napier stated that at present there would not be sufficient power for efficient lighting.

There was a good attendance of parishioners who took great interest in the discussion and the members of the Parish Council attended having previously arranged to convene the meeting.

The Chairman put Mr Lea's resolution to the meeting and there voted 27 for and 35 against the resolution being lost.

Mr Napier moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Mr Jefferies) who had so fairly and patiently conducted the Meeting's business.

This was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman thanked the meeting.

J Avery.

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Monday May 15th at 7 p.m.

Present Mr H Jefferies in the Chair, Mr C A H Fry Vice Chairman and Messrs J Avery, O J Ball, H Barnes, E G Childe, R E March, S Mitchell and H S Wright.

Mr J Ambrose wrote that he was too unwell to attend.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr A Watts thanking the Council for their sympathy with him as expressed in the Clerk's letter to him.

A letter dated May 11th from Mr E A Abbott was read. It stated that there was no objection to re-instating the supply of water at the drinking fountain at the bottom of Clarken Combe.

The Clerk reported that he had learned from Mr A Evans that the District Council had paid expenses connection with the fountain.

Mr Mitchell moved and Mr Childe seconded that applications be invited for the post of Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council at an inclusive salary of £150 (one hundred and fifty pounds) full particulars of the work to be obtained from Mr H C Guyatt not later than June 30th. Carried unanimously.

Note: The Chairman invited applications and gave particulars at the Parish Meeting held later on the same evening.

Mr H B Napier's letter saying that the Parish Council's lease of the allotments would expire on Lady Day next.

The same letter (dated May 11th) stated that the Estate would require one third of an acre of the allotment land (plot 3) as shown on tracing accompanying the letter and coloured red as it had been sold to the Rev G H Lea.

Mr Napier apportioned the rent at £1 per annum.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Napier to know on what terms he would renew the lease of the allotments.

Mr O J Ball read the report of the Allotments Committee dated 15th May 1922.

The report was adopted. Mr Avery moved, Mr Wright seconded that the Allotment Committee be empowered to carry out the suggestions of the Allotment Committee at such a time as they deem convenient. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Willis asking if he would repair the fences at the Grass Allotments under Mr O J Ball's direction.

The Clerk was also instructed to write the Estate asking them to repair re-instate the gate posts and to make good the damage done by timber hauling at the Grass Allotments.

Also to write J Reynolds re the bad state of the hedge and ask him to repair it.

Mr Childe reported that the cart road at Fred Barnes's allotment was in a bad state and the Clerk was instructed to write him and also G Burgess asking them to put it into a better condition.

Herbert Jefferies. 4//7/22

The Long Ashton Parish Council met at the Church House on Tuesday July 4th at 7 p.m.

Present Mr H Jefferies in the Chair, Mr C A H Fry Vice Chairman and Messrs J Ambrose, J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, E G Childe, R E March, S Mitchell and H Watts. The last named signed the declaration.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Hon Mrs Smyth asking her to convey to her daughter the Council's congratulations on her (Miss Irby's) engagement.

Mr O J Ball reported that the grass allotment fence was in hand.

Mr Childe reported that the estate had re-instated the gate and made good the damage at the Grass Allotments.

The Council then proceeded to the business of election or appointment of Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council in the place of Mr H C Guyatt.

The Chairman explained the duties and the work generally and read the letters of application from the following candidates for the two offices:-

Mr R E March – Long Ashton

Mr D W Gerrard – Long Ashton

Mr O J Ball, Glebe Road, Long Ashton

Mr E W Hynam, Keeds Farm, Long Ashton

C L Barnes, Archgrove, Long Ashton

Gilbert Brock late of Long Ashton

James Grant, Failand

Mr George Ball

Mr O J Ball, Mr R E March and Mr G Brock receiving two votes each the Chairman after careful consideration felt it his duty to give

his casting vote to Mr R E March unanimous vote subsequently confirming the appointment.

Mr Ball and Mr March had retired during the business of making the appointment.

Mr March thanked the Council and accepted the appointments at a salary of £150 per annum on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr Childe and the new Clerk to obtain from the Local Government Officers Mutual Guarantee Association a band for £500. Mr March tendered his resignation of membership of the Council.

