

14 March 1933

#### Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 14 March 1933, Mr H Jefferies presiding over a fair attendance of parishioners.

Minutes of the previous parish meeting were read and confirmed.

#### Charity Trustees Accounts

In the unavoidable absence of Mr T H Guyatt, Clerk to the Charity Trustees, the Clerk (R E March) read the accounts for the Long Ashton Parochial Charities for the year ending December 1932 which showed that the balance of £121.15.1 at the commencement of the year had been increased to £138.15.10.

#### Street Lighting

The accounts for the year ending March 1933 were submitted same showing that £210 had been received from the Rating Authority and after an expenditure of £207.14.8 there remained a balance in hand of £14.8.1.

Mr G E Childe moved that the sum of £220 be raised to cover expenses in connection with street lighting for the year ending March 1934. Seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

#### Footbridge over Brook

Mr Fry referred to the unsafe condition of the footbridge carrying the Church path leading from Yanleigh over the brook to the church and moved that the attention of the County Council be drawn to the matter, seconded by Mr H Jefferies and carried.

#### Water Rate Charges

Mr Bright moved that the Bristol Water Works Co be approached as to reducing the water rate charge which was at present based on the gross annual rental of the house seconded by Mr T T Barnes and carried.

#### Public Convenience

The necessity of a public convenience in the parish was brought forward by Mr Tom Barnes, who proposed that application be made to the County Council for the erection of one or more such conveniences in the parish seconded by Mr Hancock and carried.

#### Electricity Charges

Mr Dowdney considered the charge of 9d per unit made by the North Somerset Electric Supply Co for the consumption of electricity was some what high and

suggested the Co might be written with a view to a reduction in the charge, seconded by Mr Bright and carried.

#### Footpath – Gatcombe

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Jones of Gatcombe and asked that the obstruction at present in the footpath leading from Gatcombe Mill to Rudge Quarry be removed.

#### Delivery of letters – Providence

Complaint was made as to the late delivery of letters at Providence by Mr H S Barnes and it was decided to write the Postmaster Bristol concerning same.

#### Mount Pleasant

Mr J Barnes in drawing the attention of the meeting to the dangerous obstruction in the shape of concrete wall around copper beach tree at Mount Pleasant at the top of Yanleigh Lane suggested that the County Council be asked to remove same. This was agreed to.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 5 March 1934

14 March 1933

#### Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, at the close of the Parish Meeting when Mr Jefferies presided over the following members, Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, Childe, Gait, Handcock, John and Langdon.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Messrs Fry and Hollis.

#### Allotment Committee's Report

Arising out of the first paragraph Mr E P West, Secretary, University Research Station, attended and stated his Committee were meeting the following day and subject to their agreeing and the negotiations being carried though he promised that accommodation should be found for the tenants White and R S Barnes.

This portion of the Report was carried on the motion of Mr J T Barnes seconded by Mr E G Langdon.

The remainder of the report was agreed to on the proposition of Mr John, seconded by Mr Langdon.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of same

#### Lamp at St Martins

Clerk stated he had written North Somerset Electric Supply Co as to the position of the lamp not complying with instructions given.

#### Water Standpipe at Providence

The Secretary and General Manager of the Bristol Waterworks Co replied by letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> December that the only way to prevent these standpipes from freezing in exceptionally severe weather would be by encasing them in unsightly wooden boxes which would cause grave inconvenience to the persons who draw water from them.

#### Precept

Expenses for the year being estimated as follows: Lighting £220; Fire Brigade £25; General £60. Mr Childe moved and Mr H S Barnes seconded that a precept of £150 be served on the Rating Authority for the first half year, carried.

#### Transitional Benefit

Mr H S Barnes having referred to applicants for Transitional Benefit having to walk to Portishead to see the officer concerned and back, the Clerk was instructed to write

Mr Lindsey and asked if he was willing to see applicants at his Long Ashton office on Friday mornings.

