

Report of the Allotment Committee January 4th 1923

The Allotment Committee met at the Church House, Thursday 4th January when Mr O J Ball presided over the following members, viz Messrs W T Ambrose, H S Barnes and G E Childe.

Providence Allotment

With reference to the infringement of the footpath at Plot 5, the Committee recommend the Clerk write all the holders with the exception of Messrs Jefferies and Lovell.

Vacant Allotments

Several allotments having become or about to become vacant in March next, your committee spent a considerable time in considering applications for same and submit the following recommendations for the confirmation of the Council.

Providence	Present Tenant	New Tenant
Plot 5No 1 Archgrove	J S Jefferies	P Parsons
Plot 3No 6	P Parsons	T H Crew
8	M Davis	N French
13	N French	J S Jefferies
26	C Davis	M Davis
31	W Hinder	W Cridland
Birdwell		
Plot 8No 9 Village	H S Smith	H Brown
Plot 2No 16	E J Snell	A L Blackmore
9 11	A L Blackmore	Moses Swan
4	J Rossiter	E Symonds

Re: land purchased by the Rev G H Lea

It was suggested that letters should be written Messrs F Barnes and W Curtis that as far as the Council were concerned, there is no necessity for them to vacate their allotments.

Complaint

The Committee received a complaint (through the Clerk) from Mr C G Cole an allotment holder, that owing to the raising of the road at the

Village Allotments by the Trinidad process, horse and cart was unable to enter with manure. It was decided to bring this before the Council.

Accounts

The following accounts were placed before the Committee and it was resolved to present same to the Council for payment:

Ashton Court Estate	Rent to September 1922	£47-11-9
Overseers	Rates to March 1923	9-11-10
H B Willis	Repairs to fences	<u>14- 8- 6</u>
		£71-12-1

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday January 16 1923 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members, Messrs T T Barnes, H S Barnes, O J Ball, C A H Fry, C Hodgson, S Mitchell, H S Wright and the Clerk (Mr R E March).

Arising out of same:

Presentation to Mr Guyatt – Mr S Mitchell stated that the matter was receiving his attention.

Archgrove Allotments

The Clerk reported that notice had been received by W E French but the latter did not wish to retain his allotment.

Yanleigh Lane

Letter from Mr Napier was read that the lane by Yanleigh farm would be cleaned; Mr H S Barnes stated that the condition was as bad as ever. The matter was left in abeyance the Chairman mentioning that he understood some stones would be placed thereon.

Footpaths

A letter from Colonel Gibbs, County Councillor, that the County Works Committee was unable to further improve the footpaths owing to the lack of funds was read.

Village Allotments

The Clerk reported he had informed the two Allotment holders at the top as to the proposed widening of the road and as to the damage to the walls to the Ashton Court Estate.

Sewage Outfall

A letter from the R D Council that they could make no alteration with regard to the disposal of the residue at the Sewage Disposal Works was read and the Clerk also produced copy of the clause in an agreement with reference to the road way to such works.

Diversion of Footpath

The Clerk reported that Mr Napier had been informed of the Council's consent to the diversion of the footpath in Westleaze.

Footpath Ashton Vale

With reference to this the Secretary of the Ashton Vale Iron Co had written that the matter had received attention and the footpath was now in good condition.

Mr S Mitchell who had visited the spot said the pathway was very bad in wet weather and the clerk was directed to point out to the Company that from information it was far from satisfactory especially in wet weather.

Allotment Committee's Report

Mr O J Ball moved

"That the Allotment Committee's Report of the 10th October 1922 and 4th January 1923 be taken as read that the recommendations contained therein be confirmed and the accounts viz

Ashton Court Estate	Rent to Sept 1922	47-11-10
Overseers	Rates to March 1923	9-11-10
H B Willis	Repairs to Birdwell	14- 8- 6
Total		£71-12-1

Mentioned passed for payment.

Seconded by Mr H S Wright and carried the Committee being heartily congratulated on their reports by Mr Fry.

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Complaint by Mr Cole

The Clerk was directed to draw the attention of Mr H Endsor, the local County Council Surveyor to this and ask him to bear it in mind when the widening of the road at St Martins took place so that a proper entrance for a horse and cart could be made.

Electric Standards

In addition to the paragraph in the Report, the Clerk stated he had received a complaint from Mr H R Hinder that the North Somerset Electric Lighting Co had embedded two wire supports in his allotment

and in doing so, crops were damaged, a further complaint was mentioned by Mr H S Barnes with reference to posts on Mr L Young's allotment and also as to posts being erected in a public footpath in Westleaze.

It was decided to bring these complaints to the notice of the Company and of the strong feeling of the Council on the matter.

A letter was also agreed to be sent the Company pointing out it would be of great assistance to pedestrians on a dark night if the paths at the foot of the standards through the village could be repainted.

Bank Resolution

Mr C A H Fry moved

"That the National Provincial and Union Bank of England Limited with which is incorporated the Union of London and Smiths Bank Limited he and they are, hereby authorised to pay all cheques drawn upon any account or accounts for the time being in the name of the Long Ashton Parish Council with the said Bank when signed by any two Councillors whether such account or accounts are overdrawn by the payment thereof or are in credit or otherwise and that all documents requiring the endorsement of the said Council may be endorsed on its behalf by the Clerk" Seconded by Mr C Hodgson and carried.

Assistant Overseer

It was proposed by Mr H S Wright seconded by Mr H S Barnes that the salary of the Assistant Overseer be increased by £1 viz £157 to cover cost of premium on Guarantee Bond for £500. Carried.

