

Parish Council

January 15th 1924

The quarterly meeting of parish council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday 15th January 1924 when Mr H Jefferies presided, the following members being present, Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson and H S Wright.

Previous to the commencement of the business the Chairman said he felt it would be the wish of every member that the Clerk should convey to Mr and Mrs Theodore, T Barnes the sincere sympathy of the council in their recent said bereavement.

Minutes of the two last meetings were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes Oct 23

Collection of House Refuse

The Clerk reported he had sent a copy of R D Council's letter to Mr W Hollis.

Sewage Outfall Works

Copy of resolution had been forwarded the R D Council.

Village Allotment

Letter written Mr Napier as to entrances.

Electric Supply Co - Easement Rent

A letter was received from Mr Napier of the 31 October in which he stated payment for easement rent will have to be made to the Estate. Our custom now is in certain cases to repay to the occupier the amount received for any such way leave and I shall be prepared in your case to allow the same course.

Footpath – Research Station and Lampton Bridge

Clerk reported that he had written the Research Station as directed at the last meeting and had received an acknowledgement of

same. From a conversation with the local secretary it appears the suggestion of the Council had been forwarded the University Council.

Various

No reply had been received to the letter written the Golf Club as to the pathway over the top of the hill being overgrown with brambles but Mr H S Barnes stated this had been attended to.

Mr W G Verdon Smith replied that he had again given instructions that no refuse of any kind shall be thrown on the footpath near Hill House.

Arising out of Minutes 20 November

Lease – Allotment Holders Tenancy

Letters had been written 110 holders that their tenancy would expire on six months notice on the 25th March or 29 September if their plot should be required for building purposes.

Various

The footpath along the bottom of the hill from Folleigh Lane to the stone stile Providence it was stated had been attended to by the Golf Club.

Mr James had been written as to trimming hedge near Hill House.

Mr W Marshall had been written that the Ashton Court Estate had no objection to a pond being constructed in his grass allotment, permission being given by Mr Napier in his letter of the 23 November 1923.

Correspondence

In circular letter from H M Stationery Office of December 1923 as to purchase of a copy of "Census Report of Somerset" was directed to lie on the table.

Lighting and Collection of House Refuse

Two petitions signed by residents and ratepayers of Long Ashton pointing out the urgent necessity of providing the main road through the village with lights, and also to arrange for the removal of house refuse which at present has to be left about the dwellings and consequently becomes a serious menace to the health of the inhabitants. The petitioners asked that a public meeting of the residents might be called so that these matters may be discussed and some practical action taken. It was decided to include in the Agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting the question of adopting or otherwise the Lighting and Watching Act 1833 but the parish council not having any power to deal with scavenging, suggested leaving this matter to be raised by any parishioner who thought fit to do so at the parish meeting.

Allotment Committee Report

Mr Ball submitted this report and arising of same.

Arrears – Mr G E Childe moved that unless the amounts mentioned therein as being owing by Prescott 15 /- and G Ogborne 18 /- were paid by March 25 next, legal proceedings would be taken to enforce payment and that the sum of 7/6 due by the late C Davis to March 1923 be struck off the books as irrecoverable, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Mr O J Ball moved, Mr Childe seconded and it was carried that the sum of 3/10 rates to 25 March 1924 and £62.7 rent to September 1923 be paid.

The adoption of the report was agreed to on the motion of Mr Jefferies seconded by Mr Fry coupled with a hearty vote of thanks to the members of the Committee for the services they so freely render, which was a saving of expense to the Council and allotment holders.

Accounts

The account of £2.10 to the Church Parochial Finance Committee for use of rooms for the year to the 31 December 1923 was decided to be paid on the proposition of Mr O J Ball seconded by Mr H S Wright.

Pumping Station, Water – Providence

Mr Ball asked if the Council had received any information as to the alleged sale of the pumping station, water, Providence to the Bristol Waterworks Co and receiving a negative reply, expressed surprise that the District Council should see fit to dispose of same without first approaching this Council, seeing that the original cost and upkeep of same had to be met by the ratepayers whom they represent.

He moved that the fullest information be asked for concerning same, seconded by Mr H S Wright and carried.

Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting was fixed to be held on Tuesday March 4 @ 7.30 p.m.

Keeds Lane – Bow Lane

Mr H S Barnes stated the condition of these lanes were somewhat bad and it was decided to draw the attention of Ashton Court Estate to same.

Footpaths – Main Road

Mr Childe drew attention to the continued bad condition of the footpaths by the side of the main road through the village and he moved that the County Council be again written and their attention being drawn that the gravel or “chippings” had not been rolled in. Seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Herbert Jefferies

Report of Allotment Committee

Two meetings have been held since the last Parish Council various matters requiring attention. The following allotments have been let.

