

**Parish Council**  
**31<sup>st</sup> January 1942**

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on Saturday afternoon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan; at the Church House, Long Ashton, Mr A. G. Morrish Vice Chairman presiding over the following members, Messrs Evans, Milner, Mitchell, Pearce and Yeo.

Apology for inability to attend received from Messrs Childe and Knapman.

Warships week

The Clerk reported receipt of letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> January from the Hon Secretary of the Long Ashton Rural District Local Saving Committee as to meeting of representatives from each parish held at the Court House, Long Ashton on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and had asked the Vice Chairman and Mr Childe to attend.

Mr Morrish gave a resume of what had transpired at the meeting and stated it was hoped to raise £129,000 in the district sufficient to purchase a Corvette which it was proposed to name H. M. S. Loftus.

He had invited Mr Randell to attend and give an account of what the Local Savings Committee proposed doing during the Warships Week to be held from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Mr Randell said the principle reasons for holding this week were to raise as much money as possible and to obtain more regular subscribers.

It was suggested Long Ashton should raise £15,000. Mr Randell at some length stated what it was proposed to do on each day of the week, and was thanked by the Council for so kindly attending.

On the motion of Mr Evans, seconded by Mr Pearce, it was unanimously agreed the Local Savings Committee should have the use of the Recreation Ground for this week free of charge.

Messrs Mitchell and Childe were appointed to represent the Council on the Committee on the proposition of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Yeo.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the same

Steps – Merriott's Field Church Path

Clerk reported that he had not received any reply from the County Surveyor to his letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1941.

Trees – Mount Pleasant

It was stated this matter had received attention.

Rayens Cross Road - Condition

Mr Worrall wrote by letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> December the condition of Rayens Cross Road had been caused by the Gas Co. disturbing the surface for the laying of connections to houses. He was in touch with the Company and urging them to make good the excavations which had sunk.

Rayens Cross Road – Fire Watching

Clerk read letter from Mr Worrall as to motor transport vehicles being permitted to park in the old quarry at the top of Clarkencombe.

On the proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Yeo it was decided to reply that while the Council had no objection to the parking of these vehicles, through the owners Messrs Baker and Sons of Weston-super-Mare should continue payment of if any rent previously paid by them for the privilege of so parking.

Lampton Bridge

The Divisional Engineer of the G. W. R. wrote by letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December the matter was being looking into.

**Parish Council**  
**24<sup>th</sup> March 1942**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, Mr Jeffries presided over the 9 Councillors and 5 Electors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of same

Merriott's Field

It was decided to draw the attention of the County Council to the condition of the Church Path through the field especially the entrance.

Long Ashton Parochial Charity

The Clerk read Statement of Accounts for the year 1941 which showed an increased balance of £94. 7. 11.

Lighting and Watching Act

The estimated balance in hand on this fund for 1941-42 was £22. 8. 5. and the estimated expenditure for 1942-43 was £37. 8. –

Another proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Milner it was decided that the sum of £40 be raised to cover expenses for the year 1942-43

Number of houses in Ridgeway

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Parker Rhodes, seconded by Mr Berry and carried that the Rural District Council be asked to consider and take in hand the numbering of the houses in Ridgeway.



It was decided on the motion of Mr Childe seconded by Mr Ball, to serve a precept on the Rating Authority for £50 General Expenses and £20 Lighting.

#### Recreation Ground

The Committee to meet on the ground on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7 o'clock.

#### Letter Press

The Clerk was instructed to dispose of same.

#### Allotments

In view of the necessity and instructions to grow more food Mr Pearce moved that a sum not exceeding £10 be expended to cover prizes for the best war time cultivated allotment in the various plots under the control of the Council, seconded by Mr Yeo and carried.

Messrs Ball, Childe, Morrish, Pearce and Yeo were appointed as a Committee to deal with this matter.

#### Hedge – St Martins

Mr Pearce drew attention to the fence of this allotment and said some barb wire was needed. Left to Allotment Committee to deal.

#### Providence

Mr Morrish stated the roadway at the junctions of Rayens Cross Road and Ridgeway was bad and it was decided to write the County Council on the matter.

Next meeting – The annual meeting of Council was fixed for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7 o'clock.

**Parish Council**  
**21<sup>st</sup> April 1942**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1942. The following members being present Messrs Ball, Childe, Evans, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish, Pearce and Yeo.

