

March 9th 1931

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 9th March 1931 at 7.30 p.m. when a fair number of parishioners were present.

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

Mr Pearce upon taking the chair immediately asked that nominations 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, viz:-

Oliver John Ball, Herbert Sidney Barnes, Theodore Tom Barnes, George Edwin Childe, Charles Alfred Harrington, Edward George Gait, William Alexander Handcock, William Richard Hollis, Herbert Jefferies, Clifford Gill Langdon, Hartland Stuart Wright.

Mr Jefferies moved a vote of thanks to Mr Pearce for presiding over that position of the business and on behalf of his colleagues and himself thanked the meeting for once more electing them and extended a hearty welcome to the new members.

Charity Trustees Accounts

Mr T H Guyatt, Clerk to the Charity Trustees read the accounts of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for the year ending December 1930 which showed an increased balance of £118.12.10.

Arising out of the Minutes which were read and confirmed.

Mr Barnes commented on the way the work had been done at the entrance to Clerkencombe and moved a letter be written the County Council that this meeting was dissatisfied with the manner the work had been carried out and considered the dangerous state of the corner was as bad as ever. This was seconded by Mr H S Barnes.

Mr Wright differed from the opinion of Mr T T Barnes and said he thought there was some slight improvement and moved as an amendment that the latter portion of the resolution should read "as nearly as bad as ever". This was seconded by Mr Stocker.

On being put to the meeting the resolution was carried.

Street Lighting

Accounts for the year were placed before the meeting, £215 had been received from the Rating Authority and after an expenditure of £205.16.11 the balance at the commencement of the year of £13.2.6 was further increased to £22.5.7.

Mr O J Ball moved that the sum of £200 be raised to cover expenses in connection with street lighting for the year ending March 31st 1932 seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

Pillar Box at Chestnut Road

Mr Stocker drew attention to the lack of a pillar box for the convenience of the residents in Chestnut Road and Ridgeway and moved that the Post Office authorities be approached with a view to one being placed at the top of Chestnut Road, seconded by Mr Dewdney and carried.

Stamp Machine

Mr Hollis suggested the postal authorities be also asked to fix a stamp machine or provide facilities for the purchasing of stamps at Birdwell also that a larger pillar box be provided sufficient for the reception of newspapers etc. Seconded by Mr W M Hynam and carried.

Bristol Tramway and Carriage Co – Return Fares

Mr H S Barnes referred to the matter of return fares on the buses and moved the B T C C be again approached to consider the question of instituting return fare tickets on the route from Tramway Centre and Cider Institute and particularly for the benefit of the patrons using the early morning buses seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

Swing Bridge – Cumberland Basin

The opening of the swing bridge Cumberland Basin in the early morning thereby causing work people to be either late or lose their day's work was brought to the notice of the meeting by Mr T T Barnes and on the motion of Mr H S Barnes seconded by Mr Legg it was decided to write Bristol Corporation on the matter.

B T C & C - Extended Fare

On the initiative of Mr Stocker seconded by Mr Candy it was agreed to ask the B T C & C to be good enough to extend the present fare section from the Tramways Centre to Post Office to the Cider Institute.

Herbert Jefferies

March 9th 1931

Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House at the close of the parish meeting Mr H Jefferies presiding over the following members Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, Gait, Handcock, Hollis and Wright.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Childe and Fry.

Arising out of same

Registration Sub District

Clerk read letter of the 15th January from Registrar General stating that a list of the whole registration arrangements in respect of the Long Ashton Registration District had recently been circulated throughout the District. The Registrar General considered that if same was exhibited conspicuously at the Parish Council Offices or in such place as public notices are usually displayed the information would be more readily available to the public than at the Long Ashton Station.

Mr H S Barnes moved that the Registrar General be asked to provide this list on a suitable board at a suitable place in the village and to suggest near the telephone call box at the foot of Providence.

Seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

Allotment Arrears Cole and Barnes

The Clerk reported the latter was paying by instalments, Mr TT Barnes moved that failing further payments being received from A Cole the Clerk should take the necessary steps in the matter, seconded by Mr Handcock and carried.

