

**12<sup>th</sup> March 1940**  
**Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1940, Mr Jefferies presiding over a good attendance of electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Long Ashton parochial Charity

The Clerk read Statement of Accounts for the year 1939 which showed there was a balance in hand of £46.6.4.

Lighting and Watching Act

Mr Morrish moved that the amount to be raised to cover expenses in connection with the street lighting for the year ending March 1941 be the sum of £100, seconded by Mr Mitchell and carried.

Footpaths

Mr J W Turner moved that the Parish Council communicate with the Rural District Council as to the dangerous condition of the pathway from the main road opposite Bow Lane to Rayens Cross Road, and the one by the side of the Almshouses, seconded by Mr Hill and carried.

Church Path - Merriott's

The Rev H. Knapman moved the County Council be informed of the condition of the church path through Merriott's Field, seconded by Mr Barnes and carried.

Lighting

Mr J W Turner moved that the parish council take such steps as they may think proper with a view to the charges made by the North Somerset Electric Supply Co being reduced. Seconded by Mr Pearce and carried.

Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd

Mr Mitchell proposed that the parish council be asked to deal with the question of obtaining an improved Bus Service, seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Weston Road

Mr W Barnes drew attention to the bad state of the road at the bottom of Providence and it was decided to write to the County Council on the matter.

**12<sup>th</sup> March 1940**  
**Parish Council**

A meeting of the Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1940 after the close of the Parish Meeting, Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Childe, Fry, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish and Pearce.

An apology for inability to attend owing to illness was received from Mr Evans and it was decided to write regretting the causes of the absence and express the hope that he may have a speedy recovery.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising therefrom

Quarry – Rownham Hill

Clerk reported that having received a complaint from Mr Bray that the purchases of Plot 5 was using an entrance from the quarry to his property, he had asked Mr Milner to visit same, he had been in communication with the vendors solicitors and had written to Mr Jackson the purchaser of No 5.

Having received a further complaint from Mr Hart, Messrs Ball, Childe and Morrish visited the spot with Mr Milner on the 29<sup>th</sup> Feb.

After letter from Mr Tuckers was read, Mr Pearce moved, seconded by Mr Morrish that Mr Tuckers be informed two trees had been felled that he encroached beyond the limits of his property and ask him to reinstate the fence which had been taken down. Carried.

The Ministry of Health wrote by letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> February asking to be informed of any acts of ownership by or on behalf of the Parish Council in reliance on which the Council claim a possessory interest in the land and of similar acts of ownership by parish authorities before Parish Council was established.

It was decided to reply that the late Highways Board, followed by the Rural District Council used for the repair of the roads up to the time the maintenance of the road was taken over by the County Council.

On the proposition of Mr Milner seconded by Mr Morrish it was agreed to place a Barrier at the entrance to the quarry.

Footpaths – Research Station

Clerk reported writing Secretary Research Station.

Footpaths – Horses Ashton Hill

Letter written Long Ashton Golf Club and Mr Bollom.

Recreation Ground – Evacuees

Letter of 26<sup>th</sup> February received from Mr A Hicks to the effect that the County Education Committee had resolved to make a grant of £1 for year for the use of the Recreation Ground.

Comforts for the Forces

It was decided to inform the Secretary of the Somerset Comforts Fund that a Whist Drive in aid of this fund had recently been organised and that the welfare of men of this parish was being looked after by a local Committee.

### Parish Council Elections

Letter of the February 7<sup>th</sup> from R. D. Council was received.

### Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd

Clerk reported writing this company as the addition of a later bus in the evening and received a reply that the restricted services were due to the result of fuel rationing. It was decided to draw the attention of the Company to the lack of buses especially in the early morning and the late afternoon and to ask if they could see their way to put an extra one on at 6.45am at the Research Station and to run more from the Centre to the Research Station between 4 o'clock and 6 o'clock in the evening. Mr Mitchell suggested that the local MP take the matter up with the Ministry of Transport. Agreed.

### Fire Brigade Act 1938

Letter from R. D. Council of the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. received.

### Report of the Allotment Committee

This was duly passes on the motion of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Fry.

