

Parish Council
23rd March 1943

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 23rd March 1943.

The Chairman (Mr H Jeffries) having sent an apology that he was away from home owing to illness, Mr Yeo moved Mr A. G. Morrish take the chair, seconded by Mr Pearce and carried.

The Chairman extended hearty welcome to the new Councillor and said they were very pleased he was with them, to which Mr Jeffries replied he would be only too pleased to help in any way possible.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the same

Merriott's Field

It was decided to keep this matter on the minutes so that same may be brought before the authorities on a future occasion.

Long Ashton Parochial Charity

The accounts were read by the Clerk and showed an increased balance of £114. 15. 5.

Lighting and Watching Act

The estimated balance in hand on this fund for 1942-43 was £24. 10. 5. The estimated expenditure for 1943-44 being £37. 18. On the proposition of Mr Pearce, seconded by the Rev. H. Knapman it was decided the sum of £40 be raised to cover expenses of the year 1943-44.

The Rev. H. Knapman moved that the Parish Council ascertain and if possible install star or subdued lighting on the main road during the winter months, seconded by Mr Mitchell and carried.

Churchyard

The Rev. H. Knapman brought forward the question of a position of the Churchyard being reserved for those residents who desired to be cremated, while Mr Pearce suggested the matter be left over until such a time as the wishes of persons interested could be ascertained. Agreed.

Allotment Competition

Clerk reported sending copy of the following notice to each Allotment Holder except Providence and Grass Allotment.

Long Ashton Parish Council

To encourage food production the above mentioned Council propose during 1943 offering prizes of £1; 10/-; and 5/- to the holders of allotments in each of the following:- at Bower Ashton; St. Martin's; Birdwell and Archgrove; for the best war time allotment.

A special prize of £2. 2s. will also be given by a private donor.

Marks will be awarded as follows:-

The Land and its Management (37 marks)

Cultivation	10
Compost Heap	5
Weed Control	8
Rotation of crops ...	10
Neatness and Finish ..	4

Growth, Yield and Disease Control (33 marks)

Growth of Plants ...	15
Yield of crops	10
Cleanliness of crops .	8

Planning to secure Food throughout the year (30 marks)

Summer and Autumn supplies ... 12

Winter and Spring supplies ... 18

Cultivation includes digging, forking to break down surface, hoeing, earthing up, etc.

Compost Heap. The presence of a heap is considered a point of importance as a means to maintaining fertility.

Rotation of crops means the grouping of crops to provide for a two year or a three year rotation, so that similar crops do not come on to the same land more often than once in two or three years.

Growth of Plants refers to the vigour of the plants, and also the quality of the crop.

Yield of crops refers to the freedom from pest and disease.

Summer and Autumn Supplies refers to crops generally ready for use between June 1st and October 31st.

Winter and Spring Supplies refers to crops which are grown for use either from the ground or from store between November 1st and May 31st.

Planning. Marks are awarded for the scheme of "succession of crops" so that supplies follow one another as regularly as possible.

The judges will examine all plots by making two visits:-

The beginning of June and the beginning of August.

Entries must be received by the Clerk at Glebe Cottage, Long Ashton, not later than the 31st day of May 1942.

Last year the judge remarked as to the excellent condition of several allotments concerning which entries had not been received.

PLEASE ENTER YOUR ALLOTMENT THIS YEAR.

Footbridge over stream

Complaint had been made by Mr M. Coates of Fishponds Mental Hospital of the collapsing of footbridge over stream near Mental Hospital.

Decided to inform him it was their obligation and that members would meet him at the spot if desired.

Salvage

Circular of the 2nd Feb. from R. Compton Evans, Salvage Officer, was read and favourably commented upon.

Merriott's Path

Mr Pearce moved enquiries be made of the R. D. District Council as to repair of the footpath, seconded by Mr J. Skinner and carried.

Church Road

It was decided to write the District Surveyor as to the cleansing of Church Road.

Clerkencombe

On the proposition of Mr J. Skinner seconded by Mr H. G. Evans it was decided to ask the County Council to erect Halt Sign at the Ashton end, near the Lodge of Clerkencombe Road.

Next meeting – the date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm.

Parish Council
20th April 1943

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday 20th April 1943, the following members being present, Messrs Ball, Childe, Evans, Knapman, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish, Pearce, Skinner and Yeo.

Chairman

Mr O. J. Ball moved the re-selection of Mr H Jeffries as Chairman, seconded by Mr G. E. Childe, and the Clerk instructed to express the Council's hope he may have a speedy recovery from his illness of which they were sorry to learn.

Vice-Chairman

Mr N. Pearce proposed Mr O. J. Ball be elected to the office of Vice-Chairman, pointing out he had rendered good service to the Council and to the parish; this was seconded by Mr Morrish.