Scarlet Fever

Mr C A H Fry moved

"That this Council desires to draw the serious attention of the Rural District Council to the constantly recurring cases of scarlett fever in Long Ashton and to the entirely inadequate means of isolation possible, and requests them to take immediate steps to open the Isolation Hospital at

Flax Bourton. That this resolution be sent to the Clerk to the RD Council
Dr Savage and Dr Newsome.

Seconded by Mr Mitchell and carried.

Sewage Westleaze

It was decided to draw the attention of the Rural District Council that
sewage matter could be seen near an old cesspit on the west side of
Westleaze.

Sewage Warren Lane

It was reported that an open sewer from two cottages in Warren Lane
emptied in an overflowing cesspit in Mr Butler's field and the attention of
the Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station was directed to be
drawn to same.

Common

On the motion of Mr T T Barnes, seconded by Mr H S Barnes, it was
agreed that enquiry be made of Somerset House as to who held the title
deeds of land in the parish which might formerly have been common
land.

Herbert Jefferies 20/2/23

Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday February 20 1923 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs W T Ambrose, O J Ball, H S Barnes, TT Barnes, C Hodgson, S Mitchell and H S Wright, the Clerk also being present.

Letter from Mr C A H Fry explaining non attendance was read.

Minutes of the last meeting read and signed.

Matters Arising out of Same

Mr Guyatt's presentation.

Mr S Mitchell reported he had received £13.6.6 towards this, and on the proposition of Mr G E Childe, seconded by Mr W T Ambrose it was unanimously agreed that the purchasing of present be left in the hands of the Chairman M Mitchell and the Clerk. The Presentation to be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Footpath Ashton Vale

Letter was read from Ashton Vale Iron Company denying liability to repair.

Yanleigh Lane

Mr H S Barnes drew attention that the footpath running past Yanleigh Farm was in a very bad condition and moved that Messrs. Withers and Marshall be written asking them to thoroughly cleanse the same so that it may be usable for pedestrians.

Seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried a further letter to be sent to Mr Napier, Agent for the Ashton Court Estate informing him that it was stated the local doctor had declined to attend a resident near owing to the condition of the footpath.

North Somerset Electric Supply Co Dress Guards

In acknowledging receipt of the Co's letter of the 25th January 1923 the Clerk was requested to ask that these guards might be painted white.

Scarlet Fever

A letter dated 7th February 1923 from the Long Ashton RDC was read stating that up to the present Dr Newsome M O H had not considered it necessary to open the hospital and with this the RD Council were in agreement.

Sewage – Westleaze

The Clerk R D Council wrote on the 7th Feb that the Inspector had been instructed to attend to this.

Sewage – Warren Lane

In a letter from the Secretary of the Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station, Long Ashton of the 19th February 1923 he stated the University of Bristol owned one cottage in Warren Lane and as there was an earth closet there, no sewage was carried into the cesspit in Mr Butler's field.

Common Land

The Clerk read reply of the 7th February 1923 from the Commissioners Inland Revenue that they have no information in the matter.

He read further correspondence that had taken place with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and in a letter dated 31 January 1923 the Ministry stated an Inclosure Act for the parish of Long Ashton was passed in the year of 1813 but they had no information as to any award thereunder.

They further stated that from a return to the Houses of Commons in 1874 it appeared 106 acres of land in the parish of Ashton Hill were "Common" but they had no information as to any existing rights of common over land in this Parish.

In reply to an enquiry of the Somerset Clerk of the Peace, as to the existence of any Inclosure Award, he stated in letter dated 13 February 1923 that an Inclosure Award for Long Ashton dated 20 May 1820 was deposited amongst the County Records at Taunton, and in a further letter 16th February the same could be seen there on payment of a small fee.

After some discussion, Mr S Mitchell moved, Mr H S Barnes seconded, that the Clerk be asked to visit Taunton and inspect this document, his expenses for so doing and the inspection fee to be paid by this Council.

Electric Supply Standards on Footpath

Mr C Hodgson moved that the attention of the County Council be drawn to the great source of danger that exists in consequence of poles, principally those erected by the North Somerset Electric Supply Co being erected on the footpaths by the side of the main roads which are in many places throughout the village very narrow. Seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

Mr S Mitchell proposed that a letter be written to the Postmaster General asking that their poles on the footpaths might be cased and painted white at the base. Seconded by Mr G Childe and carried.

Allotment Committee Reports

Mr Ball moved that the Allotment Committee's Reports of the 6th and 16th February be taken as read, that the recommendations as to letting of allotments be confirmed and that the account of Jordan & Co for printing £1.5 be passed for payment; and in doing so drew attention to the letting of Plot 6.7 stating that since the Committee had met, another parishioner had applied for this particular allotment and apparently there was outside objection to an allotment holder transferring to another piece. The proposition was seconded by Mr Wright and carried, the Council unanimously confirming the action of the Committee.

Arising Out of the Committees Reports

The Clerks reported that Mr Lindor the local county council surveyor had promised to bear in mind when the road was widened at St Martins, the larger entrance to the Village Allotments.

Electric Standard

The paragraph in the Report of the 6th February dealing with this matter was placed before the Council, as well as a complaint that the hedge and fence on either side of the Village Allotments had been broken down by the Company.

Mr H S Barnes moved That the Council make application for the poles to be removed failing this, the North Somerset Electric Supply Co be asked to pay a yearly rent for standing of the poles to indemnify the Council for the loss of rent and damage; that the Company make good the fences on either side of the allotment and any claims for damage be forwarded the company. Seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Account

The Long Ashton Church Parochial Account for the use of Church House £2-10- was passed for payment on the proposition of M J Mitchell, seconded by Mr T T Barnes.

