

March 12 1928

#### Parish Meeting

A parish meeting for the election of members of the Parish Council for the ensuing 3 years was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1928 at 7.30 when a good number of parishioners were present.

Mr H Jefferies intimating he was a candidate for election proposed that Mr J H Pearce take the chair seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

Mr Pearce upon taking the chair immediately asked that nomination be handed in and after allowing the statutory 15 minutes for reception of same announced he had received eleven for the eleven seats and therefore declared the following gentlemen duly elected:

Oliver John Ball, Herbert Sidney Barnes, Theodore Tom Barnes, George Edwin Childe, Charles Alfred Harrington Fry, William Alexander Handcock, William Alexander Handcock, William Richard Hollis, Herbert Jefferies, Sidney Mitchell, James Henry Pope, Hartland Stuart Wright.

On resuming Mr Jefferies thanked Mr Pearce for presiding over that part of the business, and on behalf of his colleague and himself thanked the meeting for once more electing them. He tendered a hearty welcome to the two new members.

#### Minutes and Charity Trustee Accounts

After the minutes had been read and signed the Clerk read the accounts of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for the year ending December 1927 which showed an increased balance of £66.10.5.

#### Lighting

The accounts dealing with street lighting for the current year were placed before the meeting. £175 had been received from the Rating Authority and after an expenditure of £188.18.6 the balance of £28.11.1 brought forward from the previous year was reduced to £14.12.7.

After suggestions of the erection of further lamps had been made, Mr S Mitchell moved that £185 be raised to cover expenses in connection with street lighting for the year ending March 31 1929 seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

Mr Hollis drew attention to the excessive charges made by the North Somerset Electric Supply Co to consumers of electricity and he was supported by Messrs Bawns, Pope and other speakers. Mr Hollis moved that the company be

approached with a view to a reduction being made in the charges, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

#### Bristol Tramway and Carriage Co Ltd

Mr Hollis asked if an improvement could be made in the service of buses running from Cambridge Batch to Bristol from 5.30 to 9 or Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday evenings and he proposed seconded by Mr Chorley and carried that the BT & C C Ltd be written on the matter.

#### Shelter

The question of the erection of a shelter for the use of passengers at Ashton Gate was again brought forward by Mr Johnson and on his proposition seconded by Mr Handcock it was agreed that the letter to the Company should contain a reference to this need.

#### Providence – Postal Service

A plea for a letter postal service at Providence was brought forward by Mr H S Barnes who proposed a letter be written the Postmaster Bristol expressing the hope that he would be able to see his way to immediately provide a letter and increased postal service at Providence and to the Urgent need of a letter box there, seconded by Mr Legg and carried.

Herbert Jefferies signed March 12<sup>th</sup> 1928

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Parish Council

A meeting of the Council was held at the Church House on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> when Mr Jefferies presided over the following members, Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, W Handcock, W R Hollis and H S Wright.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of Same

Sewage

A letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> January from the Clerk R D Council as to this matter was read. It stated that a Committee had met the Bristol City Engineer as to connecting the Long Ashton Sewers to those of the Corporation and was informed that in his opinion no objection would be raised by the corporation. The Committee asked the City Engineer to recommend an engineer for the carrying out of the scheme on behalf of the Council and he strongly recommended Mr Cotterell who was appointed at the meeting of the Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> December.

Hedges – Providence

The Clerk reported writing R D Council as to this matter by letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

House Scarcity

In reply to the Council's letter of the 22 December the R D Council wrote by letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> January that the question of the provision of additional houses had been referred to the Housing Committee.

Post Office

As to the opening of the post office during the dinner hour the Postmaster Bristol in a communication of the 6<sup>th</sup> January, intimated that the privilege of closing the Long Ashton Post Office during the dinner hour had been enjoyed by the Sub Postmistress for many years that he was reluctant to disturb the arrangement. With regard to the delay in delivery of telegrams he hoped there would be no further cause for complaint.

The Clerk was instructed to further write the Postmaster and point out that the Council felt a growing parish of the size of Long Ashton, the Post Office should be open for the benefit of the residents during the dinner hour. As the sub

Postmistress had the help of an assistant it was thought this benefit to the public would not in any great degree inconvenience the local postal officials.

#### Special Expenses – Balance Sheet

The balance sheet in connection with the Sewage Outfall, Water Supply and Scavenging for the year ending March 1927 was placed before the meeting. Mr Hollis promised to ascertain why such a large balance was kept in hand, it being pointed out it represented nearly a 3<sup>d</sup> rate.