### Report of the Lighting Committee

This was considered at some length and adopted on the motion of Mr Barnes seconded by Mr Childe.

### Resignation of Mr Sissington

This was accepted and seat declared vacant.

### Accounts

The following accounts were passed and cheques drawn.

#### Recreation Ground:

P. W. L. Bd. Prin: £8. Int: £6. 14. 4.                      14. 16. 4.

#### General:

Clerk salary less Superannuation 13/6                      10. 11. 6.

Somerset Co. Superannuation Fd.                              1. 7. -

Audit Stamp    5.

Postages    1. 12. 6.

G. E. Hancock - Posters    8. 6.

### Precept

Expenses for the year were estimated as follows – Lighting £100, General £100. It was decided to serve a precept on the Rating Authority for £100 for the first half year.

### Providence - stiles

On the proposition of Mr Barnes, seconded by Mr Childe that the Ashton Court Estate be written ask the condition of the two stiles by the cottage occupied by Mr Jones and to the Research Station as to one near the flushing tank.

Next meeting: this was fixed for 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 1940**  
**Parish Council**

A parish meeting of high due notice had been given, was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1940.

Mr Jefferies presided over an attendance of 5 Councillors and three other residents.

On the proposition of Mr A. G. Morrish seconded by Mr O. J. Ball. It was resolved “That this meeting do consent to the sale of the following property viz “all that piece or parcel of land consisting two roads more or less and known as Rownham Hill Quarry, Leigh Woods, under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1933, and of any other statues in that behalf, subject to such Order as the Minister of Health to all issue to such sale and the application of the produced thereof.”

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 1940**  
**Parish Council**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1940, the following members being present Messrs Ball, Barnes, Jeffries, Milner, Morrish and Pearce.

Chairman

Mr Pearce moved that Mr H Jeffries be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Mr Morrish and carried.

Vice Chairman

Mr A G Morrish was elected Vice-Chairman on the proposition of Mr Barnes seconded by Mr Milner.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr Evans.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising therefrom

Quarry – Rownham Hill

Clerk reported writing Mr Tucker but has not received a reply. Ministry of Health wrote by letter 1 April that he expressed no opinion on the question of title but if the Parish Council decided to proceed with the sale he would for what it was worth be prepared to consent to the sale subject to the completion of the necessary formalities and the price being satisfactory. He proposed to obtain a valuation of the property and asked for a plan to be forwarded. Mr Milner very kindly offered to prepare tracing.

It was agreed to pay 30/- of material and erecting a barrier.

Comforts for Force

Letter written as directed.

Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd

The Traffic Manager wrote 20<sup>th</sup> March that Co's services had been restricted as a result of fuel rationing but they hoped some relaxation might be made during the coming summer.

Mr Orr Ewing wrote 10<sup>th</sup> April that he adhered the position as regards bus services had improved. It was decided to reply that no improvement had taken place.

Providence - Stiles

Clerk reported receipt of reply from Research Station that Council's suggestions would receive consideration. Mr Barnes intimated that all 3 stiles had been repaired.

Vacancy

Mr Pearce moved that Mr G. Yeo be elected to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Mr Sissington seconded by Mr Morrish and carried.

Mr Yeo signed acceptance of office and took his seat.

#### Resignation of Mr Fry

Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> April from Mr Fry resigning his seat on the Council was read, it was decided to accept same with regret. Seat was declared vacant and notice having been given to fill vacancy Mr Pearce proposed election of Rev. H. Knapman seconded by Mr Milner and carried.

#### School Managers

Mr N Pearce was re-elected to represent this Council on the Managing Body of the Long Ashton Parochial Schools.

#### Allotment Committee

Messrs Ball, Barnes, Childe, Mitchell, Morrish and Yeo.

#### Lighting Committee

Messrs Ball, Childe, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish and Yeo.

#### Recreation Ground Committee

Messrs Childe, Evans, Jeffries, Morrish, Pearce and Mitchell.

#### Swann Benefaction

Mr R Milner was elected trustee of this Fund.