Precept

It was decided to issue a precept on the Overseers for the sum of £25 to meet current expenses of the Council same being carried on the motion of Mr Childe, seconded by Mr Ball.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was fixed to be held on Tuesday the 27th March at 7.30 p.m.

Keeds Lane

Some manure having been deposited in Keeds Lane and stated to be in the way of pedestrians, it was suggested a letter be written to Prideaux asking that same might be removed.

O J Ball – 27/3/23

FURTHER REPORT – Allotment Committee February 6th 1923

Members present. Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, G E Childe and S Mitchell.

Clerk reported that Mr E P Patch had received notice to vacate Grass Allotment and that he had placed £8 in the bank to the credit of the Allotment Account.

VACANT ALLOTMENTS

Committee recommend the following allotments to be let to

Flax Bourton Plot 4	7	(Yeates)	to T J Parsons
Archgrove 3	8	(N French)	to S T Fry
Village	2	9	(Hinder) to E Symons
	2	2	(Mrs Young) to Mrs Young
	9	4	(Symons) to O G Watts
Providence 6	7	(Ricketts)	to F Ball
	6	5	(Ball) to E Poole
Grass Allotment 7	5	(Patch)	to H Shore

ACCOUNTS

It was decided to present the following account to the council for payment.

Jordan & Co. Printing £1.5

REPORT of Allotment Committee – February 6th 1923

Members present, Messrs O J Ball, W T Ambrose and H S Barnes
Arising out of Minutes.

Clerk reported that F T Alfred was not now desirous of taking allotment 1 – 15; neither H Brown 8-9. All the other applicants had signed necessary agreements with exception of N French.

He also reported as follows (See previous reports)

- (a) Allotment holders at Providence written as to footpath.
- (b) Letters written Allotments Holders, Archgrove.
- (c) Same as to Grass Allotments.
- (d) Flax Bourton Allotments. J Atherton.
- (e) Complaint – entrance to Village Allotment. Read correspondence with local county council surveyor who promised to remedy the matter when a widening scheme commence.
- (f) Accounts paid £24-0-4. Paid Mr E Willis and Rates.
- (g) Electric Standards

Clerk read correspondence with the North Somerset Electric Supply Co and also reported as to an interview he had with the Secretary.

The Committee considered the matter as some length and Unanimously agreed to recommend the Council to make application for the poles to be removed, failing this, the Electric Supply Co be asked to pay a yearly rent for standing of the poles, to indemnify the Council for the loss of any rent by Allotment holders on whose plot the poles may be standing. Claims for damage to crops to be presented the Council.

In connection with this matter, the Clerk put before the Committee, application by Mr L G Young for another allotment or his rent be refused owing to poles being erected on his present piece.

Decided same to be placed before the Council.

VACANT ALLOTMENTS

It was decided to let the following vacant allotment

Bower Ashton Plot	1	15	(Calvey)	to J Williams
Village	9	7	(G James)	to F W Hares
Birdwell	8	9	(Smith)	to F Hill
Archgrove	3	7	(French)	to A Yeates

Grass Allotments

The Clerk was instructed to enquire if the Resolution of 4th July 1922 with reference to Mr Patch giving up a grass allotment, had been carried into effect.

RENTS

He reported that including balance at the bank, he had received £56-10-5 on account of rents; cheques had been drawn to the extent of £24-0-4, leaving £38-9-3 to meet the Ashton Court Estate A/C OF £47-11-9. The amount owing to date was £31-4-10¹/₂.

February 27th 1923

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday the 27th February 1923 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members, Messrs J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, C A H Fry, C Hodgson, S Mitchell and H S Wright.

Common Land

The Chairman referred to the resolution passed at the last meeting empowering the Clerk to visit Taunton and inspect an Inclosure Award of 20th May 1820 and stated that since the meeting he had been able to obtain Tithe Map 1848, Tithe Award and Mr Napier had very kindly loaned him a copy of the Inclosure Act of 1813 with the original award of 20th May 1820. He left it to the Council to say whether after inspecting these documents they would still wish the Clerk to visit Taunton.

After the members had inspected the various documents, Mr Fry moved that the Chairman and Clerk be empowered to obtain a copy of the Inclosure Award at a sum not exceeding £10 seconded by Mr Avery and carried.

It was decided to convey the thanks of the Council to Mr Napier for his kindness in loaning the document .

Footpath Church

Mr H S Barnes moved that a letter be written Mr T H Pearce calling attention that the church path leading from the brook to the Church had been ploughed and asking that the same may in future be left to enable pedestrians to use, seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

Damaged Pipe – Birdwell

Mr Mitchell reported that a pipe had been damaged at Birdwell near the allotments when the road was treated with the Trinidad process and as a result a large quantity of water congregated on the footpath and the Clerk was directed to draw the attention of the surveyor to the matter.

O J Ball

27/3/23

March 27th 1923

Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday March 27 1923 when in addition to members of the Parish Council there was a fair number of parishioners present.

The Clerk (R E March) announcing that the Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr H Jefferies) had written apologising for his absence in consequence of being from home and that the Vice Chairman was also from home. Mr O J Ball moved that Mr J Avery take the Chair, seconded by Mr H J Chorley and carried.

Mr Avery referred to the death of the late Mr Swann who was one of the original members of the Parish Council and was always ready to assist in anything that tended to the well being of the parish it was suggested that a letter of sympathy from the meeting be sent Mrs Swann this was agreed to.

