

12th March 1935

Parish Meeting

Mr H Jefferies presided over a fair number of parishioners at the annual parish meeting held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday March 12th.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read the Chairman explained what had been done concerning matters arising out of same.

Parochial Charity

The Clerk read accounts of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for the year 1934 by which it was seen the balance in hand at the end of the year was £127.3.4.

Lighting and Watching Act

After Chairman had informed the meeting that the expenditure for 1935 in connection with the 107 lamps already installed would amount to £277.8.-, Mr Bright moved and Mr Tissington seconded that the amount to be raised to cover expenses in connection with street lighting for the year ending March 31 1936 should be £300.

This was carried after Mr J E Armstrong had, on behalf of the residents of Leigh Woods, thanked the Parish Council for taking over the lighting of that portion of the parish.

Footpath leading from the Main Road to Rayens Cross Road

Mr Hollis referred to the condition of this footpath and moved that the Parish Council be asked to look into the matter with a view to its being put into a state of repair, seconded by Mr Morrish and carried.

Rating and Valuation Committee

Mr Morris enquired if the parish was represented on this Committee and was informed the representatives were Messrs Butter & Bright.

House Refuse – Leigh Woods

Appreciation by the residents of Leigh Woods of the arrangements made for the collection of house refuse there, was on their behalf expressed by Mr R E Milner.

Recreation Ground

Mr E P West said he thought the present time might be an opportune one to approach the Honourable Mrs Smyth through Mr Worrall, with a view to asking her to kindly present the Recreation Ground to the Parish and suggested that Mr Worrall be communicated with to ascertain if the Hon Mrs Smyth would be good enough to receive a deputation, consisting of Messrs Jefferies, Fry and March on the matter, seconded by Mr Fry and carried.

The name of Mr West was added on the suggestion of Mr Tissington.

Sub Post Office

Mr Tom Barnes moved that the Postmaster, Bristol, be written as to the establishment of a sub post office in the west end of the village, seconded by Mr Hollis and supported by Mr Bright who thought it would be a great boon to that portion of the village.

Failing this, on the initiative of Mr West, it was decided to ask the Postmaster to be good enough to instal a larger letter box.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 10th March 1936

12th March 1935

Parish Council

A meeting of this Council was held at the close of the parish meeting on Tuesday 12 March, the Chairman Mr H Jefferies presiding over the full Council with the exception of Mr H S Barnes who was unable to be present.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and signed.

Arising out of same

Footpath – Clevedon Road

The Clerk read letter from the Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transport of the 5th January 1935 in reply to this Council's letter of the 24th September 1934. In it he stated "The Minister notes that the inadequacy of the existing footway is apparently due to a widening of the carriageway subsequent to the erection of the poles and in the circumstances the removal of the latter to a more suitable position is a matter for arrangement between the highway authorities and the company concerned".

In consequence of this the Clerk reported writing Clerk County Council 24 January 1935 as to the removal of the poles as suggested by the Ministry. The County Surveyor replied 2nd February enclosing copy letter of same date he had sent the Minister of Transport denying that the inadequacy of the existing footway was due to a widening of the carriageway but in the last paragraph of same, admitting that the footway was narrow and agreeing that the poles should be removed in order that the footpath might be quite safe for pedestrian traffic.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Tissington seconded by Mr Childe to write the County Council as well as the North Somerset Electric Supply Co in reply to their letter of the 6 March that this Council were still of the opinion that the narrowing of this footpath had definitely taken place and to ask that the poles be moved to a more suitable position as suggested in the Minister of Transport's letter of the 5th Jan.

Clerkencombe Quarry – Letting

Reply of the 20 December from Mr A C Love was read.

Clerkencombe Quarry - Refused Dump

The County Surveyor acknowledged receipt of Council's letter of the 19th December.

Naming of Streets

With reference to the Council's letter of the 10th October the Clerk R D Council wrote 18 December asking whether the Council desired the houses to be numbered as well as the naming of the streets and it was decided to reply that the wishes of the Council did not extend this far.

Mr Hollis -

A letter from Mr Hollis thanking the members for their sympathy in his wife's illness was read.

Diversion of Footpath

Mr Mitchell moved that the resolution agreeing to stop, divert and turn a certain footpath at the north side of the Recreation Ground passed at the Council meeting on the 11th December 1934 be confirmed. This was seconded by Mr Bright and carried.

