

Allotment Committee's Report

The Allotment Committee met on the 16th February, five members present.

It was reported that 4 agreements had been signed since the last meeting while Flax Bourton 4-1, Birdwell 8-2 (half) 8-12 and Village 9-11 were void during present half year.

Committee proceeded to let several allotments, there still being several vacant now at Birdwell and Providence.

Wayleaves

Clerk reported he had received 12/- from the Ashton Court Estate in respect of "Wayleaves" for 1925, which he was treating as being "on account" after telephonic conversation with them.

Accounts

It was decided to recommend payment of £62.7 – rent of allotments to 25th March 1926, also petty cash.

March 2nd 1926

Parish Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday March 2nd when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members, viz Messrs O J Ball, T T Barnes, W Camps, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson, W R Hollis and A Ratcliffe.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of same.

Providence – Sewer manholes. Mr Hollis stated roadway had been repaired but manholes had not been attended to.

Allotment Committees Report

The Committee's Report was duly adopted and accounts directed to be paid.

Archgrove Allotment Hedge

Mr Hollis moved that the hedge of the Archgrove Allotment from the mission room foundry to the second iron gate of the allotment be re-made and that G Kingston be empowered to do same at 2/- per perch, seconded by Mr Ball and carried.

Accounts

Mr T T Barnes moved Mr G E Childe seconded that the account of the North Somerset Electric Supply Co for public lighting £33.17.6 to end of March be duly paid.

It was agreed the motion of Mr Camps seconded by Mr Hollis that the Chairman and Mr Ball signed cheque for Clerk's Petty Cash on production of the requisite vouchers.

Balance Sheets

The audited accounts of the Overseers and Parish Council to the 31st March 1925 were placed before the Council.

Lighting

Mr Ratcliffe moved and Mr T T Barnes seconded and it was agreed that a precept for £100 be served on the Overseers for the purpose of lighting the parish for the half year ending September 1926.

Messrs Ball, Fry and Hollis were appointed a sub committee to carry out arrangements as to further extension of public lighting in the parish.

Herbert Jefferies – signed - April 20th 1926.

April 20th 1926

Parish Council

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday evening April 20 1926 when the following members were present, Messrs O J Ball, T T Barnes, W Camps, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson, W R Hollis, H Jefferies, A Ratcliffe, H S Wright.

Mr H S Barnes was unable to be present owing to illness.

Chairman

Mr Wright moved the re-election of Mr H Jefferies as Chairman, seconded by Mr G E Childe and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman

On the motion of Mr O J Ball, seconded by Mr A Ratcliffe, Mr C A H Fry was voted to the Vice-Chair and the meeting offered him hearty congratulations on the honour conferred upon him by the recent appointment as a County Magistrate.

Overseers

Messrs Rowland Adams and Wm Butler were re-appointed Overseers on the proposition of Mr H S Wright seconded by Mr W R Hollis.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of same

Providence Lane

Mr Hollis reported the manholes had been attended to but Mr T T Barnes complained of the way in which the roadway had been left by the R D Council workmen and proposed that a letter be written the Council as to the disgraceful state of this thoroughfare after attempted repair, seconded by Mr C Hodgson and carried.

Lighting

The Sub- Committee appointed at the last meeting, reported as to the position of the extra lamps, viz 2 at Yanleigh Lane, commencing at fourth pole from present lamp; 6 in Ridgeway commencing from Folleigh Lane; in Chestnut Road/Gatcombe Lane; near Bungalow Kencote Lane; Cambridge Batch and three in Station Road. This was approved on the motion of Mr C Hodgson seconded by Mr Camps.

After some discussion Mr Camps proposed Mr Ratcliffe seconded and it was agreed to place a lamp at Birdwell Buildings.

The Clerk was instructed to confer with Mr E W Tole the Secretary of the North Somerset Electric Supply Co as to the practicality of fixing an arm bracket on the standard so that the light might shine up Archgrove and also to complain that for a week past the lamps had been extinguished at 10 minutes to 11.

Letter was read from Messrs Clist and Rattle Cambridge Batch Garage as to placing a lamp at the top of Kencote Lane owing to the number of accidents occurring there and the Clerk stated he had acknowledged same.

Allotment Committee

Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, TT Barnes, G E Childe, W R Hollis and A Ratcliffe were on the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr Camps chosen to act as Allotment Committee.