The Minutes of the previous meeting and Special Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman called upon Mr A G Thomas, Clerk to the Long Ashton Charity Trustees, to read the account of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for the past year, which he did.

Mr Mitchell asked why the Church wardens received the large sum of £87.0.6 and Mr Thomas in reply said that under Moryces Charity the Trustees collected the proceeds, handed 2/3rds to the churchwardens and dealt with the remaining money for the benefit of the poor.

Mr Avery then presented Mr H C Guyatt who had been Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council for 22 years with a cheque from the past and present members of the Council as a small token of their appreciation of the services he had so ably rendered for the parish. Mr Guyatt thanked the members for their kind gift.

A letter from the Easton-in-Gordano Parish Meeting drawing attention to the high charge made by the North Somerset Electric Supply Co for electric lighting and suggesting that the Company be written concerning same was read and Mr Mitchell moved that a letter be written the

Company asking that their charges might be reduced a reduction having taken place recently in Bristol. Seconded by Mr A Locke and carried.

Mr G Parsons (Birdwell) asked who was the Housing Inspector and stated that several houses in the village was still unconnected with the main sewer, and he moved that a letter be sent the R D Council drawing their attention to this at the same time asking them to take steps to remedy the defect. Seconded by Mr Mitchell and carried.

Mr O J Ball asked for information as to the present financial position of the sewage outfall works if same was not available he moved that it be obtained. This was seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Mr Jefferies (Fenswood) spoke as to the very bad condition of the footpaths through the village and he was informed by the Clerk that the Parish Council had been in communication with the County Council on the matter but that latter body had not at the moment any funds to devote to the repair of the footpaths. He moved that a letter be sent from this meeting to the County Council seconded by Mr Child and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried on the motion of Mr Guyatt.

Herbert Jefferies – March 4th 1924

March 27 1923

Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday March 27th 1923 when the following members were present, Messrs J Avery, W T Ambrose, O J Ball, H S Barnes, G E Childe, G Hodgson and S Mitchell.

Mr Jefferies having written apologising for his non attendance and the Vice Chairman being also away from home, Mr O J Ball was voted to the Chair on the proposition of Mr G E Childe, seconded by Mr C Hodgson.

The Minutes of the meeting of the 20th and 27th February were read and signed.

Matters Arising out of the Meeting 20th February

Yanleigh Lane

The Clerk reported he had written Messrs Marshall and Withers as instructed but had not received any reply. It was stated by Mr H S Barnes that a portion of the land had been cleansed by Mr Withers.

North Somerset Electric Supply Co

Re Dress Guards

Standards erected in Allotments

A letter from the Co was read in which they stated the letters of the Council would be placed before the Directors at their next meeting.

Standards on footpath

It was reported that no reply had been received from the County Council as to this matter, but the Superintending Engineer of the Post Office had replied stated that the cost per pole of giving effect to the suggestion would be very considerable and there is no reason which would justify the expenditure.

After some discussion it was decided to write again and point out that as the poles were not numerous the cost would not be very great.

Precept

The Clerk stated that precept for £25 towards expenses of the Council had been served on the Overseers and cheque was being signed.

Matters dealing with the Minutes of the 27th February

Common Land

The Council was informed that Mr T H Guyatt had offered to copy the Award of 20th May 1820 for 2 or 3 guineas.

Footpath Church field

No reply had been received from Mr Pearce as to the ploughing of the foot path leading from the brook near the cricket ground to the church but the Clerk stated that in a conversation with him Mr Pearce stated it would be somewhat difficult not to plough the pathway unless the direction of same was altered.

Damaged Pipe, Birdwell

The Clerk reported that as this matter was remedied the next day, he did not write the County Council Divisional Surveyor.

Accounts

The Council passed the following accounts for payment:

Jordan & Co Printing	£1-5-0
Clerk for Hadden & Co	£2-2-0
Audit Stamp	£2-0-0
Postages	19-0

But suggested that when paying Jordan & Co attention should be drawn that the Council thought 6d per poster was somewhat high.

Mr Barnes moved that in future, tenders be obtained for printing, seconded by Mr Childe & carried.

Golf Club – Footpath

Mr Mitchell informed the Council that a Green had been made on a footpath running after the Warren wall from Warren Lane to Longwood House and proposed that the golf club be written to remove same, seconded by Mr Childe and agreed.

Allotments

The Council dealt with matters in connection with the following allotments:

Plot 6 No 6

On the proposition of Mr Mitchell seconded by Mr W J Ambrose it was agreed that a letter be written Mr W H Mitchell pointing out the allotment he rented was 24 perches in extent and was in accordance with agreement he had signed.

Plot 8 No 13

This allotment to be divided between James Collins and Mrs Clarke and agreements to be signed.

Plot 9 No 7

To be let to Mr H Taylor

Plot 3 No 8

To be let to Mr H J Chorley

Plot 4 No 1 and 3

To be let to Mr Parsons, Flax Bourton this on condition he relinquishes same if tenant forthcoming next March.

Complaint was made of sheep straying from the grass allotment of Mr W
W Marshall on to land of other persons, and it was decided that Mr
Marshall's attention be called to this.

Herbert Jefferies – 17.4.23

April 17th 1923
Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House present Messrs J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, H Jefferies, C Hodgson, S Mitchell and H S Wright.

Chairman

Mr H S Wright moved that Mr Herbert Jefferies be the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, seconded by Mr G E Childe, and unanimously carried.