#### Footpath – Mill Cottage to Barrow Woods

Mr Jefferies drew attention that barb wire was source of obstruction to pedestrians using the footpath from Mill Cottages, over the railway to the pathway leading in the direction of Barrow Gurney.

Decided to write the representatives of the late Mr Withers.

#### Footpath – Wycke

It was agreed that the attention of the Ashton Court Estate should be drawn to the matter of a footpath commencing at a point the Bristol side of the Almshouses and continuing to the newly made portion of Ridgeway.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn for payment:

#### North Somerset Electric Co

82 Lamps @ 50/-	51.5.-	
Removing lamp	2.3.-	53.8.-
Clerk's Salary		11.5.-
Postages		11.1
Audit Stamp		3.-.-

It was decided to meet on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April as circumstances would permit.

Herbert Jefferies signed April 11<sup>th</sup> 1933

11 April 1933

#### Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, at the close of the Parish Meeting when Mr Jefferies presided over the following members, Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, Childe, Gait, Handcock, John and Langdon.

Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.

#### Lamp at St Martins

The North Somerset Electric Supply Co wrote by letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March that the office at Long Ashton was rented by him for one hour for registration purposes only.

#### Footpath – Mill Cottage to Barrow Woods

A reply to the Council's letter was received from Mr Norman Pearce and it was decided on the motion of Mr H S Barnes seconded by Mr Handcock to inform him that the Council were of opinion that the fence across the footpath leading from Mill Cottages over the railway in the direction of Barrow Gurney is a source of obstruction and to ask Mr Pearce to be good enough to have same removed. Carried.

#### Footpath – Wycke

The Clerk reported that Mr Worrall interviewed him on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and stated he would have the entrance to this footpath from the Ridgeway and properly defined as soon as building plots in the immediate vicinity had been taken up.

#### Parish Meeting – Correspondence

#### Footbridge – Church Path

Clerk County Council acknowledged 22 March receipt of Council's letter as to this matter saying copy of same had been sent County Surveyor for his attention. It was decided to ask for a reply.

#### Water Rate Charges

The Secretary of the Bristol Water Works wrote by letter of the 22 March that the Company is required by its acts of Parliament to adopt the gross values in all cases as bases of charge where supplies of water are afforded for domestic purposes; and therefore unable to agree to the suggestion of the Parish Meeting.

#### Public Convenience

Clerk of the County Council wrote by letter of the 23 March that he had forwarded Council's letter to the R D Council. The Long Ashton Rural District Council by letter of 30<sup>th</sup> March stated that consideration of the matter had been deferred to the 25 April

and asking that they might in the meantime be informed of site or sites considered suitable for such convenience.

Mr Handcock moved that the R D C be asked to obtain estimate as to the cost of erection of a public convenience near the telephone call box at Providence and similar to the one near the Police Station, Portishead. Seconded by Mr Gait and carried.

#### Electricity Charges

In reply to the Council's letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> march the North Somerset Electric Supply Co called attention to their two part Domestic Tariff known as Scale "C".

#### Footpath – Gatcombe

No reply received from Mr Jones, Gatcombe.

#### Delivery of Letters – Providence

The Postmaster Surveyor in letter of the 23 March expressed regret for any inconvenience which the public might have suffered and stated the auxiliary postman had now resumed duty.

#### Wall at Mount Pleasant

The County Surveyor having written by letter of the 23 March that the copper beach tree and concrete wall are both private property and the owner objects to same being interfered with, Mr H S Barnes moved and Mr Handcock seconded that Mr Worrall the agent to the Ashton Court Estate be approached on the matter.

#### Charity Trustees

Messrs R E March and W R Hollis were reappointed to represent the Council on the Charity Trustees for a period of 4 years on the motion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr John.

#### Railings outside Schools

Mr H S Barnes drew attention to the danger of children leaving the school and running into the roadway and suggested the County Council be asked to erect railings outside same, seconded by Mr John and carried.