Mr Tissington stated that Mr West desired him to say the Research Station were very grateful to the Council for expediting the matter and that he (Mr West) felt the Research Station would be pleased to assist the Council should occasion arise in the future.

Official Guide

Correspondence as to issue of an official guide for Long Ashton by the Clifton Publicity (Bristol) Limited was read.

Also that from Messrs. E J Burrow & Co Ltd, Cheltenham and the Clerk was instructed to give the latter company such information as may be of assistance to them.

Parish Council Election Rules – 1934

There were placed before the Council, the Clerk pointing out that under sub section 1 of Section 51 of the Local Government Act 1933 the County Council may at the request of the Parish Council or meeting, by order direct that the parish councillors for the parish shall cease to be elected at a parish meeting and shall be elected by means of nomination. It was decided to bring this matter to the notice of the next parish meeting.

Clerks Fidelity Bond

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

Balance Sheet

The audited accounts of the 31 March 1934 were duly presented.

Precept

Expenses for the year were estimated as follows: Lighting £300; Fire Brigade £25. General Expenses £55; King's Silver Jubilee £50.

It was decided on the proposition of Mr Childe seconded by Mr Armstrong to serve a precept on the Rating Authority for £240 for the first half year.

King's Silver Jubilee

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Hicks seconded by Mr Bright that the Clerk be empowered to pay the Secretary of the King's Silver Jubilee Committee such sums as he may require and to obtain signature of two members to cheques in settlement of accounts.

Allotment Committee's Report

With reference to the first paragraph Mr Fry moved that no further action be taken, seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

The remaining portions of the Report were adopted on the motion of Mr Childe seconded by Mr Mitchell.

Lighting Committee

Mr Fry moved Mr Ball seconded that Mr Armstrong be added to this Committee.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr Fry seconded by Mr Gait, that the Committee be empowered to spend up to £5 for any necessary alteration to lamps or brackets.

A letter was read asking that the 5 lamps at present maintained by Mr W Melville Wills be taken over by the Council.

Mr Mitchell moved that these lamps be taken over on the same conditions applying to the other lamps in Leigh Woods and that any expense incurred in the change over should not fall on the Council, seconded by Mr Gait and carried.

Footpath from Main Road to Rayens Cross Road.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr Tissington that Messrs Bright, Mitchell and Tissington be a Sub Committee to go into the question of the repair of this footpath and report at the next meeting.

Accounts

Cheques were drawn in respect of the following accounts.

General

North Somerset Electric Supply Co Ltd

Long Ashton

82 @ 50/- 51.5.-

5 @ 57/- 3.11.3

1 @ 59/- 14.9

Leigh Woods

13 @ 50/- 8.2.6

6 @ 59/- 4.8.6 £68.2.-

Clerk's Salary	11.5.-
Audit Stamp	3.-.-
Postages	18.-

Next Meeting – The next meeting was fixed for the 16 June.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed April 16th 1935

16th April 1935

Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 16 April the following members being present Messrs. Armstrong, Ball, Barnes, Fry, Gait, Jefferies, Mitchell and Tissington.

Chairman

Mr Mitchell moved that Mr Jefferies be re-elected Chairman, seconded by Mr Barnes and carried.

Vice Chairman

On the motion of Mr Ball, seconded by Mr Gait, Mr Fry was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and signed.

Arising out of same

Footpath Clevedon Road

The Clerk County Council wrote by letter 23 March 1935 he had been informed the Ministry of Transport was in communication with the North Somerset Electric Supply Co in this matter.

Lighting – Leigh Woods

Letter of the 2 April 1935 from Capt E L Young, private secretary to Mr W Melville Wills stating Mr Wills agreed to the lamps previously maintained by him should be taken over by the Council and would pay expenses incurred in connection with the change over, was read.

Parish Meeting – Correspondence

Sub Post Office – Birdwell

The Postmaster, Bristol wrote by letter of the 28 March he recognised building had developed in a direction away from the Post Office, but the Council would appreciate, Post Office business in Long Ashton was insufficient to warrant two Post Offices.

The question of removing the existing office to a more central position would be taken up when a favourable opportunity occurs, but the moment is not opportune.