#### Parish Meeting Correspondence

##### Footpaths

Reply of the RD Council of the 27<sup>th</sup> March that the Council of the 27<sup>th</sup> March that the condition of the pathways in question was a matter for the Parish Council was read.

##### Merriott's Field

Letter from the County Council of the 13<sup>th</sup> April asking whether the complaint was as to the muddy and dirty condition brought about principally through wet weather and cattle congregating near an adjoining farm. Left to Messrs Jefferies, Pearce and Yeo to inspect and report.

#### Road at bottom of Providence

Letter to County Council acknowledged.

#### Notice Board - Providence

Mr Barnes drew attention that board has been formed from wall and Mr Ball moved that Mr Yates be asked to refix same. Carried.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr Barnes drew attention that entrance to the Recreation Ground was being affected from the field occupied by Mr James. Clerk instructed to look into the question of the fence between the two properties.

#### Notice Board

Clerk to write to Mr Lowe as to erection of this.

#### Merriots Field – Notice Board

Clerk reported writing Messrs Lalonder Bros and Messrs W Nurse as to posting notices on board and the formers had replied regretting this.

Next meeting: this was fixed for 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**18<sup>th</sup> June 1940**  
**Parish Council**

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1940, Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Barnes, Milner and Morrish.

An apology for inability to attend were received from Messrs Childe, Evans, Knapman, Pearce and Yeo.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising therefrom

Quarry – Rownham Hill

Clerk reported this matter was still proceeding and that he was in communication with the District Valuer.

Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd

It was stated that the bus service had somewhat improved.

Notice Board - providence

This board had been replaced.

Recreation Ground – Notice Board

Letter was read from Messers Low and Son they would proceed to erect the sign at once.

Fence

Clerk reported the fence between the Recreation Ground and that occupied by Mr James was the property of the Council.

Grass

It was agreed to offer the grass to Mr H Barnes failing him Mr Yeo.

Notice of Audit

Clerk reported audit of accounts would commence 8<sup>th</sup> July and produced draft balance sheets which showed a balance in hand of £3. 17. 8. on the General Fund, £112. 10. 10 on the Allotment Fund, £97. 8. 11 Lighting, £18. 11. 11. Recreation Ground. Arising out of this, Mr Ball moved a quarter of the Clerk's salary be borne by the Allotment Fund for the year 1940-41 seconded by Mr Barnes and carried.

Numbering of houses

Mr Milner brought forward the matter of numbering the houses in Ridgeway, Chestnut Road and Rayens Cross Road and the Clerk was instructed to write the Rural District Council and ask if they would be good enough to give this suggestion some consideration.

Footpath

Mr Morrish reported a tree has been felled and left in the footpath leading from Yanleigh Lane to the Naval Hospital.

Clerk to enquire of Mr Pearce on whose land this was and to deal with them after.

To write tot the University Research Station that the footpath running from Bow Lane parallel with the railway was overgrown.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed and cheques drawn.

Allotment Fund

Wayleaves 1939 11. 1.  
Godwin Ltd – Bolts 3. 0. 1.

General:

Clerk salary less Superannuation 13/6 10. 11. 6.  
Somerset Co. Superannuation Fd. 1. 7. -  
H Baker – Material fixing 1. 10. -  
Hadden Best and Co 8. 6.  
Cole and Yates 3. 6.  
Postages 1. 12. 6.  
G. E. Hancock - Posters 10. -.

Lighting

North Somerset Electric Supply Co.

Long Ashton 101 Lamps @ 40/9 57. 8. 11.  
Leigh Woods 25 Lamps 12. 14. 8.  
64. 3. 7.  
By credit – blackout 38. 3. 10.  
£25. 19. 9.

Next meeting: this was fixed for 10<sup>th</sup> September.

The Clerk pointed out it was through the good offices of Mr Morrish the Council were able to obtain the barbwire to repair fence at the grass allotments and were indebted to Mr Milner for preparation of plans in connection with Rownham Hill Quarry. Thanks to the Council were accorded both gentlemen.

**10<sup>th</sup> September 1940**  
**Parish Council**

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1940, Mr Jefferies presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Childe, Evans, Knapman, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish and Yeo.