Vice Chairman

On the proposition of Mr Wright seconded by Mr Avery, Mr Fry was re elected Vice Chairman.

Overseers

Messrs Rowland Adams and W Butter were re-appointed Overseers on the motion of Mr G E Childe, seconded by Mr T T Barnes.

Minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed.

Matters Arising out of same

Standards of Footpath

With reference to the erection of electric standards on the footpaths a letter of the 12th April from the County Council was read in which they stated that same having been erected under statutory powers, they could do no more than ensure they were placed on the best possible site under the circumstances.

This being done, the County Council regret not being able to do anything further.

A further letter from the Superintending Engineer of the Post Office of the 16th April was read, who stated he could "see nothing in the case to justify the expense of painting the poles".

After discussion Mr Fry moved that a further communication be sent pointing out that the Council consider the poles on the footpath on a dark night a source of considerable danger and as the Electric Lighting Co painted their standards at the base, they hoped he would re-consider the matter and accede to their request to case and paint the Post Office poles at the base. Seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Common Land

A copy of the Award of the 20th May 1820 had been prepared by Mr G H Guyatt and was before the Council.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr O J Ball seconded by Mr Hodgson to pay him the sum of £5 to cover all expenses in connection with the preparation of same.

The Clerk was instructed, having examined the copy with an original, to sign each sheet and certify the whole as having been examined and found correct by him.

Allotments

A letter was read from Mr W H Mitchell as to the extent of his allotment and it was decided not to take any action in the matter.

Golf Club Footpath

No reply having been received from the Long Ashton Golf Club, it was decided to write again.

School Representation

Mr J Avery moved the Clerk be re-appointed to represent the Council on the local school managers, seconded by Mr Fry and carried.

Allotment Committee

Messrs Ambrose, Ball, H S Barnes, TT Barnes, G E Childe and Mitchell were chosen on the proposition of Mr C Hodgson seconded by Mr C Fry to form the Allotment Committee the previous committee receiving the thanks of the Council for the work they had done during the past year.

Parish Meeting Correspondence

A letter was read from Mrs Swann thanking the Council for the letter of sympathy sent on the death of her husband the late Mr E J Swann.

Financial Position – Sewage Outfall houses not connected with Main Sewer

Formal acknowledgement of the receipt of letters on these matters had been received from the Clerk R D Council. It was decided to inform the Council the position of certain houses in the village which it was understood were not connected with the sewer.

Footpaths

Letter of the 14th April from the Clerk to the County Council was read stating that a sum of money had been passed by the County Council for the repair of the footpaths through Long Ashton and that the work will be put in hand at the earliest opportunity.

In acknowledging receipt of same, it was decided to draw the attention of the County Council to the condition of that portion of the footpath opposite the Research Station going towards Cambridge Batch.

Electricity Charges

The Secretary wrote that he would place letter on this matter before his Directors at their next meeting.

Hedge – F Reynolds

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Frank Reynolds of Barrow Gurney as to the condition of the hedge between his land and that of the Grass Allotments and ask him to have same made and repaired so as to prevent sheep trespassing on other land.

Allotment

It was decided to write Mr C Vowles as to the condition of his allotment and ask him to remove the rubbish from the hedge adjoining.

Rudge Quarry

The attention of the District Council was directed to be called to a man and his family encamped with a caravan at Rudge Quarry.

Precepts

The Clerk reported that the calls by the R D Council and Guardians showed an increase of £280 on the previous half year with a small balance in hand the poor rate could be kept to the same amount viz 4/- but the Special Expense call £250 an increase of £50 would necessitate a 4d rate, an increase of 1d.

Herbert Jefferies – July 10th 1923

June 19th 1923

Parish Council

A Special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday June 19 1923 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, TT Barnes, G E Childe, C Hodgson, S Mitchell and H S Wright.

The Clerk read letter from Mr G A H Fry complaining of receiving such short notice and he was instructed to reply pointing out the reason of such was, the matter to be brought before the Council was very urgent.

It was explained that the calling of the meeting was in consequence of a verbal requisition from two members and after instructions from the Chairman.

Road Alterations opposite Yanleigh Lane

Mr T T Barnes stated many complaints had been received concerning the alleged retention of the Copper Beech tree in front of Mount Pleasant, where the road alterations opposite Yanleigh Lane were taking place, pointing out if such was allowed to remain no improvement would ensue as the path would be narrow at that spot and a source of much danger, pedestrians would of a necessity have to walk in the road.

Mr H S Barnes expressed the opinion that the expense of this road improvement would be materially lessened if the tree was removed, he proposed "that the Clerk be instructed to write the Ministry of Transport and Clerk Somerset County Council pointing out in the strongest manner the danger which will be caused to pedestrians if the copper beech tree is allowed to remain where the road alterations are now in progress opposite Yanleigh Lane; a copy to be sent Colonel W O Gibbs the County Councillor. Seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

Footpath – Railway Crossing

Correspondence was read which had taken place between the Clerk and the Secretary of the G W R with reference to the alleged closing of a footpath over the crossing between Yanleigh Lane and the Bourton Cutting. It was stated in a letter from the Secretary of the company "that the company do not admit the existence of a public footpath right of way over the railway at the stop in question and any such user which may have taken place is of a trespass character and is contrary to the notices exhibited by the company at the site".

It was resolved a further letter be sent to the company stating the existence of a footpath at the spot in question is clearly defined on the Ordnance Survey Map in the Council's possession and that they be asked to be good enough to erect a stile each side of the railway for the

use of foot passengers, reminding them that any notice exhibited by the Company was done after the path was closed by them.