The Clerk read post card received from Mr Jeffries regretting being unable to attend the meeting owing to being held up at Nottingham where Miss Jeffries was recovering from a very serious operation.

Mr N. Pearce moved that Mr H. Jeffries be re-elected for Chairman for the ensuing year, and thanked for his past services, that the Clerk write informing him of his re-election, express the hope that Miss Jeffries was better, and would have a speedy recovery. Seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Vice Chairman

On the proposition of Mr Childe, seconded by Mr H Evans, Mr A. G. Morrish was re-elected Vice Chairman.

Mr Morrish upon taking the chair thanked the members for the confidence placed in him.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of same

Merriott's Steps – Church Path

Clerk read letters of the 30<sup>th</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> April from County Surveyor in which he stated the Clerk of the County Council had reminded him he had investigated the liability of the repair of this path as long ago as April 1937 and he sees no reasons why the decision he then gave should now be altered. The County Council cannot therefore accept responsibility for the footpath or the steps. He referred the Parish Council to their powers under Section 13 (2) of the Local Government Act 1894. The Clerk also read letter of April 1937 referred to.

Mr Mitchell suggested that as the local County Councillor was away in the services the matter be brought to the notice of Colonel W. O. Gibbs.

Rayens Cross Road - Condition

The Clerk reported writing Ashton Court Estate he Bristol Gas Co. had not yet made good the surface of the road.

Lampton Bridge

Clerk also reported sending copy of the G. W. R Divisional Engineers letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> March to the Secretary Research Station and had informed the Engineers so.

St Martins' Allotment

Permit to purchase ½ cwt barb wire had been received from the Somerset War Agricultural Executive Committee.

Providence – Condition of roadway

The County Surveyor wrote by letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> April that an old trench reinstatement across the road at this point had slightly subsided. The Divisional Surveyor was arranging to have this trench made good as soon as possible.

#### Allotment Committee

The following members were appointed on the proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Milner, Messrs Ball, Childe, Mitchell, Morrish and Yeo.

#### Lighting Committee

Mr Pearce moved seconded by Mr Evans that the following members be re-elected as Lighting Committee Messrs Ball, Childe, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish and Yeo.  
Carried.

#### Recreation Ground Committee

Messrs Childe, Evans, Jeffries, Knapman, Mitchell, Morrish and Pearce were re-elected on the motion of Mr Ball seconded by Mr Yeo.

#### Swann Benefaction

Mr R. E. Milner was chosen to represent the residents of St Mary's Leigh Woods, as one of the Trustees of this fund, proposed by Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Childe.

#### Parish Meeting Correspondence

Merriott's – Footpath – see Minute page 49.

Numbering of houses in Ridgway. Clerk reported writing letter to R. D. Council 26<sup>th</sup> March which he understood had been considered by them that day. Mr Pearce stated the District Council regretted owing to the circumstances at present existing they could not undertake the work. Mr Pearce was thanked was supporting the matter before the D. C. meeting.

#### Correspondence

Letters from Sir C. W. Miles and J. D. Jones Hon Sec. of the District Savings Committee were brought to the notice of the Council and Mr Pearce emphasised the object of the Warship Week was to increase the number of Savings Groups in the parish and district which were doing well, and mentioned that balance of £100 on the Expenses Fund would be made a gift to the nation.

#### Report of Recreation Ground Committee

This Committee met on the Ground March 27<sup>th</sup> 1942 when six members were present.

Matters dealing with the grazing of a pony and cows were dealt with and the Clerk instructed to deal with chain harrowing and rolling of the ground, as well as communicating with the R. D. Council as to rubbish being tipped in the hedge by the residences of the Council Houses.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were represented and cheques drawn in payment

General Fund. Hancock Posters	16.
Allotment. Wayleaves	11. -

#### Recreation Ground Committee's Report

Adopted. Arising out of same it was agreed that permission be not given Mr C Parsons to graze pony in the Recreation Ground. While it was also understood that District Council were of opinion others beside their tenants were depositing rubbish there. It was decided to have two boards erected warning persons rubbish must not be tipped there.

The Clerk to ask Messrs James and E. A. Williams to offer a price for the grass in the Recreation Ground and to produce same at the next meeting.

#### Yanleigh Lane

Mr Pearce moved that the County Council be written as to the slippery and dangerous condition of the roadway from the railway arch up the hill towards the Bridgwater Road. To ask that same might be re-surfaced, seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Date of next meeting – was fixed for the 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7 o'clock.

