

March 14 1932

Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday March 14 1932 Mr H Jefferies presiding over a dozen parishioners.

Charity – Trustee Accounts

Mr T H Guyatt, Clerk to the Charity Trustees read the accounts of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for the year ending December 1931 which showed that the balance at the commencement of the year had been increased by £3.2.3.

Minutes of the previous parish meeting were read and confirmed, the Chairman explaining what had been done concerning the various matters arising out of same.

Street Lighting

The accounts for the year ending March 1932 were submitted, same showed that £200 had been received from the Rating Authority and after an expenditure of £208.11.4 the balance of £22.5.7 at the beginning of the year was reduced to £13.14.3.

Mr T H Guyatt moved that the sum of £210 be raised to cover expenses in connection with street lighting for the year ending March 1933 seconded by Mr G Yeo and carried.

Return Fares – Omnibuses

Mr T H Guyatt suggested that a letter to the Traffic Commissioner, South Western Area, asking that pressure be brought to bear on the Bristol Tramway and Carriage Co as to the matter of instituting return fare tickets at the reduced rate on the route from the Tramways Centre to the Cider Institute might have the desired effect and moved that this be done seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

Herbert Jefferies signed 14/3/33

23rd March 1932

A Special meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held at the C church House, Long Ashton on Wednesday the 23rd March 1932 with reference to the Town Planning Scheme No 3. Mr H Jefferies presided over the following numbers:

Messrs Ball; T T Barnes; Childe, Fry, Gait and Langdon, there being in addition Messrs E T H Hawkins, Sanitary Inspector and Mr H B Napier, present Ashton Court Estate.

Mr B F Brueton, Town Planning Office of the Bristol Town Council attended and in explaining the scheme stated that after same was completed it would be taken over by the Local Authority and carried out by them. With the aid of a map he pointed out the position of suggested roads, houses various numbers to the acre, factories, open spaces and allotments. It was suggested that the land round about the present cricket ground should be allocated as an open space, to this the officer agreed.

At the conclusion the chairman on behalf of the council thanked Mr Brueton for his attendance and so lucidly explaining the scheme.

Herbert Jefferies – signed 5th April 1932

14th March 1932

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the parish Council was held at the close of the parish meeting at the Church House, Long Ashton on March 14 1932. Mr H Jefferies presiding over the following members Messrs Ball, Gait, Handcock, Hollis and Langdon.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Arising out of Same.

Additional Houses – Providence

The Council was informed that negotiations were proceeding for the erection of houses on the Plot 5 Allotments Providence and on the motion of Mr W A Handcock it was agreed that the holders of the allotments should be informed to send any claim for compensation to the Clerk for transition to the R D Council seconded by Mr O J Ball and carried.

Cambridge Batch – Dangerous Spot

A letter from the Clerk of the County Council of the 18th January 1932 was read stating that the County Council had authorised the erection of a red luminous sign at the junction of Gatcombe Court road with the Bristol Weston Super Mare road A 370 at Cambridge Batch.

Proposed lamp near City boundary

Clerk read correspondence with the North Somerset Electric Supply Co as to the erection of a lamp at Bower Ashton near the City boundary the cost of same it was stated would be between £6 and £7. On the motion of Mr Langdon the Council decided not to entertain the matter.

Lamp – Rayens Cross Road

Mr Jefferies moved that the report of the Committee as to the erection of a lamp in this road be accepted, seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

Special Expenses – Balance Sheet

The Clerk of the R D Council replied by letter of the 20th January 1932 that the item shown as Grant, Local Govt Act 1929 is a grant allowed by the Ministry of Health in regards to the loss in respect of special rates on account of the de-rating provisions of that act.

The letter further explained concerning the amount of principal and interest paid and stated that the loans outstanding against the parish on the 31 March 1931 were sewage No 1 £636.4.8 No 2 £7125 and water No 1 £620.12. This latter loan had been taken over by the Bristol Water Works Co and the charges recovered from them by the Council.

Rosery Cottage – Dangerous Roof

Mr R Adams replied by letter of the 13th January 1932 that he thought any defects was a landlord's liability and was passing the Council's letter to them. Mr W R Hollis moved that the attention of the County Council be drawn to the matter seconded by Mr E Gait and carried.