Lighting Agreement

It was reported by the Clerk that he had conferred with Mr Tole on the 7 March who stated his company could not see their way to entertain a 3 year agreement and at the same time install lamps and extra candle power with a new pattern reflector but would do so at the original price

per lamp without extra candle power or new reflector. Mr O J Ball moved the Council enter into a 5 year agreement subject to the company agreeing to a clause being inserted in such that should there be a fall in the price of current during period a pro rata reduction be made the Council, seconded by Mr H J Barnes and carried.

Mr H S Barnes drew attention that the lamp on the post near Sunnyridge, Providence did not light the road sufficiently in consequence of the post being off the road and suggested the Co be asked to place bracket with lamp thereon. Agreed.

Footpath – Clifton Bridge Railway Station

Arising out of correspondence with the Town Clerk, Bristol as to the condition of this footpath, the City Engineer in a letter of the 7th March stated his District Surveyor informed Mr Montgomery in January last that this path was outside the city boundary and that he stated he would get in touch with the G W R who were responsible for the maintenance of the path.

The Council decided to write the County Council on the matter.

Clerk's Fidelity Bond

Receipt of yearly premium on Fidelity Bond was produced by the Clerk.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed and cheques drawn for same as well as those mentioned in Allotment Committee's Report.

North Somerset Electric Lighting Co

52 lamps @ 50/- 32.10.-

21 " @ 55/- 14.8.9

1 " @ 61/- 15.3

6 " @ 63/- 4.14.6 52.8.6

Clerk's salary 11.5.-

Postages 6.9

Audit Stamp

3.-.-

Expenses for the year were estimated as follows – lighting £200, Fire Brigade £25, General £60 and on the motion of Mr W A Handcock seconded by Mr T T Barnes it was decided to serve a precept on the Rating Authority for £145 for the first half year.

Housing

Mr Handcock moved the Rural District Council be approached as to building 20 additional houses there being a demand for same, this was seconded by Mr H S Barnes who suggested the Council might consider letting them at a cheaper rental. Agreed.

Allotment Committee's Report

This report was adopted and arising out of same it was decided to inform the RDC of the complaints received as to repeated trespass over the allotments by the tenants of the council houses with a view of steps being taken to prevent a recurrence.

The Clerk was also instructed to write Mr Willmott.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 21st April 1931

Allotment Committee's Report

Meeting of Committee held at the Church House, Long Ashton on 4th March 1931.

Archgrove Allotments

Application of Mrs Hunt (3-19) for Council to provide her or to fix mesh wire to railings of her allotment to prevent people trespassing on same.

Decided to refer matter to Council.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed and directed to be presented to Council for payment:

Research Station – stakes	13.6.-
Patterson and Son – wire	9.6.-
Ashton Court Estate – Rent	60.7.-
Hy Taylor – compensation	4.-.-
Postages	8.7.-
Wayleaves	10.7.-

It was decided to draw attention of the Council to the continued trespass by persons over the allotments to and from Mr Griffin's house.

Also that the attention of Mr Wilmott be drawn to the condition of the wall at the garden of Mr Jenkin's house over which people trespass on to allotments.

April 21 1931

Parish Meeting Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 21st April when the following members attended and signed the "Acceptance of Office".

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

Electric of Chairman

Mr O J Ball moved and Mr Childe seconded that Mr H Jefferies be Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried.

Vice Chairman

On the motion of Mr Hollis, seconded by Mr Wright, Mr Fry was chosen Vice-Chairman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of same

Registration – Sub District

The Registrar General by letter of the 20th March said he had no funds at his disposal for the erection of a notice board displaying list of registration arrangements but if the Council could arrange for such list to be posted he would raise no objection.

Mr Fry moved that Mr Gregory be asked if he had any objection to the erection of such a board on the wall outside his premises seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

It was further moved by Mr Childe seconded by Mr Fry and agreed that subject to such permission being given the Clerk be empowered to obtain a board with particulars of the hours of the Registrar's attendance and his home address painted thereon, cost of same not to exceed £2.

Lighting Agreement

The Assistant Secretary of the North Somerset Electric Supply Co wrote by letter of the 17th April that the company was prepared to insert in the Agreement the following clause to cover the point raised by the Council. Viz;

“At the end of three years from the commencement of this Agreement either the Council or the Company shall be entitled if they so desire to call for a revision of the above mentioned prices so as to make them coincide with the prices at that date in force for new contracts for the supply of electrical energy and services under similar circumstances within the North Somerset Electric Supply Company’s area of supply on the most forward basis and such revised prices shall forthwith be substituted for the prices existing thereto and shall continue in force until further revised in manner aforesaid or until the termination of the Agreement as the case may be.”