#### Allotment Committee's Report

This report was adopted cheques being drawn in settlement of the accounts stated therein.

Mr T T Barnes referred to lambs getting through the railings at the top of Archgrove Allotments and so on to the allotments. It was decided to write the Secretary Cider Institute and draw his attention to this.

#### Accounts

The Council agreed to payment of the following accounts cheques being drawn for the same:

Postages		8.1	
Audit Stamp		3.-	-
Salary		11.5.-	
North Somerset E Co			
52 lamps @ 50/-	32.10.-		
21 " @ 55/-	14. 8. 9	£46.18.9	

As regards the latter item it was decided to approach the Company as to seeing their way to make repayment

All members having signed Acceptance of Office Mr H S Wright moved the re-election of Mr H Jefferies as Chairman, seconded by Mr O J Ball and carried.

#### Vice Chairman

Mr C A H Fry was re-elected Vice Chairman on the motion of Mr H S Barnes seconded by Mr G E Child after a letter was read from Mr Fry explaining his absence.

Minutes were read and confirmed.

## Arising Out of Same

### Post Office

The Postmaster wrote by letter of 16<sup>th</sup> March that the Sub Postmistress being required to perform duties extending over a long period from 6 a.m., until 8 p.m., was not agreeable to the suggestion to withdraw the privilege of mid day closing. Mr Hollis moved that the Postmaster be informed the Council still felt the Post Office should not be closed during the time in question and respectfully suggest he might see his way to supply the necessary assistant or financial help to enable the office to be open during the dinner hour. Seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

### Allotment Committee's Report

Mr West wrote that he would do his best in the future to prevent the lambs from entering the Archgrove Allotments.

### Lighting Account

Correspondence on this matter was read Mr Role wrote 24 March in view of the fact the lamps at Providence were out owing to circumstances beyond their control and was not due to their neglect the Company felt they could not make any reduction in the account.

### Clerk's Fidelity Bond

Receipt for premium to April 1929 was produced.

### Grass Allotment – Williams

Mr Williams wrote that not having copy of agreement would like to know particulars of complaint.

Mr O J Ball moved that in consequence of so many complaints received, Williams be given on the 29<sup>th</sup> September next notice to relinquish this grass allotment and to be informed that the cause of the present complaint was turning so many horses into the field, seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

### Representative School Manager

The County Education Committee had written reminding the Council that under Section 30 of the Education Act 1921 they were entitled to appoint one of the local managers of the Long Ashton Parochial School and that the election of a new County Council and Parish Council necessitated re-appointment or fresh appointment at an early date. Mr H S Barnes moved that Mr R E March be the Council's representative on the Managing body of the Long Ashton Parochial School for the period of 3 years

subject however to the provision that he may resign or may be removed by the appointing body but otherwise shall continue to act until his successor is appointed, seconded by Mr W R Hollis and carried.

#### Allotment Committee

The Chairman moved the re-election of Messrs Ball, Barnes, Child and Handcock as Allotment Committee seconded by Mr S Mitchell and carried.

Mr H S Barnes proposed that Mr S Mitchell take the place of Mr Hollis who did not desire to stand again, seconded by Mr Handcock and carried.

#### Parish Meeting Correspondence

##### Electricity Charges

In reply to a communication from the Parish Meeting to the North Somerset Electric Supply Co as to a reduction in the charge for electricity, Mr Tole the Secretary wrote 24 March that the Directors could not see their way clear to make any reduction in the present charges as the profits of the Company did not warrant it. The letter pointed out the average rate of dividend paid on Ordinary Shares had been less than 4% and it was only during the last 5 years a dividend of 6% had been paid and it was felt this was not too large a return on an investment.

They had decided to waive the minimum payment condition of their agreements and felt that for the present this was the only concession they could make. The letter concluded by stating there were very few places of the population of Long Ashton where electricity is less than 9d per unit for lighting.

##### Improved Bus Service

The Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd wrote 17 March that they had already made arrangements to duplicate certain of the buses going to Long Ashton on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

It was decided to approach the Company as to whether they could see their way to extend the 4d fare section to the Cider Institute and to charge on the inward journey 2d as from Ashton Gate Car Terminus to the Centre.

##### Shelter at Ashton Gate

The Company acknowledged receipt of the Council's letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> March which they said was receiving attention. Failing a reply being received shortly, the Clerk was instructed to write them again.