Casual Vacancy

To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Hartland Stuart Wright, Mr O J Ball proposed Mr E Gait seconded by Mr W A John of Ridgeway be elected. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence Fire

Letter from Miss Hilda P Wills of Burwalls, Leigh Woods of the 12th January asking what steps had been taken or provision made by the Council in case of an outbreak of fire and the Clerk's reply of the 19th January were read and it was decided to inform Miss Wills that it was understood the Clevedon Fire Brigade attended very promptly and with success when a fire occurred at the Evergreens, Leigh Woods.

Lighting.

A letter from the Secretary to Mr W Melville Wills of the 26 January with reference to the lighting of Leigh Woods was read as was also that of the Clerk of the 28th January suggesting that some one representing the inhabitants of Leigh Woods should attend the parish meeting and place their claims before the meeting.

Allotment Committee's Report

This Report was accepted on the motion of Mr Hollis seconded by Mr Langdon.

Precept

Expenses for the year being estimated as follows: Lighting £210, Fire Brigade £25, General £49, Mr W A Handcock moved and Mr Ball seconded that a precept of £142 be served on the Rating Authority for the first half year.

Accounts

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

North Somerset Electric Supply Co

81 lamps @ 50/-	50.12.6
Clerk's salary	11.5.0
Postages	9.0
Audit stamps	3.0.0

Allotment Committee's Report

Meeting of Committee held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on March 8th 1932.

Committee went through list of applicants and allocated allotments becoming vacant to them.

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

Clevedon Printing Co	1.14.9
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R S Patterson – materials	12.7
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Ashton Court Estate

Rent	60.7
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Gates	2.5.7
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H H Barnes

Repairs	1.2.8
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Postages	9.4
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Wayleaves 10/7d

Agreement Stamps	1.0
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Cole	7.0
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Clerk's Fidelity Bond

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

Herbert Jefferies – signed April 12th 1932

23rd March 1932

Parish Council

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Mr B F Bruton Town Planning Officer of the Bristol Town Council attended and in explaining the scheme stated that after same was completed it would be taken over by the Local Authority and carried out by them. With the aid of a map he pointed out the position of suggested roads, houses, various numbers to the acre, factories, open spaces and allotments.

It was suggested that the land round about the present cricket ground should be allocated as an open space to this the officer agreed.

Herbert Jefferies signed April 12th 1932

12 April 1932

Parish Council

The annual meeting of the parish council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 12th April when the following members were present Messrs Ball, T T Barnes, Childe, Gait, Hollis, Jefferies and John.

A letter of apology for inability to attend was received from Mr Fry.

Mr W A John signed the acceptance of office on taking his seat in the place of Mr H S Wright resigned.

Chairman – Mr Ball moved, seconded by Mr Childe that Mr H Jefferies be Chairman for ensuing year, carried.

Vice Chairman – On the motion of Mr Childe seconded by Mr W R Hollis Mr C A H Fry was elected Vice Chairman.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed after which the Chairman extended on behalf of the Council a hearty welcome to Mr John.

Arising out of same

Additional Houses – Providence

Clerk reported obtaining and transmitting claims by allotment holders for loss of crops and lieu of notice to quit to Clerk to Rural District Council.

Rosery Cottage – Shed – Dangerous Roof

The County Surveyor wrote by letter of the 2nd April that an inspection had been made and he could not find any grounds for the County Council as highway authority interfering with the shed in question.

It was stated that the galvanised roofing of the shed had been repaired.

Parish Meeting Correspondence

Return Fares – Omnibuses

The Traffic Commissioner by letter of the 23rd March wrote that the duty of the Commissioner was to secure that fares are not unreasonable and they had no power to order specific fares.

Having gone into the question of the fare for the journey referred to they consider that in all the circumstances the fare cannot be regarded as unreasonable.

Cottage Homes – Allotment

A letter from Mr F R Burdge, Clerk of the Weston Super Mare Guardians Committee Area of the 8th April stating that his committee understood a plot of ground about 30 yards from the Long Ashton Homes was vacant and that they would be glad to take it on for one year.

After discussion Mr Hollis moved that No 36 plot in the Archgrove Allotments be let the Weston Super Mare Guardians Committee Areas for 12 months at the rent of 15/- subject to the boys of the Cottage Homes being under adequate supervision.

This was seconded by Mr Childe an amendment that the application be not entertained was moved by Mr T T Barnes seconded by Mr Ball.

This received 2 votes and the resolution 3 which was declared carried.

Account

Cheque for £12.10 was drawn in favour of the Clevedon U D C ½ year's contribution towards Clevedon Fire Brigade.