On the proposition of Mr Fry seconded by Mr T Barnes, it was decided to inform the Co no objection would be raised to signing an agreement which embodied such a clause.

Footpath Clifton Bridge Railway Station

A letter from the Clerk to the County Council of the 9th April was read in which he stated he had been informed that there was evidence of repairs having been carried out to the path with gravel some years ago but though enquiry has been made no evidence can be found that any repairs have been carried out by the Highway Authority in respect of that part of the bridge which is in the parish of Long Ashton. He was afraid therefore that so far as the County Council was concerned the responsibility of repairing this path cannot now be taken over.

Additional Houses

The Clerk to the Rural District Council by letter of the 9th April wrote that this Council’s letter as to the erection of additional houses had been referred to the Housing Committee.

Allotments – Alleged Trespass

He also wrote by letter of same date with reference to this complaint that any action in regard to trespass upon the Archgrove Allotments by their tenants must be taken by the Parish Council themselves.

Lighting

Letter from Mr Franks of Woodlands Road, Bower Ashton as to the erection of an extra lamp without road was placed before the meeting and Mr Childe moved that the request be acceded to seconded by Mr Wright and carried.

Cottage Homes – Allotments

An application was made by letter of the 17th April by Mr F R Burdge on behalf of the Childrens Committee of the Weston Super Mare Guardians Committee Area for an allotment for the use of the children of Long Ashton Cottage Homes.

After discussion it was decided to inform the Committee the Council regret that there were not any allotments vacant on the Archgrove Plot adjacent to the homes and suggest application might be made to the Research Station for a piece of land for the use of the boys.

Special Expenses – Balance Sheet

Clerk produced balance sheet of the accounts dealing with sewerage scavenging and water to the 31st March 1930.

School Managers

Mr W R Hollis 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 be removed by the appointing body but otherwise shall continue to act until his successor is appointed, seconded by Mr W A Handcock and carried.

Accounts – Cheque for £12.10.- was drawn in favour of the Clevedon UDC this council's contribution towards expenses of Clevedon Fire Brigade.

Parish Meeting Correspondence

Clerkencombe Road, Corner.

The County Surveyor by letter of the 21st March stated the original scheme (i.e. Resolution 2 July 1929) was strongly objected to by the owner of the corner plot upon which the fountain stood as it involved the destruction of the hedges.

As regards the complaint that the view up Clerkencombe was as badly obscured as before he pointed out that ample view was now obtained up the combe when coming from the direction of Bristol i.e. about 100 yards visibility to the side of approaching traffic.

Stamp Machine and Letter Box Birdwell

The Postmaster Surveyor by letter of the 13th March wrote the Post Office Department did not install stamps vending machines away from Post Offices and therefore it was regretted that machines could not be erected at Birdwell.

Further by letter of the 24th March the existing letter box at Birdwell was considered adequate to meet reasonable requirements of the neighbourhood.

It was decided to ask that the mouth of the box might be made larger and to point out that at busy seasons it had been known for letters to be removed.

Also to write the British Postage Stamp Machine Service Co for terms.

Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Return Fares

In a letter of the 17th March the Traffic Manager stated the company were unable to make any fare concession at the present time. He pointed out the present fare of 4d between the Tramway Centre and the Post Office, Long Ashton was only a fraction over a penny a mile.

Swing Bridge - Cumberland Basin

In correspondence on this matter the Town Clerk stated there was always one bridge available for road traffic when the other is open for water borne traffic. The Clerk was instructed to reply that it was a common occurrence for both bridges to be opened together and in the

morning for dredgers to go through and not outward bound vessels. Also on the motion of Mr Handcock seconded by Mr Barnes to write the B F & C Co and ask if they would be good enough to allow the drivers of their omnibuses to use the lower bridge when the junction lock bridge is open for shipping and so prevent persons losing their work through being held up.

Council Houses

Mr Langdon moved that the R D C be written asking that the contractor engaged on the council houses might be pressed to remove the rubble and soil taken from the floors of the houses at an early date, seconded by Mr Handcock and carried.

16th June 1931

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the parish Council was held at the Church House on Tuesday 16th June Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, Gait, Handcock and Langdon.