Mr H B Napier's reply as follows to the Council's enquiry re renewing the allotments lease was read:

"22nd May 1922.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of the 16th, I am prepared to advise Mrs Smyth to grant your Council a new lease of the various grass and arable allotments which they now hold of her, on the following conditions:-

Term, 14 years from 25th March 1923.

Rent, £125 per annum.

The Lessor reserving the right to take,

1. The Bower Ashton Site
2. The Birdwell No 2 site (adjoining J Ayres Cottage)
3. The roadside frontage, to a depth of 200 feet of Birdwell No. 1 site and of the Mill Close site

Should the land be required for building purposes on giving six months' notice to expire on the 29th September or the 25th March in any year and making an allowance in the reserved rent for any land so taken, at the rate of Four pounds (£4) per acre.

Other terms and conditions to be the same as those of the expiring lease wherever applicable.

Yours faithfully

H B Napier”

Mr Mitchell proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that the terms offered by Mr Napier to the Council in his letter of May 22nd be accepted that the Council take up a new Lease of the allotment grass arable land for a term of 14 years from March 25th 1923 at a rent of £125 per annum subject to the conditions contained in Mr Napier’s letter. Carried unanimously.

Mr Fry moved and Mr Ambrose seconded that the Clerk give notice to the allotment holders affected by the sale of the Archgrove allotment ground to Mr Lea. Carried unanimously.

Mr Barnes proposed and Mr Ball seconded that in view of the fact that there were applicants for grass allotments notice be given to Mr Patch to give up the last piece of allotment which he rented. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to convey to Mr H S Wright their congratulations on his Golden Wedding.

The condition of the road at Marshalls Farm, Yanley being very bad, the Clerk was instructed to write the District Council on the matter. Mr Childe reported a footpath obstruction at the Research Station and it was agreed that he should meet the Clerk and consult the official map. The Clerk instructed to write Messrs Gerrard and Clarke requesting them to remove the soil from the fence at the Birdwell allotments and to make good any damage done.

Accounts passed for payment:

Mr Napier – allotment rent £47:11:9.

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Monday July 24th 1922 at 7 p.m.

Present: Mr H Jefferies Chairman, Mr C A H Fry Vice Chairman, Messrs J Ambrose, J Avery, O J Ball, E G Childe, S Mitchell and H S Wright and H Barnes.

Mr A Watts wrote the Chairman that he was not well enough to attend the meeting.

Mr H B Napier attended the meeting in order to explain his wish to divert two footpaths one at the back of the Almshouses (leading to the proposed new road across the Wycke) the other at Ashton Vale Brickworks. Mr Napier produced tracings and pointed out the lines on which he wished to carry out the diversions.

Mr Fry proposed that the suggested diversions be agreed to provided that substantial fences be put at the Brickyard. Mr Childe seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Mr Napier thanked the Council and promised to furnish tracings.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Research Station respecting the obstruction of footpath leading from the plantations to Barrow Wood via Lamplous Bridge.

On the proposition of Mr Mitchell seconded by Mr Fry and supported by Mr Wright Mr Theodore Barnes was unanimously elected to fill the casual vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr March. Mr Fry reported that the road at Marshalls Farm was not a District Council road but only an accommodation one.

The Clerk was instructed to write the District Council and point out that Kennel Lane and Four Mile Lane were in a bad state.

Herbert Jefferies.

A Special Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday 12th September 1922 at 7 p.m.

Present Mr H Jefferies in the Chair and Messrs. O J Ball, H S Barnes, S Mitchell and H S Wright and Theodore Barnes the last named signing the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Clerk read letters of thanks from the Hon Mrs Smyth and Mr H S Wright.

The Clerk reported giving notices to the allotment holders at Plot 3 who were occupying the ground bought by the Rev G H Lea.

He reported that notice had been given to Messrs H J Chorley, A Curtis, W A Handcock and W E French.

Mr J Barnes reported that the fence at the Research Station had not been done.

Messrs H Barnes and O J Ball reported that Mr West had undertaken to remove the obstruction. The Clerk reported that he wished to consult the Council before giving notice to Fred Barnes and Montie Davis at plot 3 as Mr Leas' purchase affected only part of their allotments but the Clerk was instructed to give them notice.