Encroachment

Mr T T Barnes referred to an encroachment on the highway at Sarum, Providence and moved that the attention of the County Council be drawn to the matter as well as to the slippery condition of the road at the top part of Providence and to the holes in the road near the flushing tank seconded by Mr Gait and carried.

It was left to Messrs Barnes and Gait to meet representative of the County Council if a suggestion was so made.

Date of next meeting

Mr Jefferies moved that the next meeting of the Council be the 28th June seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Herbert Jefferies signed June 28th 1932.

26th April 1932

Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 26 April 1932 which had been specifically convened for the purpose of considering an application by the Bristol Corporation to divert a footpath running through the wild country in the parishes of Long Ashton and Barrow Gurney.

Notice of such meeting had been exhibited on the notice boards of the churches, chapel, as well as other conspicuous places in the parish.

Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, Gait, Hancock, John and Langdon.

After the application had been explained with the aid of a plan by the Chairman and considered by the Council, Mr Ball proposed:

“That this Council consents to the application of the Lord Mayor Alderman and Burgesses of the City and County of Bristol to stop up divert and turn a certain public footpath from Yanleigh through the wild country coloured pink on the plan submitted to the Council and in lieu thereof to substitute a footpath along the line coloured blue in the said plan”.

This was seconded by Mr E Gait and unanimously carried.

It was decided when forwarding a copy of this resolution to Messrs O'Donoghue and Forbes, Solicitors of Bristol who were acting in the matter for the Bristol Corporation to enquire whether it was the intention of the Corporation to maintain this footpath in the future after same had been properly constructed.

Somerset Week

A letter of the 21st April was read from Mr J Chaffey Clyde of Portishead pointing out that the Somerset Resorts Association were organising “Somerset Week” at Bath from May 12 to 19 in an endeavour to show by means of an exhibition the beauty and charm of Somerset and enquiring whether the Council could assist by loaning photographs of the village church etc.

It was decided to send a copy of the letter to Mr Napier.

Parish Pound

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Barnes it was agreed that the Clerk make enquiries as to the ownership of the parish pound.

Herbert Jefferies signed 28th June 1932

28 June 1932

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 28 June 1932 Mr H Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, Childe, Fry, Gait, Handcock, John and Langdon.

Town Planning

Mr Hill from the Town Planning Department, City Engineers Office, Bristol attended with a map showing "footpaths over which the public are believed to have "Right of Way". These were checked and various additions and corrections made, Mr Fry eventually proposing that the Clerk be authorised to sign the map, this was seconded by Mr Ball and carried.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and signed.

Arising out of same

Cottage Homes – Allotment

Letter received from Mr F R Burdge Clerk Weston Super Mare Guardians Committee Area accepting allotment at rent of 15/- per year subject to 1/3 allowed for month's void.

Encroachment – Providence

Clerk reported receipt of letter from the County Surveyor of the 12th May 1932 in which he stated that (1) he could not find any evidence that an encroachment had been made at Sarum, Providence; (2) the section of road alleged to be in a slippery condition would be surface dressed in the near future (3) Repairs to the road near the flushing tank were being put in road at once.

A further letter of the 27th May stated he did not see any useful purpose would be served by meeting members of the Council but if they had any information not previously disclosed, he would be prepared to send a representative to meet members during normal office hours.

Diversion of footpath – Barrow

Messrs O'Donaghue, Forbes, Solicitors of Bristol replied by letter of the 12th May that the Town Clerk had written the new footpath will be in the same position as regards repair as is the existing footpath;

Parish Pound

The Clerk placed before the Council certain information he had obtained as to ownership of parish pounds and Mr Fry suggested that an account of the present bad state of repair of the pound in Church Road and believing the property to be vested in the Council, that a letter be written the Ashton Court Estate that as the Council propose doing certain repairs they would like to be favoured with Mr Napier's observations on the matter, seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

"Parish Pound" 1897 – 1909 Questions and answers in J.P.

Where a disused parish pound is upon the side of the highway in a rural district what authority has now the rights of ownership over it. The pound appears to have been erected upon part of the land by the side of the macadamised road. Can the Parish Council take possession of it and exercise rights of ownership or does it form part of the highway and so come under the control of the District Council?

The Lord of the Manor makes no claim to the pound.

Answer: If the pound is a parish and not a manorial pound we think it is vested in the parish council. The District Council as highway authority cannot lay any claim to it. The highway is not vested in even if the pound is part of the dedicated highway which presumably it is not.