Footpath – Lampton Bridge to Sidelands

Attention was drawn by Mr T T Barnes to the dirty and insanitary condition of the footpath from Lampton's Bridge to Sidelands and it was decided to ask the University Research Station to be good enough to remedy this state of affairs and to clear the path of all nettles etc.

It was reported by Mr H S Barnes that the iron gate where the footpath adjoins Marshall's farm by the old Roman Road was in a bad state of repair and wired in such a way that persons using the footpath would be unable to get over. A letter was directed to be written the Research Station asking that the gate be repaired so that persons using the pathway may not be obstructed.

Herbert Jefferies

July 10 1923

July 10 1923
Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 10th July. Mr H Jefferies was in the chair, the other members present being Messrs J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson, S Mitchell and H S Wright.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and signed.

Matters arising out of same – April 17 1923

Standards on Footpaths

Encasing and painting Post Office poles at the case.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer Bristol, 26th April 1923 was read in which he stated he was unable to modify the decision contained in his letter of March last and added it was against Modern Post Office practice to 'case' poles and therefore could not consider such a suggestion.

Mr Hodgson pointed out that a pole belonging to the Post Office was encased at Birdwell and it was decided to draw the Engineer's attention to this and ask him under those circumstances, to reconsider the matter.

Common Land

The Clerk reported he had signed the Awards as instructed and read a letter from Mr T H Guyatt expressing his thanks to the Council for the kind way in which they had met him in the matter of his fee.

Golf Club – Footpath

Letters of 16 April, 14th and 29th May from Long Ashton Golf Club were read. The club regretted the new tee adjoining the Warren wall encroached upon the public footpath but being undefined its existence was overlooked. They proposed however to slope the approaches of the tee which they trust will be satisfactory to the Council. This was accepted by the Council.

Houses not connected with Main Sewer

It was decided to thank the R D Council for their letter of the 12th June with copy of the Sanitary Inspector's Report and to point out that it does not contain any reference to the house occupied by Edwin Poole. Providence.

Financial Statement – Sewage Outfall

Mr Ball proposed that the District Council be thanked for furnishing financial statement concerning the Sewage Outfall Works and in connection with the carrying of water to Providence and suggested that same might be submitted annually, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Rudge Quarry

Letter from the R C Council of the 4th July that the man stated to be encamped in Rudge Quarry had left some time was read.

Electricity Charges

With reference to an application to the North Somerset Electric Supply Co Limited for a reduction in the charges for electricity supplied to residents, the company replied that they were very anxious to reduce their charges at the earliest possible date.

Complaint – Hedge. F Reynolds

The Council regretted to learn that no reply had been received from Mr F Reynolds as to repairing his fence and decided to write him that they hoped to hear that the matter was receiving his attention and the hedge cut in the early autumn.

Allotment – C Vowles

It was stated that C Vowles was cultivating his allotment.

Minutes – June 19

Road Alterations opposite Yanleigh Lane

The Clerk reported he had written the County Council and Ministry of Transport as requested, sending copies of letter to the local County Councillor and County Surveyor. Colonel W O Gibbs (County Councillor) replied that the bit of land was given on the condition the beech tree was not interfered with, he understood the owner of the land made this proviso partly in the interest of the tenant of the house whose amenities were being interfered with.

He did not think the County Council would attempt to try to get the tree referred to removed.

The reply of the Minister of Transport was to the same effect, adding that “as it does not appear that this tree will be an obstruction to traffic he regrets he is unable to take any further action in the matter”.

Much discussion ensued, the Council agreeing the tree would be a source of great danger if allowed to remain.

It was decided to appeal to the Minister of Transport to re-consider the matter pointing out the danger was not so much to traffic as to pedestrians as when the tree was shielded on the road side with a concrete wall, a footway of 1ft 9 ins only remained.

Footpath – Railway Crossing

A further letter from the Secretary of the Company (29 June) was read. He stated the indication of footpaths on the Ordnance Survey maps does not necessarily imply that they are public and reiterated the Company cannot recognise that a public footpath right of way exists at the point in question.

Mr Avery moved that the GWR be again written that the Council are of opinion the path in question is a public footpath right of way and they have evidence it has been used as such for 70 years past. Seconded by Mr Barnes and carried.

Footpaths – Lampton Bridge

Replies had not yet been received from the Secretary Research Station on these matters.

Balance Sheets

The Overseers Accounts as well as those of the Parish Council to the 31st March 1923 recently audited were placed before the Council.

Allotment Committee

The adoption of the Allotment Committees Report was carried on the motion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr T T Barnes, the accounts of the Ashton Court Estate £47:1:9 – Rev G H Lea 10/- rent to 25 March last and £9:13:9 for Rates for the current half year being passed for payment.

It was decided to give H Hazell and G Ogborne notice that allotments would be taken from them if the rent was not forthcoming within 40 days.

On the motion of Mr Fry it was decided to give the Committee power to act in all matters with the exception of any entailing a large financial outlay (not exceeding five pounds).

Correspondence

W R Hollis - Collection of House Refuse

Letter from Mr W R Hollis of Kimbolton calling attention of the Parish Council to the necessity of a house to house collection for house refuse

was read and on the propositions of Mr Fry, seconded by Mr O J Ball it was decided to send copy of same to the District Council.

Bristol Postmaster – Postman's Half Holiday

A letter from the Postmaster Bristol was placed before the Council in which he stated the postmen employed at Long Ashton had petitioned to be allowed to participate in the privilege of a weekly half holiday. The arrangement would apply on Saturdays and the Postmaster asked if the Council approved of the alterations in the postal service which would be involved.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr T T Barnes to offer no objection to this arrangement but to ask that the Birdwell W B might be cleaned at night to connect with the night mail despatch at the Post Office.