##### Providence Postal Service

With reference to the Council's communication of the 15<sup>th</sup> March as to providing a letter and increased postal service for the benefit of the inhabitants of Providence, the Postmaster wrote that the question of affording a second delivery of letters and the provision of a letter box at Providence had been considered but it was regretted the circumstances were not such as to admit of compliance with the Council's request.

Correspondence

Greyhound Racing Track

A letter from E G Dyer on behalf of the members of Providence Chapel regarding the proposed Greyhound Racing Track at South Liberty was read. The Council while sympathising with Mr Dyer in his objection had no power to intervene and it was agreed to write Mr Dyer accordingly.

Account

Cheque for £12.10 was drawn in favour of the Clevedon Urban District Council contribution to Fire Engine expenses as per agreement.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 26/6/28

June 26 1928

#### Parish Council

Mr H Jefferies presided at the meeting of the parish council held at the Church House on Tuesday June 26. The following members being present, Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, TT Barnes, Childe, Handcock, Hollis, Mitchell and Pope.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Fry and Wright who were away from home.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

#### Arising Out of Same

##### Post Office

A letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> April from the Postmaster, Bristol was read in which it was stated that it was considered that as telegraph facilities are available during the whole day including the short time the office is closed, the telephone is nearby and postage stamps may be obtained at all times from the machines which were installed at considerable expense, there did not appear to be sufficient grounds to disturb the mid-day relief which the Sub Mistress had enjoyed for so long a time.

##### Williams – Grass Allotment

Clerk report writing Mr Williams as requested at the last meeting.

##### Improved Bus Service – Revision of Fares

The Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd wrote by letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> April regretting they were unable to make any reduction in fares at the present time especially in view of the new petrol tax.

##### Shelter at Ashton Gate

As to this matter the Company wrote they had given the matter careful consideration but their experience of shelters not under constant supervision in or near the City proved that the nuisance caused by their improper use outweighed the very great convenience to their passengers which otherwise they would be and under these circumstances regretted being unable to accede to the Council's request.

##### Greyhound Racing Track

Clerk reported writing Mr Dyer as instructed at the last meeting.

## Roadway at Cambridge Batch

With reference to the letter of this Council of the 15<sup>th</sup> March forwarding copy of letter received from Mr Williams as to the condition of the roadway adjoining his premises, the Clerk to the R D Council wrote by letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> April that he was directed to state that the Inclosure Commissioners Award discloses that the road mentioned is a private one and is not therefore repairable by that Council. With regard to the Stone Quarry he was further to add that if the parish was claiming land mentioned in the award of 2 acres 2 roads and 30 perches the Parish Council should take the matter up.

It was left to the Clerk to refer to the Award and report at the next meeting.

## Accounts

### North Somerset Electric Supply Co

52 lamps	@ 50/-	32.10.-	
21 "	@ 55/-	14. 8. 9	£46.18.9
Poor Rates to September			5.18.2
Clerk's Salary			11.5.-
A E Hicks – uncontested election			10.-

## Refuse Tip

Mr H S Barnes referred to the nuisance that exist at the refuse tip at Ashton Vale, the offensive odour issuing forth at times being a menace to the health of the community and it was decided to draw the District Council's attention to the matter.

## Lighting

On the motion of Mr Handcock seconded by Mr H S Barnes it was decided a lamp be fixed at Fenswood in such a position as far as possible to light the entrance of the roadway. Carried.

## Long Ashton Sewage

The following copy letter from the City Engineer, Bristol to the Clerk Long Ashton R D C was placed before the meeting by the Chairman. (copy)

The City Engineer and Surveyors Office,

63 Queen Square, Bristol

15<sup>th</sup> June 1928

Albert E Hicks Esq

Clerk to the Long Ashton Rural District Council

Flax Bourton

Dear Sir

Long Ashton Sewage

With reference to previous correspondence on this matter the Sanitary Committee of the Bristol Corporation have had this proposal, under further consideration and are prepared to recommend the City Council to agree to a portion of the Long Ashton Sewage being connected to the City Sewer crossing Greville Smyth Park at a point agreed between Mr A P I Cotterell and myself on the following conditions:

1. Storm and surface water to be excluded.
2. The discharging pipe not to exceed 15 inches diameter.
3. Notice to be given of each connection made.
4. An Annual payment paid half yearly, equal to sixpence in the pound on the rateable value of the premises connected, and
5. In the event of the Corporation carrying out a main drainage scheme or constructing works for the treatment of sewage of which the Long Ashton Sewage forms a part, the District Council shall pay to the Corporation so much of the capital expenditure as shall be equivalent to the proportion which the rateable value of the portion of the parish of Long Ashton dealt with under this scheme shall bear to the rateable value of the City of Bristol.