Village – No 2 Plot 2 H Taylor (L G Young)
Archgrove – No 3 Plot 24 G Rawles (R G Prescott)

It was decided to defer the letting of other allotments at a future meeting.

The Committee desire to bring to the notice of the Council arrears of rent outstanding by R G Prescott 15/-, 12 months to 25th March next, and G Ogborne 18/- eighteen months to same date.

With reference to the debt of 7/6 due by the late C Davis to the 25th March 1923, the Committee suggest same be struck off the books as irrecoverable, the address of the widow being unknown.

Copy of New Lease of the Allotment signed by the Hon Mrs Smyth has been duly received.

Account for rent of allotment £62.7 six months to September 1923 submitted to the Council for payment.

The Committee respectfully report that Mr H S Barnes has repaired the defective latch and gate at the top Providence Allotment and that Messrs Ball, H S Barnes and Child attended at the Village Allotments and in consequence of the setting back of the wall trough road widening near St Martins, remeasured and rearranged Nos 1 & 2. Allotments. The large gate has also been removed.

Parish Council
February 25th 1924

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday February 25th 1924 when Mr H

Jefferies presided over the following members, Messrs J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, S Mitchell and H S Wright with Mr T H Pearce Chairman of the Long Ashton Rural District Council.

A letter from Mr C G Shore was received regretting his absence owing to illness.

Sewage Outfall Works and The Septic Gas Co of Australia Ltd

Mr T H Pearce stated that Messrs Bayliss and Winchester of the Septic Gas Co of Australia Ltd has spent a night recently at the Sewage Outfall Works and upon tests being made found that a lot of water was coming in and at 3.45 a.m., was quite clean.

A letter of the 14th February from Mr W A Winchester to Mr T H Pearce was read in which it was stated the flow of water in the present tank was at the rate of 300,000 gallons per 24 hours during 12 hours of the day, night flow at the rate of 240,000 gallons per 24 hours. The excess water had been traced as entering the sewers at Yanleigh Lane, Birdwell and Cider Institute and asked that the surplus spring water might be diverted from the sewers so that the scheme which they wished to put into operation might have a fair chance.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr Wright moved "That the incurring of any expense for the diversion of surface water from the sewage system for the benefit of the Septic Gas Co of Australia Ltd be not entertained as it would be detrimental to the Sewage Outfall Works, seconded by Mr O J Ball and supported by Mr H S Barnes.

On being put to the vote 3 were in favour of the proposition and 3 against.

Further discussion ensued, Mr J H Pearce ultimately proposing "That the Septic Gas Co of Australia Ltd be allowed to divert the

surface water from the sewage system at Birdwell and Yanleigh Lane, the liability on the parish not to exceed the sum of £25". This was seconded by Mr S Mitchell and on a vote being taken 3 were in favour and 3 against. It was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman.

Both Mr Wright and Mr Ball expressed themselves very strongly against the sewage system being placed in the hands of an outside body.

Herbert Jefferies

Parish Meeting – March 4th 1924

There was a large gathering of parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday March 4th Mr H Jefferies presiding.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed, the various matters arising therefrom being dealt with by the Chairman and Clerk.

North Somerset Electric Supply Co

A letter from the Abbots Leigh Parish Council drawing attention to the charges made by this Company for electric current which in their opinion were a great deal too high and asking that this meeting might pass a resolution asking the company to consider the possibility of a reduction of their charged was read. No action was taken in the matter.

Parochial Charity

The Chairman read the balance sheet of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for the year to the 31st December last.

Lighting

The Rev G G Lea moved "that the Lighting and Watching Act 1833 be adopted for the parish of Long Ashton. Seconded by Mr T T Barnes and supported by Mr H S Wright.

Much discussion ensued and eventually the Chairman declared the motion duly carried after a vote had been taken on a show of hands.

Mr Lea further moved that the Parish Council be empowered to spend a sum not exceeding £130 for the purpose of lighting the parish, seconded by Mr T J Thorne and carried.

Scavenging

The following proposition was moved by Mr H B Napier.

“That this meeting strongly urges the Rural District Council to take immediate steps to provide for the scavenging and cleansing of the village” and that the same be sent to the District Council. This was seconded by Mr G Parsons of Birdwell and carried unanimously.

Sewage

Mr H S Wright referred to the application of the Septic Gas Co of Australia Ltd for permission to open the sewers with a view to diverting the surface water there from and suggested that before this was acceded to the company should first submit full details and drawings of what they propose, to the Engineers who are responsible for the existing scheme and obtain their approval thereto.