Mr Fry was away from home and Mr Wright unable to attend through illness.

Mr H S Barnes signed "Acceptance of office".

Minutes

After minutes had been read and signed the Chairman proposed that a letter be written Miss Wright sympathising with her and the family in the illness of Mr Wright who had been a useful member of the Council for some time and expressing the hope he may have a speedy recovery. This was unanimously agreed.

Registration Sub District

The Clerk reported that Mr Gait kindly telephoned him after the previous meeting that there was already a board outside Mr Gregory's shop consequently he did not carry out the wishes of the Council.

Lighting Agreement

An Agreement between the Council and the North Somerset Electricity Supply Co for publicly lighting the village with lamps of 100 c.p. for a term of 5 years was placed before the meeting and signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council.

Pillar Letter Box Chestnut Road

The Postmaster Surveyor Bristol wrote by letter of 29 April that sanction had been given for the establishment of a pillar letter box at the junction of Chestnut Road and Ridgeway. Collections would be made 3 times daily and once Sundays.

Birdwell Letter Box

By letter of the 12th May he wrote that the matter had been further considered and it was proposed in compliance with the wishes of the Council to provide a larger posting box at Birdwell.

Stamp Vending Machine

The communication from the Bristol Postage Stamp Machine Service Co was directed to be on the table.

Swing Bridge Cumberland Basin

The Town Clerk by letter of the 16 May stated examination of the log books at Cumberland Basin disclosed the fact that since 1st April last on two occasions have the two bridges at Cumberland Basin been opened together during business hours.

Therefore there seems to be no justification for the complaint.

By letter of the 30th April the Traffic Manager of the Bristol Tramways & Cge Co stated that while appreciating some inconvenience is cause when the upper swing bridge is closed, they regret not being able to agreed to the use of the lower bridge.

Allotment Wall Providence

Mr H D Barnes moved that the attention of the Ashton Court Estate be drawn to the condition of the wall from the Allotment gate at Providence

to the gate giving entrance to the hill, as stones from same had fallen on to the allotments seconded by Mr G E Childe and carried.

Thistles – Archgrove Allotments

On the motion of Mr T T Barnes seconded by Mr Langdon it was decided to write the Manager Research Station as to growth of thistles on their land outside the Archgrove Allotments asking him to be good enough to have same removed.

Lamp Sunnyridge, Providence

It was decided to ask the North Somerset Electric Supply Co for a reply to the Council's letter of the 17th March last.

Footpath near Hill House

Attention was drawn by Mr T T Barnes to the state of the footpath running from Hobwell to Folleigh Land outside Hill House and he proposed that Mr E B James be written on the matter seconded by Mr H Barnes and carried.

Allotment Committee

The Chairman moved that the members of the Allotment Committee be reappointed at the same time tendering them the thanks of the Council for their services Mr Gait to take the place of Mr S Mitchell seconded by Mr Langdon and carried.

Uncultivated Allotments – Void

Council's attention as to these was drawn by Mr H S Barnes who moved that same cleansed, seconded by Mr Gait. It was left to Mr Barnes to have same done.

Fire Engine – Purchase

A letter of the 18 May from the Bristol Motor Co Ltd as to the purchase of a Morris Minor Fire Engine for the sum of £170 without extinguishers was read and it was decided to acknowledge receipt of same.

M O H Annual Report

The Annual Return of the Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District (Dr H Newsome) for the year 1930 was before the meeting, extracts of same appertaining to the parish being read by the Clerk.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented for payment, cheques being drawn.

Allotments

W M Hynam – Repairs 14.-.-

County Court fees (Short & Cole) 12.9.-

Lighting

North Somerset Electric Supply Co

52 lamps @ 50/- 32.10.-

21 “ @ 55/- 14.8.9

1 “ @ 61/- 15.3

6 “ @ 63/- 4.14.6 52.8.6

General Fund

Hadden & Co for insurance 2.2-

A E Hicks non contested election 10.-.-

Clerk's salary 11.5.-

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 15 September 1931

15 September 1931

Parish Council

Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members at the quarterly meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church House on Tuesday the 15th September 1931 viz; Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, G E Childe, Fry, Gait, Hollis and Langdon.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Mr Wright

Clerk reported writing Miss Wright as instructed and read her reply.

