

7th March 1939

Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 7th March 1939, Mr H Jefferies presiding over attendance of seven councillors and give electors.

Parochial Charity

Clerk read the balance sheet of the accounts of the Long Ashton Parochial Charity for the year 1938 which showed that the balance in hand at the end of the year was £49.14.5.

Minutes of the previous meeting was read and signed.

Lighting and Watching Act

Mr Morrish moved that the amount to be raised to cover expenses in connection with street lighting for the year ending March 1940 be £265 seconded by Mr Ball and carried.

Rayens Cross Road

Mr Clifford Hodgson drew attention to the state of the footpaths in Rayens Cross Road and it was decided to again bring the matter to the notice of the County Council.

Swings Recreation Ground

Mr Hodgson stated that adults were in the habit of using the swings in the Recreation Ground and the Clerk was instructed to write the four builders erecting houses in the vicinity on the matter.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 12 March 1939

7 March 1939

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held at the close of the parish Meeting Mr H Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Childe, Evans, Milliner, Morrish and Pearce.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Barnes, Fry and Tissington.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the same

Recreation Ground

Clerk reported that since the last meeting he had received the Conveyance signed by the Trustees of the Ashton Court Estate and acting on instructions from the last meeting he had sent cheque for £380 balance of the purchase money.

An account of £11.16.6 including £5 stamp duty on Conveyance was received from Messrs. Osborne Ward Vassall & Co., and this amount was included in the cheque. The action of the Clerk was confirmed.

Clerk reported he had received notice from the Rating Authority that as this land was now dedicated to the use of the public the assessment would be deleted from the Valuation List.

Attention was drawn that vehicles were driven from Fenswood to Rayens Cross Road via Keeds Lane and vice versa, and it was decided to write the Rural District Council as to their taking steps to prevent vehicles entering the Recreation Ground from their property.

Also to ask Mr Worrall that as the Conveyance stated the roadway through the Recreation Grounds was not for vehicular traffic, whether there would be any objection to taking steps to prevent this by erection of posts.

On the motion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr Pearce it was decided to make a charge of £5 to the Long Ashton A F C for the football pitch for the season 1938/39.

It was left to Mr Pearce as to the repainting of the seats and the purchase of traps for the extermination of moles.

The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Worrall that it was thought the fence erected by the builders was not in accordance with the line as marked out by the Estates Surveyors.

Houses for Agricultural Workers

Clerk reported receipt of letter of the 27 January from R D Council asking for (1) names and address of the occupiers of holdings where accommodation needed and (2) names and addresses of the persons requiring such accommodation and that he had supplied information on the 7th February concerning two occupiers while two others replied since.

House Refuse Collection

Letter written R D Council 19 December on this matter.

A R P

Letter from Area Organiser of the 23 December in reply to Council's letter of the 19 December was read. The Clerk read letter of the Area Organiser of the 11th February enclosing copy of the scheme as arranged at the moment.

Footpath – Ashton Hill

Letter from the Secretary of the Long Ashton Golf Club of the 23 December was read, he stated it was hoped the practice of which complaint had been made would be discontinued.

Merriotts Field

Letter received from the County Council of the 22nd December referring this Council to their reply of the 17 July 1937 in which it was stated the County Council as Highway Authority were not concerned in the repair and maintenance of Church Paths.

It was decided to press, that these footpaths were in the opinion of this council repairable by the inhabitants at large, and to send a copy of the correspondence to the County Councillor.

Wicket Gate – Churchyard

County Council replied 22 December that they could not admit liability for the maintenance or repair of the wicket gate on the footpath entering the church yard. To again write the County Council and to send correspondence to County Councillor.

Archgrove Allotment – Radford

Letter written Mr Radford 19 December.

Quarry – Top of Clerkencombe

The County Surveyor wrote 12 January that it had been arranged to top the trees growing inside the quarry at the Cross Roads, Providence.

Swann Benefaction

Mr Milligan wrote 9 January reporting the usual Christmas distribution of coal to some of the poor of Leigh Woods.