#### Clerk's Fidelity Bond

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

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

Next meeting – The date of the next meeting was fixed for 27 June.  
Herbert Jefferies – Signed 27 June 1933

27 June 1933

#### Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1933 when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, Childe, Fry, Gait, Handcock and Langdon.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising there from

#### Grass Allotment

A letter was read from Mr West of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May in which it was stated that on behalf of the Research Station compensation had been paid Mr White for giving up possession of his plot and in the case of Mr R S Barnes they had agreed to let him a field at Providence containing 8 ¼ acres.

Clerk reported in consequence of same he had sent "Memorandum of Endorsement" to the Ashton Court Estate.

#### Footbridge – Church Road

The County Divisional Surveyor (Mr J Lovell) wrote by letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> June he was required by the Clerk of the County Council to obtain particulars in regard to the liability for repair of footpaths and footbridges in the Northern Division of the County including Church path and footbridge at Yanleigh Lane and enclosed a questionnaire in connection with same.

It was decided when sending answers to the questions submitted to impress upon the County Council as to the present dangerous state of the footbridge and to ask that it shall receive immediate attention.

#### Public Convenience

The District Council by letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> May referred this matter to the Parish Council in order that they may consider their precise requirements in regard to the provision of a public convenience at Long Ashton and enclosing copy letter they had received from Clerk, Portishead U D C stating the urinal near Police Station, Portishead was erected in 1913 at a cost of £37.9. but it was suggested the cost today would be considerably more probably £60.

Proposed by Mr Gait seconded by Mr Ball that the provision of a public convenience at Long Ashton be postponed. Carried with one dissentient (Mr Handcock).

#### Wall at Mount Pleasant

Mr Fry stated Mr Worrall was dealing with this matter.

## Railings outside schools

Clerk of County Council in letter of the 2 May reminded Parish Council that in a letter dated 13 December 1929 he informed them that the appropriate committee of the County Council considered that the provision of any necessary protective measures should be made on the school property. He did not think the Committee would be prepared to come to any other decision unless the Parish Council were able to submit fresh reasons for their doing so.

Mr Fry moved that a letter be written the School Managers suggesting when the children are discharged from school a teach should be stationed at the entrance to prevent the children from running into the roadway.

Seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

## Resignation of Mr W A John

Letter from Mr John apologising for non attendance and as he would shortly be leaving Long Ashton for an appointment in Surrey he had no alternative but to ask the Council to accept his resignation. He took this step with regret having had for years an interest in public affairs. It was decided to accept resignation with regret and to declare seat vacant.

## Lamps

Mr Fry moved that 5 additional lamps be placed in the new portion of Ridgeway to commence as from 1<sup>st</sup> August seconded by Mr H S Barnes and carried.

## Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment and cheques drawn:

### General

#### North Somerset Electric Co

82 Lamps @ 50/-	51.5.-
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Clerk's Salary	11.5.-
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### Allotments

R S Patterson Barb wire	9.3
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A H Barnes Cleaning allotment	15.-
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Next meeting – The date of the next meeting was fixed for 12 September.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 12 September 1933

12<sup>th</sup> September 1933

#### Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> September, Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members Messrs Ball, H S Barnes, T T Barnes, Childe, Fry, Gait, Handcock and Langdon.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising there from

#### Footbridge – Church Path

Clerk reported he had sent replies and questionnaire and read reply of the County Divisional Surveyor of the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr Fry to inform the County Council that the bridge was in a much more dangerous condition and there was imminent danger of someone meeting with a serious accident or being drowned should the brook be in flood.

It was also decided to send copy of the correspondence to the County Councillor, Col N O Gibbs asking him to press for immediate steps to be taken on account of the serious danger that undoubtedly exists.

#### Railings Outside School

Letter from the correspondence of the School Managers of the 11<sup>th</sup> September was read stating arrangements had been made for a teacher to be stationed at the entrance of the school to prevent children running into the roadway when being dismissed.