Electric Supply Co – Standards in Allotments

No reply being received from the North Somerset Electric Supply Co as to painting dress guards of their poles and the erection of same through the allotments with claims for compensation for damage to crops, the Clerk was instructed to press for an answer.

Heavy Motor Cars

Mr S Mitchell proposed that the Superintendent of Police be written drawing his attention to the speed at which heavy motor cars were driven through the village, seconded by Mr G E Childe and carried.

Herbert Jefferies – 23/10/23

Report of Allotment Committee held on the 19th June, Messrs O J Ball, T T Barnes, H S Barnes, G E Childe and H S Mitchell being present.

Balance sheet of the year's accounts to the 31st March 1923 were placed before the Committee.

It was decided to report 3 allotment holders to the Council if rent not paid before the next meeting.

In fencing the piece of land at Archgrove Allotments, an opening had been left in the Allotment hedge, the Committee suggest that the Rev F H Lea be written him to be enough to repair the fence.

Accounts

It was agreed that the accounts of the Ashton Court Estate and the Rev G H Lea £47:1:9 and 10/- respectively rent to the 25 March last be presented to the Council for payment.

August 13 1923
Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on August 13 when the following members were present Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, C A H Fry, C Hodgson and H S Wright with Mr T H Pearce, R D Councillor and Mr W A Winchester.

Mr Fry who was in the chair explained the meeting was called to enable Mr Winchester to explain more fully the scheme he had suggested to the District Council with reference to the Sewage Outfall works.

Although it was a matter for the District Council to deal with, still the Chairman (Mr Pearce) thought it only right to place the scheme before the Parish Council with a view to obtaining an expression of opinion from them.

The District Council meeting next day was the reason for this meeting being called at such short notice.

Mr Winchester was invited to speak and at some length explained that the Australian Septic Gas Co was prepared to expend the sum of £500 on the Sewage Outfall Works in utilising the same as a demonstrating plant for the purpose of extracting gas from the sewage.

Various questions were asked by different members of the Council and in reply to one, Mr Winchester said he was on behalf of his company quite prepared to give an undertaking that in case the scheme did not prove a success to put and leave the Outfall Works in the same condition as he took them over.

Mr Fry moved "that this Council having heard Mr Winchester's statement approves of the idea he has place before them and leaves the R C Council to deal with the matter, but at the same time asks that they should safe guard the position of the parishioners, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

On the motion of Mr Fry, seconded by Mr Ball, Messrs Pearce and Winchester were heartily thanked for attending and putting before the meeting the proposed scheme.

Herbert Jefferies

October 23 1923

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday the 23rd October 1923 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members, Messrs J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson and H S Wright.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and after an addition had been made to those of the 10th July were duly confirmed and signed.

Matters arising out of same – July 10th

Standards on footpath. Encasing and painting Post Office Poles.

The Post Office Superintending Engineer in his letter of the 13th July regretted he could see no reason which would justify him in expending Post Office funds in either casing or painting the poles in question.

Houses not connection with main sewer.

From letters received from the District Council it appeared that Edwin Poole's cottage was more than 100 feet from the sewer.

Complaint re hedge – F Reynolds

Mr Reynolds stated in a letter of July 14th that it was his intention to have the hedge made next winter, but that sheep had not been in his field for 2 years.

Road Alterations – Yanleigh Lane

The Minister of Transport in a letter of the 25 July stated he was unable to take any further action in this matter.

In a reply from the County Council it was stated that the Agent to the Ashton Court Estate could not now agree to the removal of the tree.

Footpath Railway Crossing

In a further reply of the 20th July the Secretary of the GWR stated that his Company “was not prepared to admit the claim which your Council have put forward”.

Footpath, Lampton Bridge

A reply as to the dirty condition of this footpath was received after the last meeting from the Secretary Manager of the Bristol University Research Station in which he stated the nuisance complained of was due, not to their own employees but to the fact that it was used by the men of a Contractor who was making a new road for them. The nettles had been cut and the path cleaned.

As regards the iron gate at the end of the footpath adjoining Marshalls Farm by the old Roman road it was their intention to remove this, erect in its place a post and rail fence with a proper stile.

Allotment Committee's Report – Unpaid Rent by H Hazell and G Osborne to March 1923.

The Clerk reported Hazell had paid but Osborne had not carried out the wishes of the Council.

A further debt of 6/- had been incurred and another six month's rent would fall due on the 21st December. It was decided to leave the matter till the next meeting.

Collection of House Refuse

Mr Ball suggested and it was agreed that a copy of the District Council's letter of the 19th July in which they mentioned it was resolved to take no action with regard to the collection of house refuse in the parish, be sent Mr Hollis of Kimbolton who wrote the parish council on the matter.

Postmen's half holiday

In a letter from the Bristol Postmaster on the 18th July it was seen that the suggestion of the Council that the wall at Birdwell might be cleared Saturday Evenings, had been favourably considered.

Heavy Motor Cars

The Clerk reported he had written to the Supt of Police in this matter but had not received any reply.

Arising out the Minutes of the Special Meeting on August 13 as to scheme in connection with Sewage Outfall Works, Mr Fry moved and Mr Wright seconded that a copy of the resolution passed at that meeting be sent to the District Council. Carried.

Allotment Committee's Report

Prescott – Clerk reported he had given this tenant notice as directed and had written W H Mitchell as to complaint.