Balance Sheet

A copy of the balance sheet as to expenditure in the matter of the Sewage Outfall Works, supply of water to Providence and scavenging for the year to the 25th March 1925 had been kindly sent by Mr Hicks. It was decided to thank him for same and to ascertain the amount of sewage loan outstanding.

The Clerk (Mr R E March) reported that the Guardians call of £3229 was £2 less than previous half year, R D Council 1980 had an increase of £257 while the special call of £200 was £50 less. Although the spending authorities required calls equal to a rate of 4/3 ½ in the £, the Overseers having a balance of £700 were able to keep the Poor Rate @ 4/2 and Special Expenses, 3, same as before, the Lighting Rate would be 2d, an increase of 1?

The total amount 4/9 was similar to the corresponding period last year.

Overseers

A Circular from the Ministry of Health to the Overseers as to some of the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Act 1925 was read.

Parish Meeting Correspondence – Footpaths

The Clerk read correspondence with the Clerk of the County Council as to the resolution passed at the parish meeting concerning the disgraceful state of the footpath through out the village, as well as the letter from County Surveyor of the 13th March asking that complaints might be specifically stated and the lengths of main road footpath to which they refer and reply.

Mr Fry moved that the County Surveyor be again written pointing out that apparently the trenches made by the various companies in laying new mains had now become consolidated and asking that a good job of the path might be at once made also to the County Councillor asking him, that as no satisfactory reply seem to be

forthcoming from the County Surveyor if he would be good enough to make an appointment with the members of the council with a view to an inspection of the footpath, seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

Letter Box

With reference to letter box being erected at the junction of Chestnut Road and Ridgeway, the Postmaster, Bristol wrote 13th April that the circumstances did not at present justify the erection of a posting box at the position mentioned, but the department would be prepared to establish a posting box about mid way between the Long Ashton Post Office and the letter box at Birdwell. It was considered that such would better serve the needs of the whole district and would admit of a later night mail collection than would be practicable if the letter box were off the main road.

On the proposition of Mr Ball seconded by Mr Childe it was decided to suggest that near the Police Station would be a suitable place for the proposed posting box and to draw the attention of the Postmaster to the small aperture of the letter box at Birdwell.

Bristol Tramway and Carriage Co Ltd

In reply to resolution of the Parish Meeting the company by letter of the 9th March wrote that in their summer time table they had provided for two additional buses from Tramways Centre to Long Ashton at night leaving at 9 p.m. and at 10.05.

Mr Hollis proposed that the Tramway Co be written asking if they could possibly see their way to erect a shelter in the immediate neighbourhood of the Ashton Gate Car Terminus for the convenience of their passengers, seconded by Mr Camps and carried.

Allotments

Mr T T Barnes drew attention that two occupiers of Allotments, Mr A Handcock and Mr J Kerton had recently left the village and by so doing had forfeited use of allotments. It was decided to write each that they either must vacate at once or the Council would hold them responsible for rent to March 1927.

Main Road

It was decided on the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr Camps to draw the attention of the County Council to the dangerous bend in the road opposite Ashover and Congregational Church and to suggest that the wall might be put back from Church Road to Mr Milton's Garage.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 29/6/26

June 29th 1926

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday June 29th when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs O J Ball, T T Barnes, H S Barnes, W Camps, C A H Fry, C Hodgson.

Messrs G E Childe, W R Hollis and H S Wright were unable to be present for various reasons.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the same.

Providence Road

The Clerk read letter from Clerk R D Council of the 19th May that the attention of the District Surveyor had been called to the condition of Providence Road and also pointing out that the gradient was so steep as to make it dangerous for a steam roller.

Lighting

Instructions had been given the North Somerset Electric Supply Co as to the fixing of the lamps decided upon at the last meeting and the Clerk referred to a petition signed by the inhabitants of Archgrove as to the placing of a lamp there.

In view of the discussion at the last meeting and after consultation with the Chairman an order was given for this additional lamp. This was confirmed.

Mr T T Barnes drew attention to the necessity of a lamp being placed in Short Lane, Providence and it was decided on the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr T T Barnes if the arrangements could be made and the funds available, to place a lamp at the junction of the two roadways the hill side of Short Lane Providence.

It was further decided if funds permitted to remove the lamp at the Chapel, Providence to the post below and place a new one at the post above chapel.

Sewage Loan

Mr Hicks wrote by letter 28th April that the amount of Sewage Loan at present outstanding was £1811 and that the half yearly payment of principal was £92.6.8.