Acceptance of Office was signed by the Rev. H. Knapman, who on behalf of the Council was welcomed by the Chairman, while pleasure was expressed at the return of Mr Evans after his recent illness.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising therefrom

Quarry – Rownham Hill

The Clerk reported that Mr W H Bray of Freehaven, Leigh Woods, had by his letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> June made an offer of £90 (Ninety pounds) for his Quarry and consequent upon this offer had received a Report from the District Valuer dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Copy of this Report was sent to Ministry of Health, and Consent to the date of plot of land known as Rownham Quarry had since been received. By accompanying letter, the Minister requested he might be informed of the wishes of the Council in regard to the application of the proceeds of the sale.

Mr Morrish moved that Mr Bray's offer of £90 contained in his letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> June last be accepted, seconded by Mr Ball and carried.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr Mitchell seconded by Mr Childe, that Messrs O'Donaghue and Forbes, Solicitors of 16 Orchard Street, Bristol should act for the Council in this matter.

Numbering of Houses

The Clerk, Rural District Council wrote by letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> August that in view of the present situation the Council had deferred the question of numbering of houses in Ridgeway, Chestnut Road and Rayens Cross Road.

Footpath Tree

It was decided to write to Mr Pearce again to be favoured with information as on whose land the tree is alleged to have been grown and on the footpath leading from Yanleigh Lane to the Naval Hospital.

Mr Leggett wrote 21<sup>st</sup> June that the Council's letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> June would receive attention. To write to Mr Leggett again.

Auditor's Report

The Clerk referred to various points raised by the auditor at recent Audit particularly as to his holding the appointment of Treasurer and in consequence he has written to the National Provincial Bank Ltd on the matter who by their letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> July intimated would be pleased to act as Treasurer of the Council.

Treasurer

Mr Milner moved that the National Provincial Bank Ltd. Be hereby appointed Treasurer to the Council, and that cheques shall hitherto be signed by two members of the Council, seconded by Mr Evans and carried.

#### Allotment Committee's Report

This was adopted on the proposition of Mr Morrish seconded by Mr Milner.

#### Report of Allotment Committee

Meeting of Committee held at the Church House, Long Ashton, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1940.

Allotment Arrears – Clerk reported as to result of the Audit, particularly as to Auditor's remarks concerning arrears due £10. 6s. by R. S. Barnes. It was decided to write the tenant in question that unless amount paid by 21<sup>st</sup> September notice to relinquish holding be given, and in event of application for such by a prospective tenant, the Council take possession immediately.

Amounts irrecoverable – The Committee decided to recommend the Council to treat the following sums due by Hodges 3/4d and Smith 8/4d as irrecoverable for reasons of death and removal from the district respectively.

Account – Ashton Court Estate – Rent of Allotments £39. 2. 9.

#### Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co Ltd

The Traffic Manager wrote 26<sup>th</sup> June referring to the Council's letter of 19<sup>th</sup> March as to the institution of bus leaving Cider Institute at 6.45am and giving information of the total receipts earned by this bus on this journey for the week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> June. After the Clerk had read further correspondence on this matter, it was decided to write thanking the Company for acceding to the Council's request in adding this bus to their time table.

#### Precept

It was agreed to serve Precept on the Rating Authority for £50. General Expenses and £50. Lighting for half year ending March 1941.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were passed and cheques drawn.

##### Recreation Ground:

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##### General:

Clerk salary less Superannuation 13/6                      10. 11. 6.

Somerset Co. Superannuation Fd.                              1. 7. -

Somerset Co. Expenses    4. -

##### Lighting

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Leigh Woods 25 Lamps    12. 14. 8.

64. 3. 7.

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£25. 19. 9.

#### Hedges

It was decided to write and ask Mr Hobbs of The Glebe to kindly cut the trees overhanging the footpath, and also Mr Cecil James as to hedge bordering his land in Glebe Road.

#### Recreation Ground

Mr Childe drew attention to the condition of the wire fence in the Recreation Ground and it was decided to have same repaired.

#### House refuse

The Clerk was directed to write Clerk R. D. Council asking for reply to letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> August as to this matter.