These terms are practically the same as those agreed to in respect of the Bishopsworth District except that 6d in the pound of rateable value is substituted for 4d which the Committee consider reasonable in view of the very large increase in cost since the Bishopsworth terms were agreed.

I shall be glad to know if your Council agree to these terms. I remain

Yours faithfully,

Lessel S McKenzie – City Engineer”

After much discussion it was decided to write the Rural District Council giving the Parish Council's observations on 1 and 4 of the conditions enumerated therein.

- (1) In their opinion the storm and surface water from the existing houses flowing into the sewer and presumed this condition refers to new houses only.
- (2) The Parish Council see no reason why this parish should be called upon to pay a higher rate in the £ than that agreed upon in the case of the parish of Bishopsworth as in their opinion the cost today is not any greater than then existing, furthermore the length of Bristol Corporation Sewer to be used is negligible compared with that of Bishopsworth.

This Council further thinks that the suggestion to connection the present sewers with those at Bower Ashton is worthy of consideration further opinion this plan would be the more economical.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed September 11<sup>th</sup> 1928

September 11<sup>th</sup> 1928

Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> September Mr H Jefferies presiding over the following members , Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, G E Childe C A H Fry, W A Handcock, W A Hollis, S Mitchell, J H Pope, H S Wright.

Mr Fry signed "Acceptance of Office"

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of Same

Roadway at Cambridge Batch

Clerk produced extracts from the Commissioners Award appertaining to this matter. Mr Childe stated that although under the Award Ridge Quarry was to be used for the repair of the road within the Parish he understood rent was being paid and received in respect of same and moved that enquiries be made of the Ashton Court Estate as to this. Seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Refuse Tip

Mr Fry stated this tip would soon be closed.

Long Ashton Sewage

Messrs Fry and Hollis informed the Council that negotiations as to this matter were still proceeding between the City Council and the R D Council and at the moment a decision had not been arrived at.

Lighting

Lamp at Fenswood. Clerk reported this had been done.

Allotment Committee Report

Arising of this report as to Gate at Providence Mr Hollis moved seconded by Mr Handcock and carried that Mr Willis be paid cost of locks, keys and notice boards obtained for Providence top allotments.

As to paragraph concerning complaints as to trespass it was decided on the motion of Mr Hollis seconded by Mr Wright that letters be written each of the four alleged offenders, Messrs E Gait, Tucker, R Hynam and A Stenner pointing

out they were creating a trespass by using the Archgrove Allotments as a means of access to and from their homes and that there was no footpath that way.

#### Precept

It was agreed to issue a precept on the Rating Authority for £127 to cover expenses for the half year ending March 1929.

#### Obsolete Books

Mr H Jefferies moved, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried that all Rate Books and documents relating to the late office of Overseers be handed the newly formed Rating Authority.

#### Accounts

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr Childe, seconded by Mr H S Barnes that cheques be drawn in payment of the following:

#### Allotments

W Hynam Fence	9. –
Clevedon Printing Co	1.5.3
Ashton Court Estate Rent	62.7 –
Postages	6.8

#### General Fund

Hadden, Best & Co Forms	10.6
Clevedon Printing Co	13.3
Clevedon Fire Brigade	12.10.-

#### North Somerset Electric Supply Co

52 lamps @ 50/-	32.10.-	
21 “ @ 55/-	14. 8. 9	£46.18.9
Clerk's Salary		11.5. –
Postages		6.7
Cheque Book		4.-

## Balance Sheet

Audited Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Council for the year ended 31 March 1928 was placed before the meeting.

## Hedge – Rudge Quarry

It was decided to write and ask Mr Atherton, Kencote Farm to kindly cut the hedge along the footpath from Rudge Quarry as far as the stepping stones.

## Birdwell Allotments

On the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr H S Barnes it was agreed to obtain and place a lock on the gate at Birdwell Allotments and for each holder to have a key of same, also to have a Notice Board that trespassers in the allotment would be prosecuted erected near the style.

## Providence Roads

Resolved on the proposition of Mr H S Barnes seconded by Mr Handcock that the Rural District Council be asked to tar the roadway in front of the houses in Providence Lane.