The Clerk reported that Messrs Gerrard and Clarke were removing the soil from their allotment fence.

Mr Hicks replied to the Council that the road at Marshall's Farm was only an accommodation road.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiry as to the position of the Parish Council with respect to compelling farmers to keep in order fences bounding public footpaths.

The Clerk was instructed to write the family of the late Mr Albert Watts expressing the Council's sympathy and saying they were sorry he was not spared to perform his duty as a councillor. Mr J Barnes proposed and Mr H Barnes seconded that and C Hodgson fill the casual vacancy caused by the death of Mr Watts. Carried unanimously.

The Clerk read a reply from Mr Hicks re 4 Mile & Kennel Lanes Mr Wright reported that at the bottom of Clarken Combe Lane about 15 yards of sill had not been cleared, thus leaving a dangerous obstruction. The Clerk was instructed to write the District Council on the matter. The Clerk was instructed to write the County Council to Col Gibbs complaining that the dangerous state of the footpaths made it almost impossible for pedestrians to use them.

A letter from Mr Napier with tracing re widening the road opposite St Martins was considered and it was resolved that the Clerk write Mr Napier agreeing to his offer to deduct 6/- from the allotment rent for the small piece of allotment land required of the Council and at the same time suggesting that the gate be put in a more convenient position to be settled later.

The Clerk produced letter and tracings from Mr Napier re diverted footpaths.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Langdon Thomas explaining his desire to slightly divert a footpath leading from the main road near Flax Bourton to Barrow Gurney.

He also read letters from Mr Wollaston and W Chamberlain bearings on the point.

Mr Wright proposed that the Parish Council raise no objection to the small diversion of the footpath at the main road end as far as the top of the bottom pens the remainder of the path to remain as at present.

Mr A J Ball seconded this and it was carried unanimously the Clerk to ask Mr Langdon Thomas for a corrected plan.

The Clerk was further instructed to write Mr Chamberlain as above and to add that the Council could not entertain the idea of closing the footpath altogether as suggested in his letter of August 4th.

On the proposition of Mr O J Ball, seconded by Mr H Barnes the reports of the Allotment Committee dated August 10th and August 31st were adopted.

Mr Yeo's letter of July 5th was read and Mr H Barnes stated that we had explained matters.

Mr H Barnes proposed and Mr J Barnes seconded that the Clerk write to the District Council and ask if they are prepared to sell by auction or tender the residue (sludge) from the Sewage Disposal Works. Carried unanimously.

Mr Ball reported that he had heard from Mr Childe that Mrs Davis (Fenswood) would give up her allotment.

The Clerk was instructed to write Ashton Court Estate and ask if there were a possibility of obtaining land at the lower end of the village for grass allotments as there are several applicants for them.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Jordan & Co. Printing £2:15:-

H C Guyatt Rates £9:6:-

H C Guyatt Stamps £1:19:-

Herbert Jefferies

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday October 10th 1922 when Mr H Jefferies presided over a full council viz Messrs W T Ambrose, J Avery, O J Ball, H J Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, J Mitchell and H S Wright. M C Hodgson making the usual declaration of acceptance of office taking his seat in the place of the late Mr Watts.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council welcomed the new Clerk (Mr Richard E March) and assured him that the good feeling that had hitherto existed between the members and the Clerk would continue; Mr March thanked the members for their kind expressions of welcome.

Mr G E Childe suggested it would be nice if some recognition of the services rendered by Mr H C Guyatt as Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Council for the past 21 years could be made and this meeting with the approval of those present, Mr S Mitchell kindly offered to take the matter in hand and collect subscriptions from the present and past councillors.

Upon the conclusion of reading the minutes of the previous meeting, doubt was expressed by one or two members whether there was any necessity to give W E French notice to give up his allotment. It was agreed for the minutes to be signed subject to the Clerk making enquiries whether he has received notice and as to the necessity of his relinquishing his allotment.

The Clerk reported that notice to quit their allotments in March next owing to the land having been purchased by the Rev G H Lea had been given Messrs F Barnes and M Davis.