Extract Justice of The Peace, March 15 1919

Pound Ownership – Sale – Powers of Parish Council

There is a pound in this parish that has fallen into disrepair and the owner of the property adjoining wishes to buy it. In the Tithe Award, 1843, it gives, "Pound, two poles; owners, freeholders of Langley; occupier, Pinder." How can this be sold, and who will have the purchase money? The last Pinder, as far as I remember, died about thirty years ago. Can the parish council deal with it?

Answer: There is generally some difficulty in showing to whom a pound belongs. The entry in the Tithe Award is not, in our opinion conclusive as to the ownership. It seems rather a description of the persons for whose benefit the pound was carried on. The Pinder was probably appointed by the freeholders as tenant of a manor. The pound itself might belong to the Lord of the Manor, See Surveyor of Little Bowden Highway Board –v- Wandly (1883), 47 J P n 772. If the pound can be considered parish property, the same of it by the parish council would require the consent of the Local Government Board under section 3 of the Union and Parish Property Act 1835. There is, however, nothing in the facts stated to show that it is. Something might turn upon who (if any body or person) has exercised any rights of ownership over the pound in the past.

Providence Allotment

A letter was received from the Ashton Court Estate notifying the reduction of £4.4.8 per annum in the rent payable as from 25 March last for the 23p given up for housing site at Providence.

Lighting

Mr T H Guyatt wrote 31 May pointing out the necessity for an additional street lamp to light the portion of roadway between the Ashton Gate tram terminus and the first street lamp at the corner of Dr Leonard's house at Bower Ashton.

It was decided to reply the council was unable to accede to the request the expenses for the year having been already covered and suggest the matter be brought forward at the next parish meeting.

A letter 27 June 1932 from Mr E P Patch was read suggesting that the lamp on the standard opposite Birdwell Buildings might revert to its original position, thereby lighting up what was in his opinion the most dangerous position of the road.

This was agreed to be done on the motion of Mr Langdon seconded by Mr Handcock.

Diversion of Footpath – Barrow Gurney

Mr O J Ball moved that the resolution agreeing to stop divert and turn a certain public footpath from Yanleigh through the Wild Country, passed at the Council meeting on the 26th April be confirmed. This was seconded by Mr E Gait and carried.

Accounts

The following accounts were placed before the meeting and cheques drawn in payment of same.

Allotments

J Ayres – Repairs		6.8
Clevedon Printing Co		4.-
General Fund		
Clevedon Printing Fund		1.13.-
Hadden, Best & Co		17.8
North Somerset Electric Supply Co		
82 Lamps @ 50/-	51.5	
Lamp from 24to 30 March	1.2.	51.6.2
Clerk's Salary		11.5.-

Cheque Book

4.-

Allotments

Mr Fry drew attention to the condition of the allotments at the top of Providence. Left to the Allotment Committee.

Date of next meeting

It was decided to meet on Tuesday 13 September.

Roadway near Rayens Cross Road

Attention was drawn to the state of the roadway leading from the main road past Rockdale and Rayens Cross Road. It was decided on the proposition of Mr H S Barnes to bring to the notice of the Ashton Court Estate that the roadway was obstructed with rubble.

Chestnut Road

Mr John referred to the grass clippings and road sweepings being left by the side of Chestnut Road for some considerable time. The Clerk was directed to write the County Council on the matter.

C A H Fry – Signed 13th September 1932

13 September 1932

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday September 13. Mr C A H Fry presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Gait, Handcock and Hollis.

Apologies for absence were read from Messrs Jefferies, T T Barnes and G E Childe.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Parish Pound

Mr Napier wrote by letter of the 21st July that to his knowledge the pound in Church Road had been out of commission for 30 years and during that period had been in the occupation and vested in the Ashton Court Estate. He suggested that practical use of it as a pound was a thing of the past and that spending money on its upkeep would today serve no useful purpose.

Lighting – Bower Ashton

Mr T H Guyatt wrote acknowledging receipt of Council's letter of the 14th July.

Lighting Birdwell – Clerk reported he had replied to Mr Patch's letter and had carried out the Council's instructions and had lamp removed to its original position.

Pathway near Rayens Cross Road

With reference to the condition of this roadway Mr Napier wrote by letter of 21 July that the property on both sides of Rayens Cross Road adjoining this footway had been sold by the estate.

It was decided to approach the County Council on the matter.

Chestnut Road

Clerk reported writing Clerk County Council as to accumulation of grass clippings and road sweepings in Chestnut Road but had not received any reply.