Fire Brigade

Clerk of the Clevedon U D C of the 13 December wrote that insurance companies now refused to undertake payment for the services of the Brigade for fires attended, and asking this Council to meet such expense. It was decided to reply that as the junction of the Parish Council in this matter ceased six months after the passing of the Fire Brigades Act 1938 this Council could not see their way to accede to the request.

The Clerk was instructed to make application to the Clevedon U D C for a refund of a portion of the £12.10.- sent 28 September 38 for the period 20 Jan 1939 to 1st April 1939.

Lighting Committee Report

Accounts

The following accounts were submitted and cheques drawn

General Fund

Clerk's Salary	11.5.-
Audit Stamp	5.-.-
Postages	1.17.6
P W L Board	
Principal £8 Int £7.2.1	15.2.1

Precept

Expenses for the year were estimated as follows; Lighting £265,
General £100.

It was decided to serve a precept on the Rating Authority for £183
for the first half year.

Next meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Council was fixed for Tuesday 18th April
1939.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 18 April 1939

18 April 1939

Parish Council

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 18 April 1939 the following members being present Messrs Ball, Childe, Evans, Fry, Jefferies, Milliner, Mitchell, Morrish and Pearce.

Chairman

Mr Pearce moved that Mr H Jefferies be elected Chairman for the ensuing twelve months, seconded by Mr Childe and carried. A vote of thanks being accorded him for his services during the previous year.

Vice Chairman

Mr Fry was elected Vice Chairman on the motion of Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Ball carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and signed.

Arising Out of Same

Recreation Ground – Keeds Lane

The Clerk R D Council wrote 21 March that the matter of vehicles entering Recreation Ground from the Fenswood Estate was receiving attention of the Council's Housing Committee and Mr Pearce stated the gate were now locked.

Mr Worrall wrote that the placing of posts, as suggested in this Council's letter of the 20 March near the entrance to the Recreation Ground would he was afraid prevent access for the purpose of delivering goods to the estate property and cannot therefore be considered or agreed to.

Long Ashton A F C – Clerk reported writing this club on 20 March last.

Boundary fence. Messrs. Munes Son and Pearce, Ashton Court Estate Surveyors wrote 23 March that as the same pegs used to

define the boundary lines were also used by the builders to erect their fences, they could not see how any misunderstanding could arise.

Merriotts Field

Letter of the County Council of the 22 March was read in which it was stated they had nothing further to add to letter of 17 July 1937 but would be pleased to consider reasons why the Council are unable to accept views expressed therein.

The Clerk was instructed to again point out that Churchways was specifically mentioned as coming within the definition of the word "highway" in section 5 of the Highway Act 1835. Furthermore the R D Council when acting as highway authority had always repaired church paths and that the County Council had recently repaired a bridge carrying a church path over a stream.

Wicket Gate – Church Yard

Clerk County Council pointed out in his letter of the 22nd March 1939 that the wicket gate and fences on either side form the boundaries between the various paths in the locality and are therefore the responsibility of the land owners concerned.

Fire Brigade

Clerk Clevedon U D C wrote that this Council's letter would be considered at the next meeting of their Fire Brigade Committee.

Allotment Committee

Mr Pearce moved, Mr Fry seconded that the following members form the Allotment Committee with thanks for their previous services, Messrs Ball, Barnes, Childe, Mitchell, Morrish and Tissington.

Lighting Committee

On the proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Evans it was decided to appoint Messrs Ball, Childe, Mitchell, Milner, Morrish and Tissington as Lighting Committee.

Recreation Ground Committee

Messrs Childe, Evans, Jefferies, Mitchell, Morrish and Pearce were elected as Recreation Ground Committee.

Swann Benefaction

Mr Childe moved and Mr Mitchell seconded that Mr R E Milner be appointed to represent the residents of St Mary's Leigh Woods as one of the Trustees of this fund.

Correspondence

The letter of the 20 March from the local branch of Women's Institute as to election of Parish Councillors was directed to lie on the table.

Parish Meeting – Recreation Ground Swings

Messrs G A Low & Son wrote by letter of the 21 March they had issued strict instructions to their employees not to use the swings.

Rayens Cross Road – footways

County Surveyor wrote 14 April that the Divisional Surveyor hopes to be able to surface these paths in the very near future.