The Chairman said that no doubt the District Councillors present would bear in mind what had been said.

Allotment Committee

Mr H Jefferies expressed the gratitude of the Parish Council and the parish generally to the members of the Allotment Committee for the enormous amount of work they had expended in the matter of Allotments, thereby saving the parish much expense. Mr Fry similarly testified expressing in his opinion the Committee to be the best the Parish ever had.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the meeting.

Herbert Jefferies.

March 25 1924

Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday March 25 1924 with Mr H Jefferies in the Chair, the other members present being Messrs. J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, C Hodgson and H S Wright.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Messrs Fry, Mitchell and Shore.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and signed.

Arising out of the January meeting:

The Clerk reported he had written Mr and Mrs T T Barnes as requested.

Electric Supply Co – Easement Rent

It was reported that the Ashton Court Estate was dealing with this matter.

Footpath – Research Station

A letter from the Registrar of the University of Bristol 28th February 1924 was placed before the Council in which it was stated that while not admitting there was any public right of way over that portion of land which the Council had previously asked should be open, they were in view of certain diversions the Council had so readily agreed, prepared to permit the public to use as a footpath the strip of land in question (shown on a plan sent by green dotted lines) and which the University would fence off as between points

B and C on the understanding that no right of way shall be claimed or acquired thereover by such user.

After some discussion, Mr H S Barnes moved that the University of Bristol be written that while the Council gladly accepts their kind offer to fence the strip of land as shown on the plan as from points B & C they are not prepared to give the understanding asked for and do not agree that no right of way exist. Seconded by Mr G E Childe and carried.

Allotment Arrears

G Ogborne it was stated had paid 18/- due by him and it was left to the Clerk to still press for the 15/- from R C Prescott.

Pumping Station – Providence

A reply from the R D Council of the 1st February was to the effect that the Bristol Water Works Co had agreed that the Bristol Water Works Co had agreed to purchase for the sum of £1100 the pumping station and tank erected for the supply of water to Providence to take over and work the plant from 1st January 1924 and to retain the part time service of W Read who had hitherto been employed by that Council as long as his services prove satisfactory. They had not heard from the Ministry of Health as to whether the loan would be paid off in one sum or whether the amount would have to be invested, whatever is done the parish would have the full benefit of the amount realised for the plant.

Keeds Lane and Bow Lane

It was decided to draw the attention of the Ashton Court Estate again to the condition of these lanes.

Footpaths – Main Road

The County Council by their letter of the 29th January stated that as the Bristol Gas Co were about to lay gas mains through Long Ashton any expense incurred on the footpaths would practically amount to waste.

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Sewage Outfall Works – Septic Gas Co

The Clerk reported that copy of the resolution had been sent Clerk R D Council.

Correspondence

The circular letter from Ministry of Agriculture as to Allotments was passed to the Allotment Committee to deal with.

It was decided to exhibit a poster received from the Ministry of Agriculture as to Scholarships providing instruction in Agricultural subjects for sons and daughters of agricultural workmen and others.

Allotment Committee Report

This was adopted on the motion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr Wright.

Report of the Allotment Committee

Meeting held on the 25th February. The following allotments were let:

Village		Let to	
C G Cole	No 2	12	J Rossiter
H Taylor	9	6	W H Ware
H Talor	9	7	O G Watts
M Swan	9	11	W H Leaman
C Tucker	9	10	J Shore
Archgrove			
J S Jefferies	3	13	10 perch to J O Vine
Birdwell			
F Hazell	8	15	Mrs Hazell
Providence			
W Barnes	5	5	F Barnes

Grass Allotments

Permission was granted the Secretary University of Bristol Research Station to erect and fix wire netting to the Councils fence of three grass allotments in Wild County lane for the purpose of preventing hares and rabbits entering the fruit plantations and doing damage.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment – Clevedon Printing Co £1.5.6 Hadden 16/11, Audit Stamp £2. Ashton Court Estate 4/6, postages 10/8.

Lighting

Mr O J Ball proposed that a Lighting Committee be formed for the purpose of carrying out the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting to adopt the Lighting Act 1833. Seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

The following were appointed to form the Committee with power to add to their number – Messrs O J Ball, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson and H S Wright.

A letter from Mr C St J Miles as to bringing Bower Ashton within the scheme was read and left to the Committee to deal with.

Notice Board

Arising out of this letter as to the exhibition of notices of public meeting in Bower Ashton, it was decided to place one in the Allotments there, Messrs Ball and T T Barnes to choose a suitable site.