#### County Council

The attention of the County Council to be drawn to the great difficulty that would be experienced in case of invasion, in removing road barricades in consequence of same having been fixed in various parts of the district in tax.

#### Air Raid Shelters

On the initiative of the Rev. H. Knapman seconded by Mr Morrish it was decided to write R. D. Council asking for information as to the selection of Air Raid Shelters in the parish.

Next meeting: this was fixed for 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6 o'clock.

**14<sup>th</sup> December 1940**  
**Parish Council**

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1940, Mr A. G. Morrish, Vice-Chairman, presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Childe, Evans, Knapman, Mitchell, Pearce and Yeo.

Messrs Jeffries and Milner sent apologies for inability to attend.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising therefrom

Quarry Rownham Hill

Clerk reported he had written Mr Bray accepting his offer of £90 and had handed all papers in connection with the matter to the solicitors. On the suggestion of Mr Pearce it was decided to ask for an early date of completion.

With references to the letter of the Ministry of Health of the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1940 and their reminder of the 14<sup>th</sup> October, Mr Mitchell moved that the Minister be informed the Council would like the £90 to be applied to the reduction of the loan on the Recreation Ground seconded by Mr Pearce and carried.

Footpath Tree

Mr Pearce informed the Council the tree was removed from the pathway, before the receipt of the first letter.

Owing to the accumulation of water in the vicinity of this path it was agreed that Messrs Mitchell and Pearce should visit on Monday and report.

Footpath Research Station

Clerk read correspondence from Mr Leggett as to overgrown conditions of the footpath running from Bow Lane; it was decided to reply that in the opinion of the Council the responsibility to clean same rested with the authorities at the Research Station.

Hedges

Clerk reported writing Messrs Hobbs and James.

Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that the fence has been repaired and the council was indebted to Mr Mitchell for the time and attention he had given to the matter.

House Refuse

Letter read from Mr Hawkins, Sanitary Inspector, on this matter and Mr Pearce stated that since receipt of same the Council has removed the Contractor and given Contract to another firm.

Road Barriers

Clerk read letter from County Surveyor of the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1940 dealing with this matter.

A.R.P. Shelters

Letter written R. D. Council 16<sup>th</sup> September 1940.

#### War Agricultural Executive Committee

Letter from Secretary of the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1940 was received, as to numerous pieces of land at Long Ashton suitable for allotments now vacant. It was understood the land referred to was in the possession of the builders in the village. It was decided to reply the Council would keep the matter before them.

#### War Department Providence Quarry

With reference to loop holes in wall at Providence Quarry, no claim to be made for damage if wall made good at the conclusion of the war.

#### Rayens Cross Road – Accident

County Surveyor wrote 28<sup>th</sup> October that accident occurred on that position of Rayens Cross Road which was not a public highway.

The position maintained by the C. Council extends only for a distance of approximately 105 yards from its junction with Providence Lane.

It was decided to write the Ashton Court Estate on the matter.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were placed before the Council and cheques drawn.

#### Lighting

North Somerset Electric Supply Co.

Long Ashton 101 Lamps @ 40/9 57. 8. 11.

Leigh Woods 25 Lamps 12. 14. 8.

64. 3. 7.

By credit – blackout 38. 3. 10.

£25. 19. 9.

#### Allotment Fund

G. C. Hancock 6 Receipts 17. 6.

Ashton Court Estate. Bower Ashton allot. 6. 15. 1.

#### Recreation Ground:

Ashton Court Estate. D. R. A. 4. 3.

#### General Fund:

Managers Church House 2. 10. -

Clerk's Fidelity Bond 9. -

Clerk salary less Superannuation 13/6 10. 11. 6.

Somerset Co. Superannuation Fund 1. 7. -

#### Footpath – Churchyard

Mr Mitchell drew attention to the accumulation of soil near footpath outside the churchyard near wicket gate and Mr Knapman kindly offered to look into the matter.

#### Foy wall

To write to Mr James as to why overhanging wall near the Estate Office.

Date of next meeting was provisionally fixed for March 11<sup>th</sup> 1941.