Notice Board – Merriotts Field

Clerk instructed to ascertain from Mr Philip Legg cost of cleaning, repainting and re-lettering this notice board.

Also to write the Billposters that the Board was a private one and not for the exhibition of trade notices. To write Mr Worrall as to steps proposed to be taken.

Recreation Ground

Clerk instructed to write Supt of Police asking for his assistance in checking damage done to swings. Left to Messrs Ball and Morris to arrange erection of a notice board herein.

Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd

Mr Childe moved Mr Morrish seconded that the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co Ltd be asked if they would be good enough to institute penny fare sections on the route between Ashton Car Terminus and Research Station. Carried.

Smyth Arms

It was decided to point out to the Supt of Police that pedestrians were forced to walk in the roadway owing to the number of cards left outside the Smyth Arms evenings.

Next Meeting 13 June 1939 was date fixed for next meeting.

J E Morrish Signed 13 June 1939

13 June 1939

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 13th June 1939 the following members being present Messrs Ball, Barnes, Evans, Milner, Morrish, Pearce and Tissington.

On the motion of Mr Barnes, seconded by Mr Ball it was decided that Mr Morrish be Chairman for the meeting.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Jefferies, Fry and Mitchell.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising Out of Same

Long Ashton A F C – Clerk reported receipt of £5 from this club for use of playing pitch season 1938-39.

Merriotts Field – Footpath

Clerk reported receipt of letters 21 April and 4 May from Clerk County Council and also 5 June from Divisional Surveyor. It was decided to reply this Council has no record or knowledge that the Ashton Court Estate laid road material on this path about 30 years ago. Further it is in the recollection of some of the members the path being repaired by employees of the Rural District Council and to impress on the County Council this footpath is a continuation of one from Yanleigh Lane and was repeatedly used by the inhabitants of that part of the parish before Glebe Road was made.

Clevedon Fire Brigade – Refund

No reply received from Clevedon U D C to Council's application of the 20 March.

Notice Board – Merriotts

Mr Philip Legge had estimated to clean, repaint, and re-letter notice board in this field for the sum of 10/-.

Bristol Tramway & Carriage Co Ltd

This Co by letter of the 21 April replied they would give the matter of the suggestion to institute 1d fare sections careful consideration – To write Co again.

Swann Benefaction

Clerk reported writing to solicitors and Mr W S Gum as appointment of a Trustee of this fund.

Fire Brigade Services

Clerk R D Council wrote 4 May they had made arrangements with the Clevedon Fire Brigade for them to attend fires in the parish of Long Ashton.

ARP Street Lighting

Letters of the 15 May from the Home Office and 5 June from the Assistant Chief Constable as to the extinguishing of street lighting during time of war was placed before the Council.

Local Government Superannuation Act 1937

Paragraph 2 of the Circular letter of the 4 May from the County Treasurer dealing with payments to the Superannuation Fund under the Local Government Superannuation (Administration) Regulations 1939 was brought to the notice of the Council.

Draft Balance Sheet

Clerk produced draft balance sheet of the accounts for the year 1938-39 discussion ensuing as to whether a portion of the Clerk's salary should be allotted as against the Allotment Fund as suggested by the Auditor at the last audit. Mr Ball proposed and Mr Barnes seconded that £11.5.- one quarter's salary be included in the Allotment Fund for 1938-39 only. Carried.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn.

Lighting Fund

North Somerset Electric Supply Co	
Long Ashton 97 @ 40/9	51.8.11
Leigh Woods 24 @ 40/9	12.4.6
Ditto 1 from 13 April	8.10
Total	£64.2.3

Allotment Fund

Wayleaves 1938	9.7
Recreation Ground	
R S Patterson & Son mole traps	2.4
G A Low & Son Painting Seats	1.10.-
General Fund	
Hadden Best & Co forms	1.0.6
GE Hancock notices	7.6
Clerk's salary less super fund	10.11.6
Superannuation Fund	1.7.-
Overgrown Hedges	

On the motion of Mr Barnes seconded by Mr Pearce the County Council be asked to cut the grass and nettles by the side of the road in Providence, Yanleigh Lane and Glebe Road.