Absentee

Mr T T Barnes moved that the Clerk write and ask Mr C G Shore if it was his intention to accept office as Councillor. Seconded by Mr O J Ball and carried.

Scavenging

The Clerk reported that he sent the R D Council a copy of the resolution passed at the Annual meeting as to the collection of house to house refuse.

Footpath ploughed

It having been reported that the footpath leading from the footbridge over the brook through Mr Pearce's fields, to the church, had again been ploughed it was decided on the motion of Mr Childe seconded by Mr H S Barnes that Mr Pearce be written that if it occurs again, the Council will consider what action they will take in the matter. Carried.

Herbert Jefferies

Parish Council

April 15th 1924

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House on the 15th April when the following members were present Messrs O J Ball, T T Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson, H Jefferies, S Michell and H S Wright.

Chairman

Mr H S Wright proposed the re-election of Mr H Jefferies as Chairman for the ensuing year, this was seconded by Mr G E Childe and unanimously carried.

Vice Chairman

Mr C A H Fry was re-elected Vice Chairman on the proposition of Mr G E Childe seconded by Mr O J Ball.

Overseers

Letters from Messrs R Adams and W Butler intimating their willingness to continue in office they were re-appointed on the motion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr C A H Fry.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Messrs. J Avery and H S Barnes.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Footpath and Research Station

Letter of the 1st April from Mr Geoffrey Francis, Registrar of University of Bristol acknowledging receipt of one from this Council was read.

Keeds Lane and Bow Lane

In reply to a communication from this Council as to the condition of these lanes Mr H B Napier wrote on the 4th April that as far as he knew Keeds Lane was in very fair condition so far as it belonged to the estate but Bow Lane was not so good.

The latter lane he was afraid was a great deal used for tipping rubbish for which he was in no way responsible and could not see his way to remove the accumulations therefrom.

Lighting

The Clerk reported he had been unable to call the Committee together as he was awaiting a reply from the Gas Company.

Notice Board

Messrs T J Barnes and O J Ball reported they had selected a site on the Bower Ashton Allotments near the wall facing three roadways for the erection of notice board.

Two quotations had been received for providing board viz 15/- Ashton Court, 10/6 Mr J B Willis, exclusive of lettering and erection. Mr Fry moved that Mr Willis' tender be accepted, seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

The Clerk stated he had reply to Mr Miles that a board for notices in Bower Ashton would be erected and that his letter dealing with the question of lighting Bower Ashton would be dealt with by the Lighting Committee.

Absentee

A letter of the 15th April from Mr C Shore that he had not the time to undertake the duties of Councillor was placed before the Council and it was decided to fill the vacancy at the next meeting.

Scavenging

The Clerk, R D Council in a letter of the 4th April stated he had been instructed by that Council to obtain tenders for the scavenging of the parish of Long Ashton.

Footpath ploughed

No reply had been received to a communication from the Council to Mr Pearce as to the ploughing of the footpath leading from the brook through one of his fields.

School Representative

On the motion of Mr G E Childe, seconded by Mr G Hogson, Mr R E March was reappointed to represent the Council as a school manager.

Obsolete Books

It was decided to enquire of the Ministry of Health as to what could be done with obsolete rate and other books in the possession of the Clerk.

Precepts

The Clerk reported the rateable value of the Parish had increased £263.5 during the past half year, that the R D Council required a sum of £1996 and the Guardians £3074 representing an increase of £821 on the previous half year. This would necessitate the Overseers making a Poor Rate of 4/3 an increase of 5d on the previous half year.

Special Expenses this time was £300 an increase of £100 which was stated to be the cost of laying sewer for the houses at Fenswood. It would be necessary to assess a 4d rate an increase of 2d being a total increase of 7d.

Cartway Through Archgrove Allotments

Mr T T Barnes drew attention to coal carts using the cart road through the Allotments at Archgrove whereby same was more or less damaged by the heavy loads.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Ashton Vale Iron Co and Mr Hyatt of Flax Bourton, that in future their carts when laden with coal must not go through the Allotments at Archgrove.

Herbert Jefferies

June 24 1924

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday June 24 1924 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs J Avery, O J Ball, H S Barnes, T J Barnes, C A H Fry, C Hodgson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the same:

Obsolete Books

The Clerk read reply of the 1st May from Ministry of Health relative to the question of the disposal of old books and papers relating to the parish of Long Ashton which stated that the Minister was of opinion all rate books and valuation lists should be preserved but he would offer no objection to the disposal of such other books and papers relating to the accounts of the parish as have clearly become useless.