Arising out of the minutes as to the condition of the lane leading from Yanleigh Lane past the entrance of Yanleigh Farm the Clerk was asked to write Mr Napier, Agent for the Ashton Court Estate, pointing out the dirty state of the lane, which embraces a public footpath and asking him if he could bring pressure to bear upon the tenants adjoining farm to at once put and keep it in a better condition.

A letter from Mr Arthur Watts thanking the Council for their letter of sympathy was read.

With reference to the obstruction in Clarkencombe, Mr Fry stated the Rural District Council was giving same their attention.

Mr Fry reported that Colonel Gibbs County Councillor had informed him the County Council was fully alive to the condition of the footpaths through the village and as soon as the County Works Committee had sufficient money in hand, they would, no doubt, receive attention.

In view of the widening of the road at St Martins, it was decided to inform the tenants of the allotments abutting the road so as to prevent them planting that it was intended to take some of the land inside the wall.

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from the R D Council as to the disposal of the residue at the Sewage Outfall and Mr Fry stated one would be received as the Council only met that day.

An amended plan from Mr J Langdon Thomas of Flax Bourton as to alteration of footpath at the extreme end of the parish running from the main road to Barrow Gurney was produced with letter of the 15th September 1922.

Mr H B Napier who was present concerning another matter intimated to the Council that he was sorry he was unable to accede to their request as to the provision of grass allotments in the last end of the parish. It was very difficult under recent legislation to obtain land from the present tenants without their claiming compensation. His estate had every sympathy for the bona fide smallholders and in support of their produced a statement which showed that in the parish of Long Ashton the small holdings and allotments let by the Ashton Court Estate totalled 264 1/2 acres.

Mr Napier produced plan of the path running from the Main Road opposite Folleigh Lane to the brook, through West Leaze and he asked for the consent of the Council to a slight deviation viz for the

path to take a straight course till it met the one running parallel with the brook instead of diagonally as at present.

This was unanimously agreed such application being in substitution for the one made on the 20th April 1922.

Mr Sidney Mitchell drew attention to the bad state of the footpath at the end of the one going through Mr Wither's field at the Brickworks, Ashton Vale and the Clerk was instructed to write the Ashton Vale Iron Co, if necessary after Mr Mitchell had seen the plan recently produced to the Council.

It was decided to inform the Ashton Court Estate that the wall at the entrance to the village allotments had recently been damaged.

A matter in connection with the Allotments at Providence was left to the Allotment Committee to deal with.

The Chairman reported that the late Clerk had produced to him his books and from the examination thereof it was ascertained that all Poor and Special Expenses Rates had been paid, and all calls met. All tenants of Grass Allotments had paid their rent but there was a few of the garden allotments outstanding. It was estimated that there would be a balance in hand of £10 on the allotments.

The Clerk stated that he had received a precept from the Guardians requiring £3118 and from the R D Council of £1292. After allowing for voids to their contingencies this would necessitate the making of a 4/- rate in consequence of the rateable value being reduced to the extent of £1130.

A 3^d rate would be sufficient to meet the call of £200 for Special Expenses a reduction of 2d on the previous half year.

Herbert Jefferies

Allotment Committee – October 10th 1922

A meeting of the Allotment Committee was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday October 10th at the conclusion of the Parish Council when Mr O J Ball presided over the following

members Messrs W T Ambrose, H S Barnes, G E Childe and S Mitchell.

With reference to the complaint of several allotment holders encroaching on the footpath in the allotment at Providence it was agreed that the clerk should write the offenders, reminding them of the Council's resolution of the 15th July 1913 that a 3ft footpath must be preserved.

Mr H S Barnes to let the Clerk know the names of the holders who had so infringed.

The Committee recommend that Mr Sidney Mitchell should have 10 pence of the allotment at present occupied by Mr E Burge, subject to there being separate agreements and the Clerk receiving the rent from each tenant.

Mr H S Barnes moved that Mr W J Calvey take Mr S Mitchell's allotment (Village) and Mr F T Alford should have Mr W J Calvey's (Bower Ashton); seconded by W T Ambrose and carried.

O J Ball