

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1927

Parish Council

Mr H Jefferies presided at a meeting of the Parish Council at the close of the Parish meeting there being present Messrs O J Ball, T T Barnes, W Camps, C A H Fry, C Hodgson and W R Hollis.

The minutes of the December and Special Meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of Same

Allotment Arrears – H Hazell

Clerk reported that H Hazell had not yet paid any money into Court. Further action if any deferred to next meeting.

Clevedon Fire Brigade

Clerk reported that stamped agreement from Clevedon Urban District Council had not been received by him.

Allotment Committee's Report

Letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Mr Williams, Cambridge Batch, that failing repair of the fence and gate of the grass allotment occupied by him within 28 days the matter would be taken in hand by the Council and cost charged to him was read. An estimate from Mr H B Willis to put same in thorough repair for the sum of £12 was placed before the Council.

Mr O J Ball moved that Mr Williams be informed that an estimate as to cost of repairing the fence of his grass allotment had been obtained and that unless he has the work commenced within 7 days the Council would have no alternative but to have the repairs carried out themselves and take proceedings against him to recover the cost viz £12.

B T & C Co.

This company in response to the Council's communication wrote by letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> December that arrangements had been made for a bus to leave the Tramway Centre for Long Ashton at 11 p.m., nightly, Sundays excepted.

This letter had been duly acknowledged.

Sewage Outfall Works

The Clerk R D Council wrote that he was making enquiries of the Bristol Corporation as to terms for connecting the Long Ashton Sewers with the Bristol Sewers.

Casual Vacancy

To full casual vacancy on the Council Mr T T Barnes moved that Mr W Handcock of Fenswood be co-opted a member seconded by Mr O J Ball and carried.

#### Report of the Allotment Committee

Meeting of the Committee held December 14<sup>th</sup> four members present.

The following allotments were let.

Archgrove	4	Handcock	to	D W Gerrard
	25	French	to	Duckett
	30	Bishop	to	Nutt
	37	Kerton	to	Locke
Flax Bourton	1			J Fudge
Providence	6 7	F Ball	to	H Legg

The consideration of seven more was left over to the next meeting.

#### Accounts

Demand Note for rates £5.2.10 was directed to be placed before the Council for payment.

The Chairman voiced the feelings of the Committee in wishing Mr A Ratcliffe the best of luck in his new venture in Australia, this being his last Committee meeting, and thanked him for services while on the Committee.

#### Allotment Committee's Report

This report was adopted and the account of the Ashton Court Estate for rent to March inst £62.7.- was directed to be paid.

#### Clerk to the Council

The R D Council informing the Assistant Overseer by letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> January that his services would not be required under the Rating and Valuation Act 1925 after the 31<sup>st</sup> March, necessitated the appointment of a Clerk to the Council such being held by the Assistant Overseer at present ex officio.

Mr Fry moved seconded by Mr Hodgson and carried unanimously that Mr R E March be appointed at a salary of £45 per annum.

## Rating Authority

The Ministry of Health in their Circular letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> February to Parish Councils pointed out that sub section 4 of section 1 of the Rating and Valuation Act 1925 empowered the Council to appoint two local government electors to act as members of the Rating Authority as regards the exercise of performance in connection with property in the parish of any powers or duties of the Rating Authority in relation to valuation.

Mr Fry moved and Mr Hollis seconded that the present Overseers be asked if they would be willing to undertake these duties. Carried.

## Precept

It was decided to issue precept on the new Rating Authority to meet expenses likely to incur during the half year ending September 1927 for £122.10. viz £87.10- lighting, general expenses £35.

## Footpath

The Chairman referred to a complaint made to him that the footpath in front of the new houses opposite the Police Station here had not been made up and that in wet weather owing to pools of water it was a source of much inconvenience to pedestrians. The Clerk was instructed to write County Council drawing his attention to this.

## Lighting

Mr Camps asked whether for the convenience of the inhabitants the public lamps might be extinguished at ½ past 11 at night and after a discussion, moved that a letter be written the North Somerset Electric Supply Co on the matter suggesting that the lighting of the lamps might commence at 1 ½ hours after sunset instead of hour as a present. Seconded by Mr Hodgson and carried.

## Accounts

The following accounts were directed to be paid.

### North Somerset Electric Supply Co

52 lamps	@ 50/-	32.10.-	
21 “	@ 55/-	14. 8. 9	£46.18.9

### Petty Cash – General Fund

Clevedon Printing Co	13.3	
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Postages	5.7	
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Audit Stamp	3.	-	.-
Cheque Book			4.-
Allotments			
Agreement Stamp	12.-		
Postages	10.5.-		
Wayleaves	10.7.-		
County Court Fees	4.6-	£1.17.6	

Herbert Jefferies Signed April 12<sup>th</sup> 1927

April 12 1927

Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday April 12 1927 when the following members were present, Messrs O J Ball, W Camps, G E Childe, C A H Fry, C Hodgson, W R Hollis, H Jefferies and H S Wright.