The Chairman said the Clerk and himself had gone through a large accumulation of books and papers and suggested retaining Rate Books Valuation Lists and Financial Statements.

This was approved of by the Council.

Cart road through Archgrove Allotments

The Ashton Vale Iron Co replied that the Council's letter of the 16th April would receive their attention. No acknowledgement had been received from Mr Heath.

Casual Vacancy

Mr T J Barnes moved that Mr W R Hollis of Kimbolton be co-opted a member of the Council to fill casual vacancy, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and unanimously carried.

Allotment Committee

Mr H Jefferies proposed and Mr Fry seconded and it was agreed that Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, T J Barnes, G E Childe and S

Mitchell should form the Allotment Committee with thanks for past services.

Public Lighting

The Chairman of the Lighting Committee Mr Fry gave an exhaustive account of the negotiations with the Bristol Gas Co and the North Somerset Electric Supply Co with reference to public lighting, explaining the suggested position of the lamps in the various roads, while the Clerk dealt with the various clauses in the draft agreement of the North Somerset Electric Supply Co.

The recommendation of the Lighting Committee was as follows:-

Having considered the estimates submitted by the Bristol Gas Co and the North Somerset Electric Supply Co it is resolved that owing to the fact that the Gas Co can hold out no immediate prospect of laying their mains in Glebe Road, Providence and Church Roads, this Committee recommend to the Council that the estimate of the North Somerset Electric Supply to be accepted, viz 38 lamps on the main roads and 12 on the side roads at 50/- per lamp total £125. They also think in view of the amount £130 passed by the parish meeting, two extra lamps should be contracted for, the position to be arranged later.

After some discussion, Mr T J Barnes moved that an agreement be entered into with the North Somerset Electric Supply Co to light the main road, Bower Ashton, Church Road, Glebe Road and Providence with 52 lamps at 50/- per lamp for the sum of £130 per year for seven years subject to the wording of clause 4 of the draft agreement being altered to read:-

4. "The Company shall keep all lamps provided by them under this Agreement lighted from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m. all the year round with the exception of the months of June and July in each year."

This was seconded by Mr H S Barnes and agreed.

Permission on the motion of Mr C A H Fry seconded by Mr C Hodgson was granted Mr Reginald S Barnes to use the cart road through the top Providence Allotment for access to and from the hill with his pony and cart.

A copy of the Annual Report of the M O H of the R D Council was placed before the members, extracts particularly affecting the parish being read by the Clerk.

Scavenging

Mr Fry reported in a letter that the District Council had accepted the tender of Mr W R Prideaux for £149.10 – for collection of house refuse.

Horse Drinking Trough

A letter from the R D Council of the 23 June was read pointing out that the Cistern and cut off tap at the rear of the horse drinking trough was continually being broken and asking whether it would not be well for the supply to be discontinued as the waste of water in consequence of the damage is considerable and a very costly matter for the parish.

On the proposition of Mr H S Barnes seconded by Mr T J Barnes it was agreed the Clerk be instructed to reply that the Council was not in favour of the water supply to the Horse Drinking Trough being discontinued.

Mr Ball promised to inspect and see what could be done.

Herbert Jefferies.

Parish Council – July 8 1924

Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday July 8th 1924 when Mr Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs O J Ball, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson and H S Wright.

Mr W R Hollis who was co-opted at the last meeting signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat on the Council.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of Same.

Horse Drinking Trough

The Clerk reported writing the District Council as instructed at the last meeting, and Mr Ball stated what he thought was necessary to be done to prevent the ball tap being broken. He received the thanks of the Council and it was left to Mr Fry to report to the District Council.

On the suggestion of Mr Hollis it was agreed to ask the Police to pay attention to the two fountains occasionally with a view to preventing any further damage.

Lighting Agreement

Mr Ball moved that the Agreement with the North Somerset Electric Supply Co to light the village for 7 years be sealed and signed, seconded by Mr Hodgson and carried.

It was left to Mr Fry and the Clerk to see that the necessary arrangements were carried out in time to commence lighting on the 1st October.

Account

The account of the Ashton Court Estate of £62.7.- for rent of Allotments to the 25th March 1924 was passed for payment.

Footpaths

Mr Fry spoke as to the condition the footpath through the village had been left by the Bristol Gas Company after laying their gas mains and proposed that the County Council be written expressing the hope the path would be re-instated as soon as possible and to call their attention the condition of same in some places was impossible to walk upon and that to walk in the road was a source of much danger owing to the large amount of motor traffic on the main Bristol to Weston Road.

This was seconded by Mr W R Hollis and carried.

Letters were directed to be written Mr W G Verdon Smith drawing attention to the "growth" on the wall of Hill House and to Mr E James that he hedge of his field had overgrown the footpath near Hill House.