Footpaths

In reply to letter of the Council of the 27th April the County Surveyor wrote 28th April that the matter should have his attention and the Clerk of the County Council wrote 30 April in reply to letter of the 8th March from Parish meeting that the County Works Committee had referred the matter to the County Surveyor to deal with.

Letter Box

The letter of the Council of the 27th April as to the proposed position of Letter Box had been formally acknowledged and was stated a letter box had been erected between the Police Station and Almshouses.

Mr H S Barnes proposed that the attention of the Postmaster be drawn to the need of a similar posting facility at Providence and suggesting that same might be erected near the Chapel and that the owner of the premises (Mr H Legg) would have no objection to its being fixed to the wall of his house. Seconded by Mr Hodgson and carried.

B J & C Co Ltd – Shelter

As to the erection of a shelter at Ashton Gate the B J & C Co Ltd wrote 29 April regretting they were unable to provide a shelter at Ashton Gate.

Allotments

The two allotment holders Messrs A Handcock and J Kerton had been written that they must either vacate allotments they hold at once or be held responsible for the rent to March 1927. Mr Handcock it was reported had paid to March next.

Main Road – Dangerous Bend

The Clerk stated no reply had been received to his letter of the 27th April as to dangerous bend in the road near Ashover and Congregational Church and it was decided to write again.

Correspondence

A letter from Mr W Melville Wills of Brackenhill, Leigh Woods of the 10th May was read complaining that the residents of Leigh Woods did not enjoy all the benefits the inhabitants of Long Ashton participated in in the matter of lighting, drainage, sanitary work, and of the maintenance of the roads and footpaths although equally rated as them.

It was decided to reply to Mr Wills that the question of maintenance of roads drainage and sanitary work was not dealt with by this Council but came within the power of the RD Council. They regretted that owing to lack of funds they were unable to extend the lighting system to Leigh Woods.

County Rate – Committee

The County Rate Committee had given formal notice of the intention to revise the basis of the County Rate from £23795 to £24606.

Allotment Committee's Report

On the motion of Mr H Jefferies seconded by Mr Fry the Allotment Committee's report was adopted and decided to take proceedings against H Hazell for allotment rent.

Balance Sheets

The audited balance sheets of the Overseers and the Parish Council for the year ending March 1926 was placed before the meeting.

Accounts

Mr Camps moved that the following accounts be paid – Audit Stamp £1.

North Somerset Electric Supply Co

52 lamps	@ 50/-		32.10.-
2 "	@ 55/-		1. 7. 6
7 "	@ 55/-	from May	1.13.10
9 "	@ 55/-	from June	19. –

Seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Glebe Road

Mr T T Barnes proposed, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried that a letter be written the R D Council that the roadway and footpath at Glebe Road was in need of repair. Also that a portion of the woodwork of the footbridge over the brook was missing and its present condition was therefore dangerous.

Rudge Quarry

Mr H S Barnes suggested that Mr E A Williams of Cambridge Batch be written that in the matter of renting this quarry any offer he was prepared to make should be made to the R D Council.

Herbert Jefferies signed 28/9/26

Report of the Allotment Committee

Meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday June 22nd five members being present, Mr O J Ball being unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee.

It was reported that a number of allotment agreements had been signed since the last meeting and the Committee agreed to remit the present half year's rent in the case of E Jenkins (3.15) and P Priddle (9.11) and 4/- P I Miles (8.10) in consequence of the bad condition of the allotments when same were taken over by the present tenants.

Wayleaves

The full amount for 1925 had been received and the tenants concerned paid.

Accounts

The following accounts were directed to be presented for payments.

G Kingston	£2.6.0
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Rates	£5.6.8
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Balance Sheet

The audited balance sheet of the Allotment Accounts which showed a balance in hand of £15.18.11 ½ for the year ending March 1926 was placed before the Committee.

Arrears

It was decided to draw attention of the Council that H Hazell owed £1.2.6 Allotment Rent to March last.

Report of Allotment Committee

At the June meeting the committee had before them a letter from Professor Barker of the 18th June that his committee had had under consideration the question of the possibility of securing the use of the land at present used by Council as 3 grass allotments in Wild Country Lane and offering an area of grassland nearer the village in exchange.

A further letter from Mr West of the 28th July that the land proposed to be exchanged was the field immediately behind the village club was before the Committee at their Sept meeting.

The decision of the Committee was that they are not prepared to consider the mater.