Herbert Jefferies signed 18/12/28

## Report of the Allotment Committee

Meeting held September 4<sup>th</sup> 1928

### Balance Sheet

The balance sheet for the year ending March 1928 was produced and figures gone into. Committee expressing satisfaction at the excellent condition, balance increased from £26.9.6 to £33.6.1 1/2.

### Gate at Providence

The Committee decided to bring to the notice of the Council the question of Mr Willis' Account and to suggest payment for locks and keys and notice board.

### Complaints Trespass

It having been brought to the notice of the Committee that persons were using the Archgrove allotments as a means of access to and from the Fenswood Houses, it was decided to refer the matter to the Council and suggest the erection of Notice Boards one at each end of the newly made pathway warning pedestrians of the non-existence of footpath.

### Accounts

The following accounts were submitted and passed and directed to be submitted to the Council for payment.

W Hynam Fence	9. –
Clevedon Printing Co	1.5.3
Ashton Court Estate Rent	62.7 –
Postages	6.8

December 18<sup>th</sup> 1928

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> December, Mr H Jefferies being in the chair other members present were Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, Fry, Hollis, Pope and Wright.

Messrs. Childe and Mitchell were unable to attend being engaged at their employment.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of Same

Rudge Quarry – Rent

No reply having been received it was decided to write Mr Napier again.

Archgrove Allotment – Trespass

The Clerk read reply from Mr R Hynam and Mr Hollis said he thought the letters had had the desired effect.

Rudge Quarry – Hedge

Mr Atherton wrote he could not see that the hedge overhung the footpath at the place complained of.

Providence Road

Messrs Fry and Hollis informed the Council the question of tarring portions of this road had been discussed by the District Council and there was no doubt it would be done.

Allotment Committee Report

The Council unanimously agreed on the motion of Mr T T Barnes to the recommendation of the Committee contained in the first paragraph of their report.

Complaint by Mr D Radford

It was decided to write Mr Radford that he should make any claim for damages to his crops to the University Research Station and also to Mr West, Secretary Manager, asking him to give any such claim favourable consideration.

#### Accounts

It was agreed that cheques should be signed for:

Rates to March 1929 £6.13.9

H B Willis (Birdwell) £1.19.9

#### Long Ashton Golf Club

A letter from the Secretary of the Long Ashton Golf Club of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November complaining of the condition of the pathway running from the gate at the 4<sup>th</sup> green along the Providence allotments was read, and on the motion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr H S Barnes it was decided to inform them that by the Commissioners Inclosure Award 1820, footpaths on Ashton Hill is to be maintained at the expense of the owners and occupiers of the land through over or by the side of which the same respectively lead.

#### Complaint by Mr John Burge

The condition of the footpath from John Holders Bridge to Abbots Crossing adjoining the Cider Institute was referred to in a letter from Mr John Burge of 26 November. It was decided to refer this complaint to the Research Station.

#### Bristol Waterworks Co

Mr H S Barnes moved, Mr H S Wright seconded and it was resolved:

“That this Council pursuant to section 4 of the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act 1870 hereby consents to an application by the Bristol Waterworks Company under the said Act to the Minister of Health on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1928 for a provisional order conferring upon the said company statutory authority to construct and maintain a line or lines of pipes in the City and County Borough of Bristol and in the parishes of Long Ashton and Barrow Gurney in the County of Somerset.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn in payment of same.

Managers Church House 2.10.-

North Somerset Electric Supply Co

52 lamps	@ 50/-	32.10.-	
21 "	@ 55/-	14. 8. 9	
1 "	@ 61/-	2.7	£47.16.7
Clerk's Salary			11.5. –

#### Special Expenses – Balance Sheet

The balance sheet in connection with the Sewage Outfall, Providence Water Supply and Scavenging for the year ending March 1928 was placed before the meeting.

It was decided to thank Mr Hicks for same and to ask to what the expense of £8.9 water referred.

Herbert Jefferies signed March 12 1929

## Report of Allotment Committee

Meeting Held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December

Arrears to March 1928

The Committee decided to recommend that the sum of 12/- due by S Jones should be treated as irrecoverable it being useless to enforce owing to the man's circumstances.

Archgrove Allotment

A complaint made by Mr C Radford as to damage to his crops alleged to have been done by rabbits was decided to be brought to the notice of the Council.

Accounts

Rates half year March 1929 £6