To Mr C S Willis, Ridgeway and the Long Ashton Golf Club as to their respective hedges overgrowing the footpath leading to the hill.

To the Rural District Council as to the grass and thistles growing on the bank on the left hand side of Keeds Lane as far as the gate, the seeds of which were a source of much annoyance to the adjoining allotment holders; and to the County Council concerning a similar condition of the bank from Keeds Lane Archgrove.

Herbert Jefferies September 30th 1924

Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 30th September when Mr Jefferies presided over the following members, Messrs. O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, C Hodgson, W R Hollis, J Mitchell and H S Wright.

Letter was read from Mr Fry that absence from home prevented him being present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of same

Horse Drinking Trough

The Clerk reported he had written the Police with reference to paying attention to the two fountains with a view of preventing damage.

Also that the District Council had by letter replied that the tank containing the ball tap should be surrounded with a 4 ½" brick casing built with cement and sand and the whole covered with a heavy paving stone weighing at least 1 ½ cwt which could not be moved without a crowbar with the soil levelled up to the top of the paving stone and the railings made secure.

Street Lighting

Mr O J Ball moved and Mr H S Barnes seconded and it was carried that a Precept be issued on the Overseers for the sum of £90 being £65 for lighting purposes for the six months to March 1925 and £25 to cover Council expenses.

Letter of the 14th August was read from Messrs. Clarke and Butter of Gatcombe asking that a lamp might be placed at Gatcombe Lane with a view to lessening the nuisance caused by women in Char-a-banes passing there at night.

On the proposition of Mr O J Ball it was decided to inform these gentlemen that as the parish meeting only sanctioned the spending of £130 for lighting purposes the Council were unable to see their way to extend the lighting as far as Gatcombe. Seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Footpaths

Clerk reported he had, as instructed, written letters with reference to the state of hedges by the side of certain footpaths. Mr W G Verdon-Smith and Mr E James footpath leading from Hobwell to Hill House garden Mr C S Willis and the golf club as to footpath leading from Folleigh Lane to foot of hill; the Rural District Council as to the bank from corner of Archgrove; allotments to Keeds Lane; County Council as to bank from corner of Archgrove Allotments to Archgrove.

Replies had been received from Mr Willis the golf club and Rural District Council that the matter had received attention.

No reply had been received from the County Council to the letter written calling attention to the condition the footpath through the village had been left by the Bristol Gas Co after laying gas mains. Mr H S Barnes moved, Mr T T Barnes seconded that the County Council's attention be drawn to the manner in which the footpath were being repaired.

Allotment Committees Report Meeting was held on the 24th June when Mr O J Ball was re-elected Chairman.

Four allotments were let.

8/3 was directed to be paid H Barnett and 1/6 to W Handcock, wayleaves for poles standing on allotments.

Letter to be written H C Dingley as to condition of allotment, asking him to immediately remedy same.

Meeting held September 23rd 1924

No reply having been received from H C Dingley and there being no improvement in the condition of his allotment the Clerk was instructed to give him 40 days notice to give up his allotment.

It was decided to give Mr E P Patch notice to terminate the tenancy of his grass allotment on the 25th day of March and that J White should become tenant of same as soon as vacant.

Attention of Mr E Williams was to be drawn to the condition of his fence and ask him to see that same was put in good repair.

The question of depositing mold on No 1 allotment at St Martins tenant being Mr C Tucker was referred to and after consideration it was decided the tenant be informed the Committee raised no objection to the improvement of his allotment by the addition of mold or manure.

It was also agreed that a letter be written Mr Napier that the Allotment Committee had considered the matter of depositing mold on allotment at St Martins tenanted by Mr C Tucker and being of opinion the addition of same was an improvement to the allotment raised no objection and granted him permission to use mold or manure.

The condition of Henry Hazell's allotment not being good, it was decided to write him asking that same be put in proper cultivation.

Allotments 13 and 21, Bower Ashton were let to Mrs Imber and J Spence respectively.

The following accounts were passed for payment, Clevedon Printing Co £1.13.6 Rates £5.6.7 Postages 10/6.

Allotment Committees Report

Mr O J Ball presented, explained the various matters contained therein, moved the adoption of the Allotment Committees' Report, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Arising out of same, Mr C Hodgson moved that the Allotment be forthwith taken from H C Dingley and let to R Hynam, the first 3 months rent to be excused in consequence of the very bad condition of the Allotment, seconded by Mr H S Wright and carried. It was decided to let R Hynam's allotment to Mr Long.