Accounts

It was decided to place the following accounts before the Council for payment:

Clevedon Printing Co	19/-
C Vowles	6/-
Agreement Stamps	7/-
Postage	5/5
Rent of Allotment	£62.7.0

September 28th 1926

Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday September 28th when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs O K Ball, T T Barnes, H S Barnes, G E Childe, C Hodgson, W R Hollis, A Ratcliffe and H S Wright.

Mr Fry wrote regretting inability to attend through being from home.

Minutes of the last meeting read and signed.

Arising out of Same

Lighting

It was reported lamp had been placed in Short Lane, Providence that lamp at Providence Chapel had been removed to post below while an extra lamp had been placed above the chapel.

Mr Childe proposed that lamp near the Archgrove Allotments be moved to the post near Mr Chorley's shop, seconded by Mr Hodgson and carried.

Letter Box Providence

The Postmaster, Bristol wrote by letter of the 20th July that the question of erecting a letter box at Providence had been considered but it was regretted that the circumstances did not justify compliance with the Council's request.

It was decided to approach the Postmaster again to reconsider the matter especially as there was only one delivery during the day time, at the same time pointing out the number of houses in the vicinity and the distance of the inhabitants had at present to walk to post letters.

Main Road – Dangerous Bend

The Clerk to the County Council in his letter of the 15th July stated that the County Surveyor had instructions to prepare a report together with plan and estimate on the widening of the main road from Church Road to Milton's Garage opposite Ashgrove and the congregational church and that same would be considered at the next meeting of the County works committee. The attention of the Surveyor had been called to the Council's letter of the 5 July as to the dangerous bend at Church Lodge.

Mr W Melville Wills

Clerk reported writing Mr Wills as directed at the last meeting.

Allotment Committee's Report

Also that summons had been issued against H Hazell to appear at the County Court for non payment of £1.2.6 on the 6th Oct.

Glebe Road Complaint

The Clerk to the R D Council of the 22nd July wrote that the complaints as to the state of Glebe Road and the footbridge over the brook would receive attention.

Correspondence

By letter of the 14th July Mr Simey wrote in reply to the Council's letter of the 8th March that the Main Roads Sub Committee had ordered two village notices to be erected at Long Ashton to warn the public of the dangerous places referred to in the letter.

Special Expenses – Balance Sheet

The balance sheet of the expenses in connection with drainage Providence Water Supply and scavenging for the year to the 31st March 1926 was placed before the Council.

Footpaths

In a letter of the 5th July the County Surveyor wrote replying to the Council's letter of the 27th April that the County Council had resolved not to expend any further sums on the repair of the footpath in Long Ashton beyond the amount provided in the estimate for the current year.

Clevedon Fire Brigade

Correspondence between the Clevedon Urban D Council and the Clerk as to the wording of the agreement between the two councils concerning the services of the Clevedon Fire Brigade and use of engine was placed before the members.

The Agreement was read and the Council decided to ask that the wording of clause 4 may be altered so that the owner or/and occupier of the premises at which the fire may occur should be responsible for payment of the fees chargeable for the use of the engine and services of the Brigade at the fire and to ask for a copy of the scale of charges.

Allotment Committee's Report

Arising out of same, correspondence which had taken place between the University Research Station and the Allotment Committee was read. After consideration it was decided to reply that after giving the matter much thought, and ascertaining the views of the allotment holders which were not of a favourable nature the council cannot see that any good purpose will be served in considering the matter.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn North Somerset Electric Supply Co.

52 lamps	@ 50/-		32.10.-	
18 "	@ 55/-		12. 7. 6	
3 "	@ 55/-	from May	1.7. 6	
For moving lamp	Providence/Chapel		9.4	£46.14.4

Precepts

It was agreed to service a precept on the Overseers for payment of £100 to cover expenses of lighting the parish for the ensuing half year and £25 for expenses of Parish Council.#

Herbert Jefferies Signed 21st December 1926.

December 21st 1926

Parish Council

A meeting of the members of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday December 21st when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs T T Barnes, H S Barnes, W Camps, G E Childe, C Hodgson, W R Hollis and A Ratcliffe.

Mr H S Wright intimated he was unable to attend owing to pressure of business and Mr O J Ball was absent through illness.

Minutes were read and signed.

Arising out of Same

Lighting

It was reported that the lamp at the Archgrove Allotments had been removed to near Mr Chorley's shop.