Also to the Ashton Court Estate as to hedge of the garden formerly occupied by Mr French.

Also to Mr W S Davis and the Long Ashton Golf Club as to the overgrown hedge on either side of the approach to Ashton Hill from Folleigh Lane.

Recreation Ground

It was decided to ask Mr James to kindly cut grass in the Recreation Ground giving him permission under the circumstances to come from his adjoining ground to do so and to ask when same has been concluded, him to see his gate is in position and securely fastened.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Morrish if application was made for the use of the Recreation Ground by the joint committee of the flower show and British Legion for 22 July same be granted free of charge.

House Refuse

It was decided on the suggestion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr Barnes to draw the attention of the R D Council to the unsatisfactory manner of the collection of house refuse by the present contractor.

Date of next meeting 5 September 1939

Herbert Jefferies – signed 19 September 1939

12 September 1939

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 12th instant. Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Barnes, Childe, Evans, Milner, Morrish and Pearce.

Apologies of inability to attend were received from Messrs Ball and Tissington.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising Out of same

Merriotts Field – footpath

Mr J Lovell, Divisional Surveyor acknowledged receipt of this Council's communication of the 19th June.

Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co Ltd

The Company wrote by letter 21 June they were unable to accede to the request for intermediate 1d fare sections but they were prepared to introduce 1 ½ fare stages.

Overgrown Hedge – Mr Pearce stated this matter as regards Yanleigh Lane and Glebe Road had been attended.

Mr Worrall wrote 21 June that he was taking the matter up with Mr J R Greenland as to the hedge of the garden formerly occupied by Mr French.

No acknowledgement received from Mr W S Davis but the Secretary Long Ashton Golf Club wrote that instructions were given for the hedges to be cut.

House Refuse

Clerk R D Council wrote 21 June he had been directed to communicate with the contractor with the request that the collection be improved.

Quarry Rownham Hill

Clerk reported receipt of letter from Messrs W Cowling & Son Ltd on behalf of Mr Bray as to the purchase of a quarry in Rownham Hill, Leigh Woods also as to an interview with Bray on the 12 August. As this quarry was referred to in Long Ashton Inclosure Commissioners Award 1820 it was decided to write the Ministry of Health on the matter Clerk also reported writing the Heath Products Co, Nailsea asking why glass had been deposited by their employees in this quarry and had received a reply to the effect that it was thought to be Corporation property but a similar occurrence would not happen again.

Local Government Superannuation Act 1937

Circular letter of the 4 July was received from County Treasurer that the County Council had decided to propose to employing authorities that a charge of 4/- per annum (plus valuation costs) for each contributory employee be made in respect of administration expenses.

Mr Pearce moved the County Council be informed this Council considers the charge of 4 /- to be an excessive one, seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Audit

The Clerk reported as to audit of the Council's accounts for the year 1938-39 and produced balance sheet.

There was a balance of 1/9 remaining in the hand of the Parish Council as custodians of a sum of money received from a private coronation fund, no objection was raised to this amount being transferred to the Council's current account.

The report of the Recreation Ground Committee was adopted.

Allotment Committee's Report

This was adopted on the motion of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Milner, the Clerk stating the amount outstanding was £1.19.2.

Precept

It was agreed to serve precept on the Rating Authority for £50 General Expenses and £132 lighting for half year ending March 1940.

Accounts – Recreation Grounds

Public Works Loan Board (Prin £8 Int 6.19.2)	14.19.2	
G E Hancock Minute Book	6.6	
Allotment Fund		
G E Hancock – Allot Book	2.2.9	
General Fund		
P L Legge – Painting Notice Board		10.-
Clerk's Salary Less Super 13/6	10.11.6	
Co Super Fund Clerk 13/6 Council 13/6	1.7.-	
Balance Audit Stamp 38/39	3.-.-	

Lighting

With reference to the account of the North Somerset Electric Supply Co for

North Somerset Electric Supply Co	
Long Ashton 101 @ 40/9	51.8.11
Leigh Woods 25 @ 40/9	12.14.8

Total £64.3.7

Mr Pearce moved that owing to the lighting restrictions there was no public lighting for September a cheque be drawn in payment for the months of July and August only. Seconded by Mr Barnes and carried.