The following accounts were directed to be paid Clevedon Printing Co £1.13.6 Rates £5.6.7 Postages 10/6.

Clevedon Fire Brigade

Letter of the 17th July from the Clevedon Fire Brigade asking that a deputation might be allowed to call on the Parish Council with a view to making some financial arrangements for the service of the Brigade and their equipment was read and Mr S Mitchell moved that permission be given for deputation to be received, Mr W R Hollis seconded and same was carried.

G W R – Rateable Assessments

The Clerk reported receiving formal notice of appeal by the GWR to the Company's Assessments in the parish and read correspondence that had taken place between himself and the Company with reference to a reduction made by them of 25% of the amount of rate made on the 11th April last, which apparently was made by arrangements with the National Conference of Assessments Committees. This reduction amounted to £225.17.5.

Ministry of Health

Order investing Rural District Council with Urban Powers. Copy of this order was placed before the Council, by which the provisions of Section 155 of the Public Health Act 1875 and Section 3 of the Public Health (Buildings in Street) Act 1888 are now in force in the rural district.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS 1875

Section 155 – When any house or building situated in any street in an urban district, or the front thereof, has been taken down, in order to be rebuilt or altered, the urban authority may prescribe the line in which any house or building, or the front thereof, to be built or rebuilt in the same situation shall be erected and such house or building or the front shall be erected in accordance therewith.

The urban authority shall pay or tender compensation to the owner or other person immediately interested in such house or building for any loss or damage he may sustain in consequence of his house or building being set back or forward the amount of such compensation in case of dispute, to be settled by arbitration in manner provided by this Act.

SECTION 3 of the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act 1888. Section 156 of the Public Health Act, 1875 is save as herein after mentioned, hereby repealed and in lieu thereof it is hereby enacted that it shall not be lawful in any urban district, without the written consent of the urban authority, to erect or bring forward any house or building in any street, or any part of such house or building, beyond the front main wall of the house or building on either side thereof in the same street, nor to build any addition to any house or building beyond the front main wall of the house or building on either side of same.

Any person offending against this enactment shall be liable to a penalty, not exceeding forty shillings, for every day during which the offence is continued after written notice in this behalf from the urban authority.

Provided that the repeal by this Act enacted shall not effect anything duly done or suffered, or any right or liability acquired, accrued or incurred, or any security given under the section hereby repealed, or any penalty forfeiture, or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against such section, or any investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such right, liability, security, penalty, forfeiture or punishment as aforesaid and any such investigation legal proceeding and remedy may be carried on as if this Act had not been passed.

Bow Lane

A letter from Mr G Yeo calling attention to the very bad state of Bow Lane was read and Mr W R Hollis moved that a letter be written Mr G Parsons requesting him to see that the hedge of the field occupied by him in Bow Lane was repaired, seconded by Mr G E Childe and carried.

Accounts

The following accounts were directed to be paid H B Willis 16/-
Electric Lighting Co 7/6 Postages 6/3.

Precepts

The Guardians required £3064 and the R D Council £1969 and in view of the appeal of the GWR it would be necessary to increase the Poor Rate 1d in the £1, 4/4 rate being made. The Special call rate being made. The Special Call of £200 being £100 less a rate of 3d would suffice; the 1d decrease being covered by a Lighting Rate of that amount.

Footpaths

Mr O J Ball referred to the very bad state of the footpath leading from the roadway at Bower Ashton to the railway footbridge at Clifton Bridge Station and suggested that the attention of the Divisional Engineer, Bristol might be called to the same, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

It was agreed to write and ask Mr Ayres to remove the nettles inside the railings near the footpath leading to the Wycke Room.

Scavenging Agreement

On the proposition of Mr Hollis, seconded by Mr T T Barnes, it was resolved that the R D Council be asked if the Council might have a copy of the Agreement between them and Mr W R Prideaux for the removal of house refuse.

Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 4th November the following members being present Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson, W R Hollis and H S Wright, Mr H Jefferies being in the Chair.

Mr T T Barnes was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

The Clevedon Fire Brigade

The Council received a deputation in the persons of Messrs E Dawes, C W Purnell and W H Hill, Capt and Superintendants of the Clevedon Fire Brigade with a view to invoking the aid and assistance of the Council towards the cost of a new motor fire engine and escape which the Clevedon Urban District Council contemplated purchasing.

Captain E Dawes introduced the members of the deputation and explained at some length the object of their visit. Their present fire appliances having become obsolete the Urban District Council had been approached to bring them up to date. With a view to meeting the interest on the cost of new appliances and men's uniforms already purchased and a station recently erected at a cost of £340 and on the cost of a new motor fire engine (£1400) which they hoped to purchase. They the members of the Fire Brigade were interviewing the Council's of the neighbouring parishes whereby some arrangement could be arrived at to pay a retaining fee in return for the full services of the engine, appliance and men in case of a fire.