Mr Ball while thanking the proposer and seconded, intimated he could not see his way to accept the office.

Mr A. G. Morrish was elected as Vice Chairman on the motion of Mr Childe, seconded by Mr Pearce.

Minutes of the last meeting read and signed.

Arising therefrom

Merriott's Path

Clerk R. D. Council wrote by letter of the 1st April regretting they had no record the path was ever repaired by the R. D. Council as highway authority.

Church Road

Clerk reported writing District Surveyor County Council as to cleansing of this road.

Clerkencombe – Halt Sign

The County Surveyor wrote 26th March the Council's application as to erection of Halt Sign would be brought before the Traffic Sign Committee in due course.

Footbridge over stream

Letter written Mr Coates of the Fishponds Mental Hospital – no reply.

Allotment Committee

Messrs Ball, Childe, Mitchell, Morrish and Yeo were appointed on the proposition of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Evans.

Lighting Committee

Mr Evans moved, Mr Knapman seconded and it was carried that Messrs Ball, Childe, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish and Yeo form the Lighting Committee.

Recreation Ground Committee

Mr Ball proposed, seconded by Mr Yeo that Messrs Childe, Evans, Jeffries, Knapman, Mitchell, Morrish and Pearce be Recreation Ground Committee. Carried.

Swann Benefaction

Mr R. E. Milner was re-elected as the Council's representative.

Parish Meeting – Public Lighting

Letter from the North Somerset Electric Supply Co. of the 26th March as to cost of restricted form of lighting of the main road was read. Resolved the matter be not entertained at the moment.

Account

The following account was presented for payment and cheque drawn.

Hadden Best + 64 (2 precept books) - 18/2

Recreation Ground

Re. matter of tenders for grass. Left to Mr Pearce to inspect and notify the Clerk, the latter to ask Messrs Williams and James for a price for the grass.

It was agreed to grant the application of the Wings for Victory Committee for the use of the Ground from 5th to 12th June inclusive.

Mr Pearce moved the Youth Movement as well as the Boys Brigade be allowed the use of the Recreation Ground for football as a charged of 10/. Each organisation to make their arrangements as to fixtures so that only one is using the ground each week, seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

War Agricultural Executive Committee

Clerk reported receipt of copy of authorisation issued to Mr Pearce of Lower Court Farm, Long Ashton to stop up and plough the footpaths or bridle paths crossing fields O.S. 385.693 and 414 subject to the following conditions:

1. The occupier of the land shall roll out a path on the site of the footpath of bridle path in order to provide a way for the public or persons entitled to use the way.
2. The occupier shall undertake to restore all rights in respect of the way as soon as paragraph 5(a) of Defence Regulation 62 shall cease to be in force.

Allotment Competition

It was decided to ask Mr Locke to undertake the judging.

Bower Ashton

It was reported that one of the tenants had 5 perch devoted to the growing of flowers, while another was not cultivated. The Clerk to give the first one six months notice to vacate and to take away the other unless immediately cultivated.

Date of next meeting – fixed for Tuesday 22nd June at 8 o'clock.

Parish Council
22nd June 1943

The quarterly meeting of the parish council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday 22nd June 1943, Mr A. G. Morrish, presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Childe, Milner, Mitchell, Skinner and Yeo.

Apology for non-attendance was read from Messrs Jeffries, Evans and Pearce.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising therefrom

Footpath over stream

The Clerk stated he had been informed by Mr Pearce that the authorities of the Mental Hospital Fishponds had agreed, when circumstances permit, of fixing a footbridge of concrete and wood over the stream on their property.

Recreation Ground

Clerk reported writing Messrs James and Williams as to tendering for grass in Rec. Ground and accepting the former's offer of £2-. Mr Childe moved if there were any grass within the next 6 weeks Mr James be given the offer of same, seconded by Mr Skinner and carried.

Allotment Committee's Report

This was adopted on the motion of Mr Childe, seconded by Mr. Skinner.

Allotment Committee's Report

Meeting of the Allotment Committee was held on the 31st May 1943 Mr Yeo being elected Chairman.

Bower Ashton Allotments

Clerk reported writing Mr Wedlock as to non cultivation of his allotment, also cultivation of flowers by Mr. Fuller, and giving him as directed by Parish Council notice to vacate.

Letter received from Mr Fuller was considered.

Committee decided that one allotment be taken over by Mr Francis as from September 1943, and the question of withdrawal of notice be considered at the next meeting.

St Martin's

Committee directed the Clerk to draw Mr Taylor's attention that in their opinion he was growing too many flowers, as there was an application for an allotment, to give him notice to vacate one peice March 1944.