Mr W A Handcock signed the acceptance of office taking his seat on the Council in the place of Mr Ractcliffe resigned.

Chairman

Mr C Hodgson moved that Mr H Jefferies be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year seconded by Mr G E Childe and carried.

Vice Chairman

Mr C A H Fry was elected Vice Chairman on the motion of Mr H S Wright seconded by Mr W Camps.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of Same

Arrears – H Hazell

After some discussion Mr Hollis moved that H Hazell be written that unless an effort be made by him within the next two months to obey the order of the County Court the Council would take further proceedings seconded by Mr Fry and carried.

Clevedon Fire Brigade Agreement

Clerk reported receipt of this agreement duly stamped.

### Grass Allotment – Williams

A letter from Mr Williams of March 22 stating he would commence repair of fence at grass allotment that week was read.

It was stated he had not yet done so and it was decided to write and remind him of such.

### Rating Authority

Mr R Adams wrote by letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> March thanking the Council for their kind invitation to represent them on the new Rating Authority but was unable to accept the appointment owing to business demands, Mr Butter in an interview with the Clerk intimated his willingness to serve.

### Footpath – County Council

No reply had been received from the County Council as to complaint concerning the footpath opposite the Police Station.

### Lighting

The North Somerset Electric Supply Co by letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> March stated they were quite prepared to fall in with the Council's suggestion that the public lamps should be lighted 1 ½ hour after sunset and to be extinguished at 11.30.

### Overseers

The Chairman pointed out that Mr Adams had served the parish well as an Overseer since April 1915 and Mr Butler since 1919 and suggested a letter of thanks and appreciation of their services during that time might so forth from that Council to both gentlemen. To this the Council agreed and it was decided to ask Mr Adams if he could see his way to reconsider his decision and so represent the Council on the Rating Authority for Valuation purposes which it was estimated would only be for a period of 2 years.

### Allotment Committee

On the motion of Mr Camps, seconded by Mr Fry , Messrs Ball, Barnes, Barnes, Childe, Handcock and Hollis were appointed Allotment Committee.

### Accounts

It was decided to draw cheque £12.10 for Clevedon U D Council for services of Fire Brigade and to pay 7/6 half cost of stamps on Agreements.

Herbert Jefferies Signed June 28<sup>th</sup> 1927.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1927

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday June 28 1927 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, W Camps, G E Childe, C A H Fry, W Handcock, C Hodgson and W R Hollis.

A letter from Mr Wright that he was away from home and therefore unable to attend was read.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of Same

Arrears – H Hazell

The Clerk reporting writing Mr H Hazell as directed at the last meeting and that the Order of the County Court had not yet been complied with, Mr Hollis moved that a Judgment Summons be obtained against Mr Hazell for the sum of £1.2.6 Allotment Rent due. This was not seconded and Mr Childe proposed that the matter be referred back to Allotment Committee, seconded by Mr Camps and carried.

Grass Allotment – Williams

It was reported that the fence at Mr Williams' grass allotment had been repaired by him.

Rating Authority

Letter was read from Mr Adams consenting to represent the Parish Council on the Rating Authority for valuation purposes.

Clerk – Fidelity Bond

In view of the opinion expressed by the Minister of Health that a Clerk to the Parish Council should give security for the faithful performance of his duties and from correspondence with the National and Local Government Officers Mutual Insurance Association Ltd that the Bond entered into as Assistant Overseer in 1922 did not cover duties as Clerk to the Parish Council, the Clerk reported he had entered into a fresh bond with the Society for the sum of £100.

Accounts - The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques drawn.

52 lamps	@ 50/-	32.10.-	
21 "	@ 55/-	14. 8. 9	£46.18.9

Altering lamp C Batch	9.8
Birdwell	13.10
Poor Rates	£5.6.6
Clerk's salary	£11.5.-

#### Lights

Mr Camps moved that when sending cheque for public lighting the Clerk should draw attention of the Company to the fact that the public lamps are not extinguished at 11.30 p.m. as previously agreed upon, in some instances being out as much as 20 minutes before time. Seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

#### County Council

Mr G E Childe asked if the Clerk had received complaints concerning a contractor for the hire of a horse and cart employed on the main road and proposed the County Council be asked as to the terms of such employment. No seconder being forthcoming the matter was not proceeded with.

#### Archgrove Allotments

It was decided to have the gates of the Archgrove Allotments repaired by Mr Willis.

#### Precept

On the motion of Mr G E Childe seconded by Mr C Hodgson it was agreed to issue a precept on the Rating Authority to meeting expenses likely to incur during the half year ending March 1928 for £122.10 viz lighting £87.10 General expenses £35.