Precept

It was decided to issue a precept on the Rating Authority for £140 for the half year ending March next.

Accounts

Cheques were drawn for the following accounts:

General Fund

Clevedon Fire Brigade

42.10.-

North Somerset Electric Supply Co

82 Lamps @ 50/-	51.5.-	
Moving Lamp	10.6	51.15.6
Clerk's Salary		11.5. –
Postages	12.7	
Accounts		
Allotment Fund		
Clevedon Printing Co		1. 7. 6
J Ayres Cleaning Allotment		1.6
Ashton Court Estate rent	58.4.8	
Postages	9.5	

Balance Sheet

Clerk produced draft balance sheet of the accounts for the year ending March 1932 which showed that the balance of £72.4.5 ½ at the commencement of the year had been increased to £77.14.1.

Stamps – Purchase of

Mr Hollis referred to complaints that residents in the Fenswood and Birdwell district of the parish were not able to purchase stamps at the shop when the occupier was licensed to sell same.

It was decided to draw the attention of the Postmaster, Bristol to this pointing out it was a source of much inconvenience to residents to travel a distance of mile and more to the Post Office to purchase stamps. The neighbourhood was a growing one and a stamp vending machine would be beneficial of the inhabitants, it being understood a shopkeeper in the locality being quite willing for same to be fixed in his window.

Birdwell Allotments

Mr Hollis moved, Mr Fry seconded that the Allotment Committee be empowered to purchase stakes to repair fence at Birdwell allotments and carried.

Date of Next Meeting

It was decided to meet on Tuesday December 13th 1932

C A H Fry – signed 14th December 1932

14th December 1932

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Wednesday December 14th. Mr C A H Fry presiding in consequence of the illness of the Chairman, Mr Jefferies, over the following members Messrs. Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, Gait, Handcock and Langdon.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Arising from the Minutes.

Pathway near Rayens Cross Road

The County Surveyor replied by letter of the 7th October that it appears the lane is not a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large and that so far as can be ascertained no repairs have been carried out in the past by the Highway Authority. In the circumstances the County Council cannot be recommended to accept any liability for this lane.

After discussion it was agreed on the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr H S Barnes that Mr Hollis be asked to use his good offices in interviewing Mr Napier on the subject.

Stamp Vending Machine

The Postmaster Surveyor Bristol wrote by letter of the 4 October that the department did not provide official stamp vending machines at premises other than those at which there is a post office owing to the expense. The Council decided not at present to take any further action.

Balance Sheet

The audited accounts of the Council to the 31st March 1932 were duly presented.

Special Expenses Account

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending March 1932 in connection with sewerage, water and scavenging was also placed before the meeting.

Lighting

A letter of the 21 November 1932 from Mr R E Milner of Littlegarth, Leigh Woods, asking the Council to place lamps on the main road in Leigh Woods was read.

It was decided to reply that no decision to light Leigh Woods had been made by the Council and to suggest that if it was desired Leigh Woods should be publicly lighted representatives should attend the next parish meeting and place their claims before same.

Dr Valentine also sent a letter signed by all the residents at St Martins and himself pointing out that the entrance of St Martins and his own was not illuminated and asking that a lamp be placed there. It was decided to reply that as the roadway to the house in question was a private home the Council had no power to accede to his request, but would approach the Lighting Co on the matter.

On the motion of Mr H S Barnes seconded by Mr Ball the Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the N S E S Co the cost of placing a pole at the corner of Belleview and carrying the lamp at present outside Elmdale to the centre of a wire between these poles. If the cost did not exceed £7 the work to be put in hand at once.

Allotment Committee's Report

This was presented and contents agreed to.

Accounts

The following accounts were placed before the meeting passed and cheques drawn for payment:

General Fund

Church House Managers	£2.10.-
North Somerset Electric Supply Co	
82 Lamps @ 50/-	51.5.-
Clerk's Salary	11.5. –
Cheque Book	4.-

Accounts Allotment Fund

J Ayres Repairs	12.
Ashton Court Estate Stakes	1.5.-
County Court Fees	1. 6. 6

Water Taps at Providence

Mr H S Barnes drew attention that the water taps at Providence had already this season been frozen and proposed that as same had taken place several times last winter the Bristol Water Works Co be written to on the matter, seconded by Mr Langdon and carried.

Chairman

The Clerk was asked to convey to the Chairman the Council's regrets at hearing of his illness and to express the hope he may have an early recovery.

Herbert Jefferies signed 14/3/33