Letter Box, Providence

The Postmaster, Bristol further wrote by letter of the 29th October that the request of the Council for the erection of a letter box at Providence had again received careful consideration but it is regretted that the request could not be complied with except at expense which would not be justified.

With regard to the letter box at Birdwell, the box is of the usual pattern supplied for rural districts with an aperture of the regulation size.

Main Road – Dangerous Bend

The Clerk of the County Council by letter of the 29th October sent copy resolution by which it was agreed to widen the road near Milton's Garage opposite the Congregational Church at a total estimated cost of £1200 and to make a grant accordingly provided the Ministry of Transport make a grant of half the cost.

Allotment Arrears

The Clerk reported attending the County Court on October 6th when judgment was obtained against Henry Hazell for non payment of £1.2.6 allotment rent at 2/6 per month.

Allotment Committee

Research Station Mr West wrote acknowledging receipt of Council's letter of the 6th October as to exchanges of land for grass allotments.

Clevedon Fire Brigade

Clause 4 of the Agreement between the Clevedon Urban District Council and this Council for the services of the Clevedon Fire Brigade and use of Engine having been altered to meet the wishes of the members, the Agreement on the motion of Mr Hollis seconded by Mr T T Barnes was directed to be signed by the Chairman and its members.

It was decided to let each member of the Council have a copy of the scale of charges by the U D Council for the Brigade Services and use of appliances.

Allotment Committee's Report

This report was accepted and Mr Hollis stated he had inspected the fences of the grass allotments occupied by Messrs. Williams, Cole, Thorne and Marshall and found them in a very bad condition he was of opinion it would entail considerable expense to put them in good repair. It was agreed for Mr Hollis to confer with the Clerk with a view to an estimate of the cost being obtained.

Mr H S Barnes moved that a further letter be sent Mr Williams pressing for the repair of these fences and stating that failing completion of same within 28 days same would be taken in hand by the Council and cost of same charged to him, seconded by Mr G E Childe and carried.

Providence 5.3

Mr Herbert Barnes proposed that owing to the condition of this allotment through being void for so long same be let Mr Baden Hyman for the nominal rent of 1/- for the first twelve months. Seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

Overseers Rates		£5.2.10	
52 lamps @ 50/-	32.10.-		
21 " @ 55/-	14. 8. 9		£46.18.9
Manager Church House		2.10.-	
Clevedon UD C Fire Brigade		25. -. -	

Precept

It was agreed to service a precept on the Overseers for £25 to meet payment to the Clevedon U D Council.

Petition

The Clerk produced a petition received from Kenneth Howard signed by a number of parishioners pointing out that the last bus did not serve persons attending places of amusement in the City and asking that same might be forwarded the B T and C Co Ltd for their consideration.

Mr Camps moved that a letter be written the Tramways Co informing them the Council's attention had been drawn to the fact that the time of departure of the last bus from the Centre to Long Ashton was inconvenient to persons patronising Theatres to their places of amusement in the City and asking them to give the matter their favourable consideration with a view to a later bus being placed on service .
Seconded by Mr C Hodgson and carried.

Resignation

A letter having been read from Mr A Ratcliffe resigning his seat on the Council owing to his removal to Australia, the Chairman said they were sorry to have to accept the resignation and wished him every success in his new sphere. He felt sure he was echoing the wish of the members present and proposed that their appreciation of Mr Ratcliffe's services be recorded on the minutes, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Mr Ratcliffe thanked all for their kind remarks.

Sewage Disposal

As to Long Ashton Sewage Disposal Works dates 30th December 1926. In it was stated that the cost of a new works and alterations requisite to put Long Ashton Sewage Works into a satisfactory condition will be £5000.

Many questions were asked and a general discussion ensued in the course of which Mr Pearce said the original cost of the works was £5,500. The present outstanding loan was £1718.13.4 the yearly repair principal being £184.13.4 and the loans interest on which were 3 ½ and 3 ¾ would be paid off in 1938 and 1936.

Mr Fry suggested it would be of interest and a source of usefulness if a deputation visited similar works at Bruton. This was supported by Mr Camps and agreed by Mr Pearce.

Mr O J Ball further suggested that the R D Council make enquiries of the Bristol Corporation as to terms for connecting Long Ashton Sewers with the Bristol Sewers pointing out that there was a large sewer available near the City Football Ground, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried. The Chairman of the R D C promised that these enquiries should be made.

Herbert Jefferies signed March 8th 1927