Village Allotment Entrances

Mr O J Ball Chairman Allotment Committee referred to the widening of the main road at St Martin's near these allotments and explained that he wall having been sent back, caused too sudden to allow a horse and cart to enter the main entrance and his committee suggested that the two top allotments might be measured as from the wall and an entrance made further down.

Attention was also drawn to the state of the entrance through the small gate. After some discussion Mr Ball moved that the Clerk be instructed to write and ask Mr H B Napier to kindly enter into negotiations with the County Council with a view to these two entrances being properly made. Seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Electric Supply Co – Standards in Allotments.

With reference to Mr Barnett's claim it transpired he had sent direct to the company an amended claim.

As regards easement rent for the poles of the company standing in the various allotments, the Clerk was on the motion of Mr H S Barnes, seconded by Mr T T Barnes instructed to apply to the Ashton Court Estate for same, at the same time asking them to undertake for the Co the repair of the fencers damaged at the time of the erection of the poles.

The Clevedon Printing Co account for 13/6 was passed for payment and the Committee's postages 10/11 were to be repaid.

Accounts

Postages incurred by the Council to the extent of 4/8 were also directed to be repaid the Clerk.

Precepts

The Clerk reported that the rateable value had increased £770 and that he had received precepts from the Guardians and R D Council to the extent of £4249, a decrease of £441 on the previous six months. A 3/10 rate, a decrease of 2d would be sufficient to cover this.

For Special Expenses, the District Council asked for £200 a 2d rate would realise £171.18.7 the difference being met from the balance in hand. This was also a reduction of 2d in the £1 making a total of 4d on the half year.

Absent Member

Mr W T Ambrose not having attended the meetings of the Council for the past six months it was decided on the proposition of Mr T T Barnes seconded by Mr G Hodgson to declare the seat vacant. Carried.

Allotment Lease

The new draft Lease of land for Allotments between the Ashton Court Estate and the Council was placed before the meeting. The estate agreed to cease for a term of 14 years as from March 1923, reserving the right on giving six months notice expiring on either 29th September or 25th March in any year, to take the whole of the Bower Ashton and Birdwell Plots and 300 ft frontage of the Village and Archgrove Allotments for building purposes.

It was pointed out that in a letter of the 22nd May 1922 from Mr H B Napier only 200 ft frontage was mentioned, while the reservation for a notice to quit to expire on the 29th September would affect the Allotment holders agreements.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to the Estate Solicitors that the Council approve of the terms of the Lease with the exception of the two matters referred to above.

Bristol Gas Company

Mr Wright intimated he was interviewing the Bristol Gas Co on the morrow with a view to interesting and persuading them to extend whether the Council would express themselves favourably with the proposal.

The Council considered it a very good one, and on the motion of Mr Childe, seconded by Mr Hodgson, it was unanimously agreed to give same every support.

Footpaths – Research Station – Lampton Bridge

The Chairman referred to an alleged stopping of one of the footpaths on the property owned by the Bristol University at the Research Station. Reference was made to the marked map of the recognised footpaths in the possession of the Council and after much discussion Mr Fry

proposed that the clerk write the authorities at the Research Station that it was the wish of the Council as well as the public that the right of way from (Yeo's) Bow Lane Bridge to Lampton Bridge to connect through to Wild Country Lane should be open at the same time expressing the hope they would see their way to meet the Council in this matter.
Seconded by Mr Wright and carried.

Various – Attention was drawn that the footpath running from Folleigh Lane over the top of the hill was overgrown with brambles and that garden refuse from Hill House was thrown onto the path from Hobwell to Folleigh Lane.

The Clerk was instructed to see to these matters.

Herbert Jefferies – Chairman.

Parish Council – November 20th 1923

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday November 20th 1923 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson and S Mitchell.

Lease

After the Clerk had read correspondence with Messrs Osborne, Ward & Co., Solicitors for Ashton Court Estate, concerning the terms of the Lease between the Ashton Court Estate and the Council for renting the allotments for a further term of 14 years, the conditions being as stated in Mr Napier's letter of the 22nd May 1922, Mr Fry proposed that the seal of the Council be affixed to the lease, seconded by Mr Childe and carried. This was done in the presence of the Council by the Chairman.

It was agreed to pay £4.12.6 the Council's share of the Solicitors' charges in the matter.

As the present terms of the Lease are different to the former one, it was decided to notify the allotment holders affected in the Bower Ashton Village, Birdwell and Archgrove allotments that the terms of their tenancy must be altered.

Casual Vacancy

To fill the seat on the Council recently vacated by Mr W T Ambrose on the proposition of Mr T T Barnes seconded by Mr G E Childe it was decided unanimously to co-opt Mr C Shore to fill the vacant position.

Various

The Clerk was instructed to attend to the following matters:

To have a latch fastened on the gate at the top Providence Allotment.

Write the Long Ashton Golf Club as to condition of footpath from Folleigh Lane to Providence (along the bottom).

Write Ernest James as to trimming hedge in Hobwell near Hill House.

Write Walter Marshall as to permission to sink pond in grass allotment.

Bristol Gas Company

A letter from the Bristol Gas Company of the 19th November was read in which they stated the Directors had decided to extend the Co's mains in the Long Ashton District, the present scheme providing for a supply of gas from Ashton Gate to the Cider Institute. They felt sure the extension of the supply would result in the further development of the district and would esteem the Council's co-operation in the matter. The Company enquired if the Council was prepared to consider the question of public lighting.

Herbert Jefferies – Chairman