Several parishes had agreed to contribute towards such cost: viz:
Walton in Gordano (3d rate) 23.10.-

Tickenham	½	6.-.-
Congresbury	½	13.4.10

Yatton

½

10.-.-

And he asked Long Ashton to agree also, such retaining fee to be looked upon as a yearly one, to be discontinued at any time if the Parish Council so thought fit.

Various questions were asked by members of the Council and a discussion ensued, Mr Fry moved "That the suggestion of the Clevedon Fire Brigade be entertained subject to terms being arranged", seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

The deputation then withdrew while the Council considered the matter.

Mr O J Ball moved "That providing suitable appliances are found or sum of £25 be offered as a yearly retaining fee to the Clevedon Fire Brigade, for services to be rendered in case of fire, condition also on same being confirmed by a parish meeting; seconded by Mr Fry and carried.

This was afterwards communicated to the deputation who stated they would report such to the Clevedon Urban District Council. The Clerk was also instructed to inform the Clerk to such Council. On the motion of Mr O J Ball seconded by Mr H S Wright the members of the deputation were heartily thanked for attending and explaining matters so clearly, who in reply said they would be pleased to attend a parish meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of Same
Lighting

A letter of the 16th October from Mr C C Clarke, Gatcombe Court in reply to one from the Council was read in which he stated the expense of putting one light at the top of Gatcombe Lane must be so trifling that he considered their refusal most unjustified.

Attention was drawn that the North Somerset Electric Supply Co was not carrying out the terms of their agreement in two instances, viz: in the non erection of lamps at Providence and that the lamps already fixed throughout the village were not kept lighted until 11 p.m. The Clerk was instructed to acquaint the Company of the strong feeling of the Council on these matters.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Hodgson seconded by Mr Childe to ask the Company to move the lamp at present outside Mr Ayres, Birdwell and fix to the next pole opposite Birdwell Buildings; to remove the lamp at present opposite Mr Thorne's and transfer to pole near entrance, Bristol side of Merriotts field; to move lamp outside Post Office and transfer to pole near Daphne House so that light may shine down Hillside Road.

Letters were directed Dr Star, the Ashton Court Estate (tree near Almshouse). Mrs A Handcock, Harvey and Grove asking them to be good enough to cut trees or shrubs as the case may be, overhanging the road, so that lamps may be free from obstruction.

Footpath – Main Road

By letter of the 16th October, the County Surveyor asked what was the exact nature of the Council's complaint and it was decided to particularly draw his attention to the path from Birdwell to "The Wyke": Church House to beyond the School and from Ashton Lodge to Glebe Road in some places the curb being below the footpath and in others after a storm of rain the water remain in the centre while the path from the Church Lodge to Hancock's Lane towards the City had not been repaired since opened by the Gas Co.

Mr G E Childe referred to the condition of the ditch carrying surface water from the Main Road down Birdwell Buildings and it was agreed to ask the County Council to clear same.

Allotment Committee's Report

The Clerk reported the allotment had been taken from H C Dingley and let to R Hynam the latter being let to C Long.

Bow Lane

Letters had been written Mr Yeo and Mr Parsons; no reply being received from the latter it was decided to write again expressing the hope he would see his way to accede to the Council's wishes.

Footbridge near Clifton Bridge Station

No reply had been received from the G W R Divisional Engineer concerned the condition of the footpath near Clifton Bridge Station.

Scavenging Agreement

No reply had been received from the Rural District Council as to request for copy agreement, probably due to the Council meeting that day.

Rats Mice Destruction Act 1919 National Rate Week

The Clerk placed before the Council circular letter from the County Agricultural Committee inviting the co-operation of this council in the proposed National campaign of rat destruction during the week commencing Nov 3 1924.

Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co

The Chairman drew attention that the bus leaving the Post Office at 9.30 am for the City had been discontinued and the Clerk was asked to communicate with the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co with a view to this bus being re-instated on the grounds that such would be a service of public convenience as at present there was not a bus between 9.0 and 9.45.

Path Ashton Hill

Upon the suggestion of Mr H S Barnes it was decided to write the Secretary Long Ashton Golf Club asking them to kindly keep the path from the gate near the Golf House running along the foot of the hill, to the stone stile, Short Lane, Providence, free from ferns and bracken so that same may be comfortably used by pedestrians.

Herbert Jefferies – Chairman – January 20th 1925