Birdwell Wall Letter Box

By letter of the 15 April the Postmaster wrote he had had this letter box under observation but so far nothing had been noticed which would suggest that the box was not fully adequate for the postings therein. It was decided to send Mr West a copy of this letter.

Recreation Ground

Mr Fry informed the Council he had interviewed Mr Worrall concerning suggestion made at the Parish Meeting and would report further at another meeting.

King's Silver Jubilee

Mr Tissington moved and Mr Ball seconded that a cheque for £30 be drawn to the credit of the secretary of the Jubilee Committee on account of expenses in connection with same.

Account

The following account was presented and passed for payment Clevedon U D Council – Fire Brigade £12.10.

Standing Orders

Mr Tissington proposed that a model set of standing orders be obtained.

Providence View

The question of erecting a lamp for the benefit of these houses was referred to the Lighting Committee on the motion of Mr Fry seconded by Mr Gait.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 18th June 1935

18 June 1935

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 18 June 1935 Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Barnes, Gait, Hicks, Mitchell and Tissington.

Apologies

Messrs Armstrong and Fry wrote regretting inability to attend.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the same

Birdwell Wall Letter Box

A letter from the Postmaster Surveyor of Bristol was read in which he stated arrangements had been made to replace the existing box by a box of greater capacity.

Recreation Ground

In reply to a communication from the Clerk, Mr Worrall, Agent Ashton Court Estate, said it was impossible at this date to give any definite reply but the Council could rest assured that the matter would not be lost at a later date Mrs Smyths' decision would be placed before them, when he had had time to review the whole position.

King's Silver Jubilee

Clerk reported that since the last meeting a further cheque of £4.8.10 had been drawn.

Mr Jefferies moved that the best thanks of this meeting be given those who devoted their time to entertain the children and to give them an enjoyable time, their service being greatly appreciated.

Seconded by Mr Mitchell and carried.

Standing Orders

It was decided to pass copy to members.

Lighting Committee Report

Mr Hicks moved seconded by Mr Barnes that two additional lamps be erected in Bower Ashton as recommended by the Committee.

Providence View

Mr Tissington reported visiting with Mr Childe and suggested that a lamp be placed at the corner where the roadway commences to widen. Council agreed to this.

Special Expenses Account

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending March 1934 in connection with sewerage, water scavenging was placed before the meeting.

Balance Sheet

The audited accounts to the 31 March 1935 were duly presented.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and passed, cheques being drawn, as well as for those mentioned in Lighting Committee's Report.

General

Hadden Best Co	10d
Cheque Book	4.-
Clerk's Salary	11.5.-

Allotments

N W Gait – Repairs	1.-.-
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It was decided to draw the attention of the County Surveyor to the encroachment on the grass verge at Ridgeway.

Next Meeting – The next meeting was fixed for 10 September.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 10th September 1935

10th September 1935

Parish Council

Mr H Jefferies presided at the quarterly meeting of the Council held at the Church House, Long Ashton on the 10th September over the following members Messrs Ball, Barnes, Bright, Fry, Gait, Hicks, Mitchell and Tissington.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of same

King's Silver Jubilee

Clerk produced accounts he had received from Secretary Jubilee Committee which were as follows:

Sports account for McAllen	10.-.-
Hire of Hall	2.-.-
Hire of Crockery from Church House	15.-
Caretaker Unionist Hall	1. 5.-
A J Newman – Hauling	12.-
E V James – Milk	4.-
W Marshall	6.4
Panes Bros – Decorations	5.6
Panes Bros – Groceries	1.0.7 ½
C A Wright	7.2
O Hemmings	3.10
A E James – Bread and Cakes	1.7.10 ½
E Luton	18.-
Jefferies & Co Printing	2.8.6
Orme, Evans & Co Mugs	12.10.-
H Evans Expenses	5.-
Total	£34.8.10

Mr Fry moved, Mr Tissington seconded that same be accepted – Carried.

Standing Orders

It was decided that Messrs Hicks and Tissington be a Sub-Committee to consider same and report at next meeting.

Lamps at Bower Ashton and Providence View

Clerk reported that these lamps would be placed in commission as soon as possible.

Ridgeway – Encroachment

An acknowledgement had been received to the Council's letter on this matter, but it was decided to ask for a reply.