Footpaths

The Clerk was directed to draw the attention of the Research Station to the condition of the following footpaths from Keeds Lane to the Bushey Ground; top of the Recreation Ground and from Bow Lane to the level crossing.

Date of Next Meeting

It was left to the Chairman and Clerk as to arranging date of next meeting.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 12 December 1939

12 December 1939

Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday evening 12 December 1939, when Mr H Jefferies presided over the following members Messrs Ball, Milner and Pearce.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of same

Quarry – Rownham Hill

Letter from Ministry of Health 31 October was read asking that a Declaration of Possessory Title be made and forwarded when the Minister of Health would then consider whether he could assist the Parish Council.

Clerk instructed to complete this document, forward same and to inform the Ashton Court Estate what steps were being taken.

Local Government Superannuation Act 1937

Clerk reported receipt of letter from County Treasurer of the 16 September pointing out this Council was the only one that had made any criticism as to the proposed charge and asking the Council to reconsider this matter, and agree to the rate of charge proposed.

He had conferred with the Chairman who suggested that having made a protest to agree to pay.

Council confirmed action taken.

Footpaths – Research Station

It was decided to reply to Mr Leggett's letter of the 21 September that the Council only desired the footpaths mentioned to be

cleared as same had become overgrown, to enable pedestrians to use them.

County Archives

Letter October 1939 from the Clerk County Council was brought to the notice of this Council.

Horses on Ashton Hill

Letters of the 9th and 12th of December 1939 of Mr C A H Fry complaining of horses being taken along the footpath on the south side of the Ashton Hill were read and it was decided on the proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Ball to write the Long Ashton Golf Club as to this, pointing out that the footway has been badly cut in several places and that it is not a bridle path. To send copy of such letter to Mr Bollom.

Accounts

The Account of the North Somerset Electric Supply Co for street lighting for the December Quarter was as follows:

North Somerset Electric Supply Co	
Long Ashton 101 @ 40/9	51.8.11
Leigh Woods 25 @ 40/9	12.14.8
Total	£64.3.7
By credit for blackout £6.12.3	<u>£42.8.5</u>
	£21.15.2

It was accompanied by letter of 6 December of which the following is an extract:

“Such payments can be roughly divided into two, as follows:

- (1) Standing charges which continue whether the supply is being taken or not.
- (2) Running charges which continue only while the supply is being used.

Instead of charging the full amount due under the agreement the Directors feel it would be equitable to credit your Council with part of the running charges from 1st September to 31st December this year and thereafter with all the running charges so long as the present restrictions remain in force.

Mr Ball moved that enquiries be made of adjoining authorities as to steps they were taking in the matter and to point out to the Company that on the opinion of this Council the proposed charge was excessive. Seconded by Mr Pearce and carried.

The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques drawn.

Allotment Fund	
H B Willis - Repairs to gate Archgrove Recreation Ground	7.6
Ashton Court Estate - T R Annuity	4.3
General Fund	
W H Lewis - Cleaning Notice Board	5.-
G L Hancock – Notepaper	8.6
Hadden, Best & Co – Minute Book	19.8
Manager’s Church House	2.10.-
Clerk’s Salary less superannuation 13/6	10.11.6
Clerk’s Fidelity Bond	9.-
Superannuation Fund – Clerk 13/6 Council 13/6	
1.7.-	

Election of Parish Councillors

Clerk report that in consequence of the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Act 1939, the triennial election of parish councillors would not take place in March 1940.

Long Ashton A F C

As this club had not functioned this season and had decided to disband for the duration of the war, it was agreed the minute concerning them in the Report of the Recreation Ground Committee at last meeting be rescinded.

Evacuees

Clerk was instructed to inform Mr A Hicks, School Managers Correspondent this Council thought the Evacuees Authority should make a grant for the evacuees being allowed to play in the Recreation Ground, similar to what the County Education Authority allow for the local children.

Herbert Jefferies – Signed 12 March 1939