Later in the meeting a letter from Mr John S Wright was read tendering his father's resignation from the Council in the work connection with which he took a great interest and as he was unable to attend any further meeting the Council would understand this formal notice had now become necessary.

Mr Fry moved seconded by Mr Hollis that the resignation be accepted with greatest regret and steps taken at the next meeting to fill the vacancy.

Lighting Agreement

Agreement signed by two Directors and Secretary produced but the Clerk was directed to ascertain how the amount of £2.1 account for which had been sent in by the North Somerset Electric Supply Co in respect of half cost of stamping and preparing agreement was arrived at.

Lamp Sunnyridge

The North Somerset Electric Supply Co by letter of the 3 July wrote that instructions had been issued their engineer for this lamp to be fixed on a longer arm as suggested.

Arising out of this it was decided on the proposition of Mr H S Barnes to write and ask Dr Star and Mr Trubody to be good enough to have

hedges trimmed as same obscured light from lamps outside their premises.

Allotments

On the motion of Mr H S Barnes seconded by Mr Childe it was decided that letters be written Mr R E Poole of Providence and Mr Webb of Birdwell as to the cleansing of their allotments.

Cambridge House – Sewage

The Clerk Rural District Council wrote 26 June enclosing copy of letter they had received from the County Architect as to the proposed joining of the sewers at Cambridge House with those at Long Ashton and asking for the news of the Council upon the proposition.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr O J Ball that the District Council be informed this Council does not approve of the suggestion put forward by the County Council as to connecting the sewers of Cambridge House with the existing Long Ashton sewer as in their opinion this latter sewer is being used to its fullest capacity at the present time, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

Precept – On the proposition of Mr Childe seconded by Mr T T Barnes it was decided to issue a precept for £140 on the Rating Authority for the ensuing half year.

Balance Sheet

The financial statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st March 1931 which had been audited that day were placed before the meeting.

Accounts

Cheques were drawn in payment of the following accounts.

Clevedon UDC – Fire Brigade	12.10.-
Clevedon Printing Co	19.11
Clerk's salary	11.5.-
Postages	8.9

North Somerset Electric Supply Co

52 lamps @ 50/- 32.10.-

21 “ @ 55/- 14.8.9

1 “ @ 61/- 15.3

6 “ @ 63/- 4.14.6 52.8.6

Allotment Fund

Clevedon Printing Co Receipts book 1.2-

H H Barnes Cleaning of allotments 1.7.6

Postages 9.2

Ashton Court Estate – Rent 60.7.-

December 14th 1931

2nd November 1931

Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday 2nd November 1931 there being present Messrs O J Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, E Gait, W A Handcock, W R Hollis and C G Langdon.

In the absence of Mr Jefferies through indisposition Mr Ball moved and Mr H S Barnes seconded that Mr W R Hollis take the chair this was carried but Mr Fry then attended and presided.

Additional Houses

The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Clerk Rural District Council asking if it was possible for the Parish Council to arrange for the allotment holders to give up possession of their allotments at Providence on the 25th March next. A plan of the allotments was also sent as well as a copy of a letter received from the Ashton Court Estate offering this site to the Rural District Council for the erection of houses thereon.

After discussion Mr Hollis moved and it was seconded by Mr H S Barnes that it be left to the Allotment Committee to visit and interview the allotment holders and obtain from them if possible their sanction to vacant the allotments in March next. This was agreed and it was decided to do so on Saturday the 7th inst.

Grass Allotments

Complaint it was stated by the Clerk had been made as to the condition of the gate leading into the grass allotment occupied by Mr George Smith in Bow Lane and that he had written the Ashton Court Estate after same had been visited by Mr Childe as to repairing same.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr T T Barnes that the Ashton Court Estate be asked to provide a new wooden field gate and second hand iron gate at the lowest possible cost.

Footbridge – Colliters Brook

A letter from Mr Napier of the 26th October as to the alleged unsafe condition of a footbridge over Colliter's Brook near Hancock's Wood was read, and it was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.

Danger Spot near Cambridge Batch

Mr Fry referred to an accident which had occurred the previous day 1st November at the junction of the road near Cambridge Batch which leads to Gatcombe Court with fatal results.

He suggested the County Council he asked to erect a post with a red danger triangle or warning affixed on the end point of the wall, this was seconded by Mr Ball and carried.

C Fry – Signed December 14^t