#### Playing Field

Mr W Handcock referred to the lack of any provision of a playing field for the children in the parish pointing out the danger that now beset them when in the roadway through the ever increasing fast moving traffic and Mr H S Barnes moved that the Hon Mrs Smyth be approached with a view to obtaining a piece of land suitable as a Recreation Ground either as a gift or by purchase seconded by Mr W Camps and carried.

The Clerk was asked to get into touch with the Playing Field Association.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1927.

August 30<sup>th</sup> 1927

Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> August to consider matters in connection with the Sewage Outfall Works when Mr C A Harrington Fry presided over the following members, Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, G E Childe, W Handcock, W R Hollis and H S Wright. Mr T H Pearce Chairman of the Rural District Council being also present.

Mr Fry stated that at a previous meeting held in February last it was suggested enquiries be made of the Bristol Corporation as to terms for connecting the Long Ashton Sewers with the Bristol Sewers and the present meeting was called to hear a letter read which the Rural District Council had received from the City Engineer.

The Clerk read the following letter.

The City Engineer Surveyors Office

6a Queen Square, Bristol

13<sup>th</sup> August 1927

A E Hicks Esq,

Long Ashton RDC, Flax Bourton.

Dear Sir

Long Ashton Sewage

With reference to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. I have discussed this proposition with the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, and he has authorised me to say that he would be prepared to advise his Committee to agree to an area not exceeding 500 acres being drained into the City sewer in Duckmoor Road provided satisfactory terms can be arranged.

They have a similar arrangement in respect of part of the Bishopsworth area in which case an annual payment is made for each house connected, at the rate of 4d in the £1 on the rateable value of each house and also in respect of Filton District in which case they pay an annual sum of £100 plus £10 lump sum for each house connected after the first 250.

A further condition is imposed that if the Corporation at any time hereafter carry out any scheme for main drainage or for sewage disposal for the City, the Rural District Council would be required to pay (in addition to any payments already arranged) a proportionate part of the annual expenditure incurred by the Corporation in respect of

such a scheme, calculated according to the proportion which the assessable value of the area drained for the Rural District bears to the assessable value of the City.

Would you Council be prepared to consider anything on either of these lines?

Yours faithfully

Lessel S McKenzie, City Engineer.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr H S Barnes that this Council recommend the District Council employing an Engineer for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of connecting the existing Long Ashton Sewers with the Bristol Sewer at Duckmoor Road, Bedminster. Seconded by Mr O J Ball and carried.

Herbert Jefferies signed 20/9/1927

September 20<sup>th</sup> 1927

#### Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> when Mr Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, W Camps, G E Childe, W Handcock, W R Hollis and H S Wright.

An apology was received from Mr C A H Fry for his unavoidable absence.

Minutes of the meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> June were read and confirmed.

Arising out of same

#### Playing Field

Mr Napier said he was present owing to having received the Council's letter. He was sorry the Ashton Court Estate was unable to suggest a piece of land suitable and central, and pointed out contingencies that might arise under the Town Planning Act should the Council become responsible for a recreation ground. If the matter could be arranged on a voluntary basis he was present to say that the University Research Station would be willing to let a piece of land at a rent of £2.5 per acre at the rear of Mr Chorley's shop about 4 acres in extent and that the Hon Mrs Smyth desired him to say she was prepared to fence this portion and to erect a couple of swings on the site.

The Council signified their approval of the suggestion of Mr Napier, who kindly offered to call a meeting with a view to forming a committee or body who would be responsible for all arrangements in connection with this proposed playing field.

It was decided to write letters of thanks to the University Research Station and the Hon Mrs Smyth for their kind offers.

#### Lights

Mr Told wrote by letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> June that his company had noted the Council's remarks regarding public lighting and having taken up the matter with their Mr Brekon hoped there would be no future cause to complain.

Arising out of Minutes – 30<sup>th</sup> August

#### Sewage

The Clerk reported writing R D Council of the 31<sup>st</sup> August the Council's decision of the previous evening. Mr Hollis produced letter from Messrs A P I Cotterell and Son of the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept to Mr Pearce in the course of which they stated they were prepared

to accept settlement of £62.10 for work in connection with and preparation of the Report of Scheme referred to in Minutes of February 8. The letter further stated that the firms fees in the matter of estimating cost of connecting the local sewers with those of Bristol at Duckmoor Road would be 6 % of the cost of the work if this did not exceed £3000 5% on the cost of work if they exceeded £3000.

Mr O J Ball moved the District Council be asked.