#### Allotments Competition

As to Judge and their transport. Left to Mr Pearce to confer with an official of the War Agricultural Committee.

**Parish Council**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 1942**

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1942 Mr Jeffries presiding over the following members Messrs Ball, Evans, Knapman, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish and Yeo.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Childe and Pearce.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the Chairman thanking the members for his re-election enquiring as to the health of his daughter which was improving.

Arising out of the minutes

Merriott's Steps – Church Path

Colonel Gibbs wrote May 12<sup>th</sup> stating in view of the contents of letter from the Clerk of the County Council of the 8<sup>th</sup> May which he enclosed, he, (Col. Gibbs) did not see any advantage in taking the matter any further.

The Clerk of the County Council in his letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> May said the footpath in question was a church way common only to the parishioners and not a highway at common law.

Lampton Bridge

Clerk reported receipt of letter from Mr Leggett, Research Station enclosing copy letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> May sent by him to Divisional Engineer G. W. R. Bristol.

Parish Meeting Correspondence

Clerk R. D. Council wrote by letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> April his Council were unable to undertake the numbering of houses during the period of the present war.

Recreation Ground

The Estate Supervisor of the D. Council wrote by letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> April he would take steps to see the tenants of the Council did not throw rubbish in the Recreation Ground in the future.

Arising out of this, it was decided to point out clippings of the hedges had been tipped there. Also to acquaint the County Council their employers had been tipping rubbish there.

Notice Boards

There had been prepared – one being on 'view' at the meeting.

Tenders

Two had been received; Mr E. A. James offered £1 and Mr E. A. Williams £4. On the motion of Mr Morrish seconded by Mr Evans it was decided to accept the latter. Carried.

Yanleigh Lane - Condition

The County Surveyor wrote 1<sup>st</sup> May he had investigated the complaint and found the slippery condition of the road was brought about by the haulage of manure from premises adjoining the lane.

### Allotments - Competition

Mr Chapman of Bracken Hill, Leigh Woods had written offering the assist in judging the allotments and the Clerk stated another gentleman he understood would be available.

The Rev. H. Knapman moved, seconded by Mr Ball that a sum not exceeding £5 be devoted to covering an expenses incurred by the Judges. Carried.

Messrs Ball and Childe were asked to assist by being in attendance on the Judges.

### Providence Allotment

It was decided to draw the local Surveyors attention to the accumulation of rubbish deposited on the highway at the entrance of the allotments, Providence also Ashton Court Estate as to the condition of the wall at the entrance to same as well as wall bordering the hill.

### Draft Balance Sheet 1941-1942

This was produced which showed balances in hand at the end of the year of £28. 15 on General Fund, £94. 8. 9. Allotments; £22.8.5. Lighting; £8. 15. 6. Recreation. Arising out of this Mr Morrish moved Clerk's salary for one quarter for 1942 – 43 be allocated to the Allotment Fund, seconded by Mr Evans and carried.

### Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn in payment.

#### General Fund:

Clerk salary (less Superannuation)	16. 9. -
Somerset Co. Superannuation Fd.	2. 2. -
Expenses	4.
Audit Stamp (1941-42)	2.

#### Lighting Fund

North Somerset Electric Supply Co.	
Long Ashton 101 Lamps @ 6/-	7. 11. 6.
Leigh Woods 25 Lamps @ 6/	<u>1. 17. 6.</u>
	£9. 9.

#### Allotment Fund

R. S. Paterson Wire – St. Martins	1.16. 10.
G. Parsons making hedge	2.

#### Recreation Ground

War Damage	- 4. -
Notice Board Yeo 10/ A. C. Estate 10/	1.

### Defence Committee

Mr Morrish pointed out this Council was not represented on the Defence Committee, and suggested Mr Worrall be approached as to the desirability of such, and if he agreed Mr Ball to be appointed to represent same, seconded by Rev. H. Knapman and carried.

Date of next meeting – was fixed for the 8<sup>th</sup> September at the Church House at 7 o'clock.

**Parish Council**  
**8<sup>th</sup> September 1942**

Mr H Jeffries presided at the quarterly meeting of the Parish Council held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1942, the other members being Messrs Ball, Childe, Evans, Milner, Mitchell, Pearce and Yeo.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr Morrish.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising therefrom

Parish Meeting – Recreation Ground – Depositing of Refuse

No reply received from Estate Supervisor R. D. Council.