Allotment Committee – Accounts

Cheques were drawn for the following accounts:

Ashton Court Estate	45.7.-
Patterson	9.6
Gait – Cleaning Allotments	10.-
Postages	9.8

Lease

The Chairman and two members of the Council were empowered to signed the Memorandum of Endorsement to this Lease concerning reduction of rent owing to land taken for road widening in Wild Country Lane.

Lighting Committee – Accounts

The following accounts were accepted and cheques drawn North Somerset Electric Supply Co Ltd

Omitted from June quarter

5 lamps at Leigh Woods	£3.2.6
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Sept Quarter – Long Ashton

82 @ 50/-	51.5.-	
5 @ 57/-	3.11.3	
1 @ 59/-	14.9	
Leigh Woods		
18 @ 50/-	11.5.-	
6 @ 59/-	4.8.6	£74.7.-

Footpaths from Main Road to Rayens Cross Road

Mr H S Barnes moved that in view of the proposed extension of Rayens Cross Road the matter of repair of this footpath be deferred, seconded by Mr Gait and carried.

Precept

It was decided to issue a Precept on the Rating Authority for £190 for the half year ending March next.

Accounts

On the proposition of Mr Tissington seconded by Mr Barnes the following accounts were passed.

Clevedon Printing Co	1.2.8
Postages	12.-

Clevedon Fire Brigade
Clerk's Salary

12.10.-
11.5.-

Surface Water

It was decided on the motion of the County Council be drawn to the surface water running from Ridgway through Rayens Cross Road causing deep channels at the entrance of the land leading past Rockdale to the Main Road and that in the opinion of this Council the present drain was insufficient to carry this water away. Seconded by Mr H S Barnes.

Wild Country Lane

Mr Gait drew attention to the condition of Wild Country Lane and it was decided to write the County Council on the matter.

Yanleigh Lane

A letter was directed to be written Mr Albert Marshall as to hedge and bushes over hanging the footpath running from the shooting butts to the new footpath.

Rural District Council

The Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the Rural District Council what arrangement there was as to tipping household refuse as well as with the Bristol Corporation as to connecting the Mental Hospital to the main sewer.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 10 December 1935

10 December 1935

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 10 December Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Armstrong, Ball, Barnes, Childe, Fry, Gait and Hicks.

Messrs Mitchell and Tissington sent apologies for their non attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting was read and signed.

Matters arising therefrom

Standing Orders

Mr Hicks stated Mr Tissington and himself had considered the model standing orders and they had decided to recommend no further action be taken but suggested notice of Council meetings should be exhibited at the Post Office.

This was confirmed by the Council.

Ridgeway – Encroachment

Letters of the 20 Sept and 5 October from the County Council were received it being stated in the matter one that the County Surveyor was making enquiries and would be reporting thereon to the next meeting of the County Works Committee.

The Clerk was directed to further communicate with the County Council.

Surface Water

The County Surveyor wrote 23 October to the effect that he was satisfied the drainage arrangements at Rayens Cross Road were quite sufficient for all ordinary purposes.

Mr Barnes moved that the County Surveyor be again written and asking whether he would consider the placing of a trap at the right hand side of Rayens Cross Road. Seconded by Mr Fry and carried.

Wild Country Lane

The Clerk County Council wrote by letter of the 27 September that this lane was being widened and improved shortly.

It was decided to inform the County Council that in the opinion of this Council, this roadway was in a disgraceful state, it being in some places impossible for pedestrians to negotiate.

Also that where widening operations were in progress, it was in source of danger at night, signal lamps not being exhibited.

Yanleigh Lane

Clerk reported he had written Mr A Marshall as to the condition of the hedge and bushes overhanging the footpath running from the shooting range to the new footpath but had not received a reply.

Rural District Council

The Clerk R D Council wrote 21 September giving information concerning:

- (a) the Licence with the Corporation of Bristol for the tipping of refuse at Ashton Vale;
- (b) the Agreement with the Corporation in regard to the connection of the new hospital at Barrow Gurney.

Mr Ball moved Mr Barnes seconded that the R D Council be written thanking them for the information given.

Return Fare Tickets

On the motion of Mr Barnes, it was decided to ask the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co Ltd if they could see their way to issue return fare tickets on buses operating from the Centre and the Cider Institute up to 8 o'clock a.m., seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment and cheques drawn.

Managers Church House	£2.10. –
Clerk's Salary	11.5.-

Herbert Jefferies – March 10th 1936