#### Lamps

It was reported that 5 additional lamps had been installed in the extended portion of Ridgeway.

#### Casual Vacancy

On the motion of Mr H S Barnes seconded by Mr Childe that the election of a person to fill casual vacancy stand over to the next meeting.

#### Precept

It was decided to issue a precept on the Rating Authority for £155 for the half year ending March next.

#### Ashton Bridge

Correspondence which had taken place between the Town Clerk, Bristol and the Clerk of the Council as to erection in the future of lamps in the vicinity of this bridge was read and on the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr Childe the action of the Chairman and Clerk was confirmed.

#### Lamp – Hillside Road

Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> September from Mr R E Field of Bowley House asking that the lamp on the pole at the commencement of Hillside Road might be moved further down the road and it was decided to accede to the request.

It was also decided on the proposition of Mr Gait seconded by Mr H S Barnes to extend the arm of the bracket on the pole near Rockdale at a cost not exceeding £1.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn for payment.

#### Allotments

A H Powell Cleaning		6.0.0
Ashton Court Estate		
Rent Allotments	48. 7.-	
Gate @ B Ashton	1.15.3	50.2.3

#### General Fund

Clevedon Fire Brigade		12.10.-
N S Electric Co		
82 lamps @ 50/-	51.5.-	
5 “ @ 57/-	2.7..6	53.12.6
Hadden Best & Co		6.4
Clerk’s Salary		11. 5. -
Postages		8.9

#### Archgrove and Providence Allotments

It was decided to have the gate leading into Providence Allotment repaired and to ask the Ashton Court Estate to undertake same.

Mr T T Barnes drew the Council’s attention that the gate leading into Archgrove Allotment near Mrs Thomas’ house needed repair, and it was decided, if it was the Council’s liability to ask the Ashton Court Estate to carry out these repairs also.

Style at Birdwell  
Wicket Gate, West Leaze

The Clerk was instructed to draw the Ashton Court Estate attention to the condition of the stile in the course of the footpath leading from Birdwell through the wood to Lampton Bridge.

Also the wicket gate at the commencement of the footpath near West Leaze and the Ark Café.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12 December was the date fixed for the next meeting.

Herbert Jefferies – signed 12/12/1933

12<sup>th</sup> December 1933

#### Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 12 December, Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Childe, Fry, Hollis, Handcock and Gait.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising there from

#### Footbridge - Church Road

Clerk read letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> September from Clerk County Council in which he stated he had advised the County Surveyor or that his footbridge should be repaired by the County Council.

The meeting was informed same had been done.

#### Casual Vacancy

In view of the fact the whole Council retired from office April 1934 Mr Hollis moved this matter stand over seconded by Mr Ball and carried.

#### Lamp – Hillside Road

Clerk reported that pole had been placed in garden of Poplar Cottage but tenant objected to lamp on same as it cause shadow down garden path. Electric Supply Co desired to know if Council had objection to fixture being moved a little to obviate this. Left to Mr Ball to visit and report.

#### Style at Birdwell

Wicket Gate, West Leaze

Mr Childe stated the style and wicket gate had been repaired.

#### Allotment – Committee's Report

Mr Fry moved the report be accepted, accounts paid, and arrears stated therein written off as irrecoverable. Seconded by Mr Hollis and carried.

#### Wall at Mount Pleasant

It was decided to ask the Ashton Court Estate for a reply to previous communication on this matter.

Also to draw the attention of the County Council to the roadway in the vicinity, pools of water remaining thereon.

## Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment.

Managers Church House		2.10.-
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N S Electric Co		
82 lamps @ 50/-	51.5.-	
5 “ @ 57/-	3.11.3.	
Removing lamp	1.-	55.16.3

Clerk's salary		11. 5. –
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Herbert Jefferies Signed March 5 1934