The Acting District Surveyor County Council 3 July the tipping of rubbish in the Recreation Ground was not deposited there by the County Council workmen.

Allotment Competition

The Clerk reported Mr Chapman was unable to judge Allotments of 8<sup>th</sup> August but Mr H. Locke of the Research Station came to the Council's aid concerning the excellent condition of the allotments.

He moved a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr Pearce for kindly presenting champion prize of 2 guineas – agreed.

Providence Allotments

The Acting District Supervisor wrote by letter of the 3 July the rubbish deposited on the highway was put there by Mr Gamlen of Nailsea and he had given him notice to remove same. The Clerk to write to District Supervisor again if deposit not removed. As to the condition of the walls Mr Worrall wrote 3 July he was afraid owing to reduced Estate Maintenance Staff there was little chance of any walling being done until the end of the year.

Numbering of houses

Mr Pearce informed the Council the Women's Voluntary Service had undertaken the numbering of the houses in Ridgeway, and would probably do the same in Rayen's Cross Road. Clerk instructed to write and thank the W. V. S.

Precept

It was agreed to serve Precept on Rating Authority for General Expenses £50 and Lighting £20 for the half year ending March 1943.

Recreation Ground

Application by Mr A. G. Harding for permission to be given the local company of Boys Brigade to use the Recreation Ground for football practice and matches was received. Mr Pearce moved the application be granted and subject to payment of nominated rent of 10/ for the season, seconded by Mr Ball and carried.

Bower Ashton Allotments

Mr Ball reported investigating the complaint of other allotment holders as to the condition of two allotments, it was decided to write Messrs Wedlake and Darby that unless an improvement was made, they would be asked to relinquish same, and point

out to Mr Fuller it would be preferable in the present circumstances if more food crops were grown and less flowers.

#### Audit

Notice was received that Audit of the Council's A/cs for 1941-42 had been fixed for October 8<sup>th</sup> 1942 at 10.45 am.

#### Resignation of Mr H. S. Barnes

Letter read from Mr H. S. Barnes resigning his seat on the Council. Mr Evans moved acceptance of resignation and seat to be declared vacant and suggested letter be written Mr Barnes regretting cause of resignation and thanking him for his service rendered during 20 years on the Council.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn.

##### Recreation Ground

P.W.L Board. Principal £6.0.5. Int. £4.11.8. £10.12. 1.

John Hare. – Paint for Seats 11. 1.

##### Lighting Fund

North Somerset Electric Supply Co.

Long Ashton 101 Lamps @ 6/- 7. 11. 6.

Leigh Woods 25 Lamps @ 6/ 1. 17. 6.

£9. 9.

##### General Fund:

Clerk salary (less Superannuation) 16. 9. -

Somerset Co. Superannuation Fd. 2. 2. -

Annual Charge 3.

Clerks Fidelity Bond 9.

##### Allotment Fund

Ashton Court Estate. Rent to Sept. 42. 39. 2. 9.

Clerk reported as to winners of Allotment Competitions and Mr Childe moved cheque in payment of prizes seconded by Mr Yeo and carried.

Bower Ashton	A. Parker	£1.	
	M. Tiley	10/	
	W. Waygood	5/	£1. 15
St Martin's	B. E. Beviss	£1	
	H. Barnett	10/	
	G. Tucker	5/	£1. 15
Birdwell	F. Brown	£1	
	F. Radford	10/	
	H. J. Burge.	5/	£1. 15
Archgrove	G. Rawles	£1	
	H. Parsons	10/	
	T. Barnes	5/	
	R. T. Oatway	5/	£2
Mr. H. Locke Judging		£1. 1. -	

Mr Pearce moved that a similar competition be held in 1943 seconded by Mr Ball and carried.

It was decided to hold next meeting on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3 o'clock.



### Recreation Ground

Application received from C. E. Parsons of Rayens Cross Road for permission to graze pony in Recreation Ground. This matter was given much consideration and the Clerk was instructed to reply whilst in sympathy with the application the Council felt to grant same would create a precedent.

### Allotment competition

It was agreed the two inspections in respect of this competition should be June and August and details were left to Committee.

Date of next meeting – It was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm, the Council meeting to follow.

### Speed limit through Long Ashton

On the motion of Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Morrish it was agreed the Clerk communicate with the Supt. of Police as to the excessive speed of motor especially commercial vehicles through the village of Long Ashton.