- (1) To enquire of the Bristol Town Council if they would please define the area of the 500 acres mentioned in the City Engineer's letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> August .
- (2) That this Council recommend Messrs Cotterell's fee of £62.10 mentioned in their letter to Mr Pearce of the 14 September be paid, and suggest that their services be not further retained.
- (3) That Mr Maynard Froud be engaged for the purpose of ascertaining the levels at and to give an estimate of the cost of connecting the Long Ashton Sewers with those of Bristol at Duckmoor Road, seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

#### Allotments

The Clerk reported he had allowed C Radford 2/6 for the 2 months the allotment was void, this was confirmed.

#### Arrears

Mr H Jefferies moved that £1.2.6 due by H Hazell and 7/6 by E Clark for allotment rent be struck off as bad debt, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

The Clerk was instructed to write the others in arrears with their rent and to obtain 2 pad locks and keys for holders of allotments in Providence 6 and have a notice board placed there to the effect there was no footpath through same.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques drawn for the amounts:

##### Allotment Account

Ashton Court Estate for rent	£62.7.-
Agreement Stamp	1.-
Postages	4.5
W M Hynam	13.-
S Kingston	3.-

Clevedon Printing Co		19.6	
General Fund			
Clevedon Fire Brigade		12.10.-	
Clevedon Printing Co		5.9	
Clerk's Salary		11.5.-	
Postages		5.3	
Lighting			
52 lamps @ 50/-	32.10.-		
21 " @ 55/-	14. 8. 9		£46.18.9

#### Footpath Diversion

The Council raised no objection to the deviation of a footpath running across Keeds Lane and at thereon of the suggested playing field from points A to C via B instead of direct as at present and as shown on the plan.

Herbert Jefferies Signed 20/12/27

## Allotment Committee

A meeting was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> Mr O J Ball being re-elected Chairman.

Some time was devoted to the letting of allotments.

It was decided to obtain a price for the making and relaying of the hedges of the different allotments.

## Accounts

Demand Note for rates £5.6.6 was decided to place before the Council for payment.

December 20<sup>th</sup> 1927

Parish Council

Mr H Jefferies presided at the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1927 when the following members were present Messrs O J Ball, W Camps, G E Childe, C A H Fry, W Handcock and W R Hollis.

An apology was received from the Clerk who was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

Minutes of the last meeting were duly passed and signed.

Arising out of Same

Playing Field

It was reported that the Clerk had written letters of thanks to the University Research Station and to the Hon Mrs Smyth as directed at the last meeting.

Sewage

Resolutions of the Council passed at the last meeting were sent Mr Hicks, Clerk R D Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> September last to which no reply up to the present had been received.

Mr Fry reported that an interview had been arranged to take place between R D Council and the Sanitary Committee of the Bristol Town Council sometime this week and that Mr J Maynard Froud was ill to attend to the matter.

The Council, understanding that it was the desire of the District Council to still retain the services of Messrs A P J Cotterell and Son and London, instructed the Clerk to inform them that they (the PC) would much rather that Messrs. Cotterell should not be employed and suggested that the District Council might with advantage make enquiries of other engineers.

Allotment Arrears

The matter of non payment of arrears by Mr Wilkins and Mr F Ball of Providence was referred back to the allotment committee.

#### Allotment Committee's report

This report of the Committee's meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> December was accepted.

On the proposition of Mr Fry seconded by Mr Hollis the Council empowered the Committee to spend up to £10 in connection with the repair of the Allotment hedges and fences.

A cheque in payment of £5.6.6 for rates to cover the ensuing half year was drawn.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were passed and cheques drawn

Managers Church House		2.10.-	
52 lamps @ 50/-	32.10.-		
21 " @ 55/-	14. 8. 9		£46.18.9
Clerk's salary		£11.5.-	

A cheque in payment of Mr Willis account £2.10 for repairs to Allotment Gates was drawn but directed to be paid when work completed to Chairman of Allotment Committee satisfaction.

#### Balance Sheets

The balance sheets of the audited accounts of the Overseers and Parish Council for the year ending March 1927 were placed before the Council.

#### Clerk – Fidelity Bond

The bond duly entered into by the Clerk with the National Local Government Officers Mutual Insurance Association Limited was produced showing the Annual premium of 3/- had been paid to April 1928, Same was directed to be kept in the Parish Chest.

#### Hedges – Providence

A letter was directed to be sent to R D Council drawing their attention to the condition of the hedges in Providence Lane.

#### House Scarity

On the proposition of Mr Handcock seconded by Mr Camps a further letter was directed to be sent the R D Council urging them to provide more houses of the no parlour type for the parish.

#### Post Office

Mr Hollis drew attention to the closing of the local post office for general purposes during the dinner hour (viz 1-2) and also the delay in delivering telegrams to those residents of Long Ashton not on the telephone and asked that the Bristol Postmaster might be written on the matter at the same time pointing out that this was not in any way a reflection on the local postmistress. Carried unanimously.

Herbert Jefferies signed 12/3/28