Allotment Competition

Letters to and from Mr Locke considered – left to him to examine allotments of competition at his convenience at the beginning of June and August.

Entries received – Bower Ashton – 6, St Martin's - 4 , Archgrove – 4, Birdwell – 3.

Recreation Ground

Application received by Mr A. G. Harding for use by Boys Brigade of this ground as a football pitch – agreed on the term of minute of previous meeting.

Draft Balance Sheet

This showed a balance of £36. 19. 7 General Fund; £76. 13. 5 Allotment Fund; £24. 10. 5 Lighting and £10. 4. 2 Recreation Ground. Same was accepted on the motion of Mr Childe seconded by Mr Milner, one quarter of the Clerk's Salary 1943/44 being allocated to the Allotment Fund.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn in payment.

General Fund:

Clerk salary less Superannuation 1/1	16. 9. -
Superannuation Fd.	2. 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.

Recreation Ground

War Damage	4.
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Date of next meeting – fixed for Tuesday 7th September at 7 o'clock.

Parish Council
7th September 1943

The quarterly meeting of the parish council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Tuesday 7th September 1943, attended by the following members, Messrs Evans, Pearce, Skinner and Yeo.

Mr Evans moved and Mr Yeo seconded Mr Pearce take the chair for the meeting.

Apologies were received from Messrs Childe, Jeffries, Milner and Morrish.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising therefrom

Recreation Ground

Clerk reported Mr James had paid £2 for the grass.

Clerkencombe – Halt Sign

Letter of the 23rd August from the County Surveyor received stating the suggested erected of a Halt Sign at the junction of Clerkencombe Road with Weston-super-Mare – Bristol Road had been considered by the Traffic Signs sub-committee, but the application declined.

It was decided to acknowledge receipt of same to say the Council was still of opinion the erection of Halt Sign was desirable.

Allotment Competition

Report of the Judge Mr H. Locke was read.

Precept

On the motion of Mr Evans, seconded by Mr Yeo, it was decided to serve precept on the Rating Authority for General Purposes £50, Lighting £20 for the half year ending March 1944.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn

Recreation Ground

P. W. L. Board – Prin. £6. 0. 5 Int. £4. 7. 3 10. 7. 8.

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 1/1 16. 9. -

Superannuation Fd. 2. 2. -

Annual Charge 3.

Clerk's Fidelity Bond 9.

Allotment Fund

Ashton Court Estate Rent to Sept 43 39. 2. 9.

Competition

<u>Bower Ashton</u>	M. Tiley	£1.	
	W. T. Tanner	10/	
	A. Parker	5/	£1. 15.
<u>St. Martin's</u>	E. Beviss	£1	
	G. Tucker	10/	
	H. Barnett	5/	£1. 15.
<u>Arch grove</u>	T. Barnes	£1.	
	G. Rawles	10/	
	C. E. Parsons	5/	£1. 15.
<u>Birdwell</u>	F. Brown	£1	
	H. J. Burge	10/	
	W. Stenner	5/	£1. 15.
	H. Locke Judge		£1. 1.

Allotments

Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of some of the allotments, Clerk instructed to take following action with the tenants.

St Martin's - 2. 9. O. G. Watts half cultivated – notice to vacate. 9 – 1.6.7. and 11 (10 perch) Parslow – partly cultivated – notice to vacate two ten perch.

Birdwell – 10.8. H. Connock – dirty – to warn tenant. 10.5. Mr Kingston – Thistles had been cut but still dirty and partly cultivated – notice.

Archgrove – 3.31 F. T. Wilmott – dirty condition – to send warning.

Date of next meeting – fixed for Saturday afternoon 11th December 1943 at 3 o'clock.

Parish Council
11th December 1943

The quarterly meeting of the parish council was held at the Schools, Long Ashton, on Saturday afternoon 11th December, Mr H. Jeffries presiding over the following members, Messrs Ball, Childe, Evans, Milner, Mitchell, Pearce, Skinner and Yeo.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. A. G. Morrish.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of same

Clerkencombe – Halt Sign

Letter written the County Council as directed as the last meeting.

Allotments

Instructions given at the last meeting complied with and the matters also considered by the Allotment Committee.

Clerk reported that Boys Brigade and Youth Football Clubs have paid for use of Recreation Ground for football matches.

National Provincial Bank

Mr J. Skinner appended his signature to documents for records of the Bank.

Old People's Welfare Committee

Letter received from R. D. Council on the 24th November 1943 enclosing resolution issued on behalf of the Old Peoples Welfare Committee of the South Western Regional Advisory Committee of the National Council of Social Services which was as follows:-

“That this Conference considers it desirable that an Old People's Welfare Committee should be established in each locality in order to co-ordinate and extend work undertaken for the welfare of old people particularly in regard to 15(a) Home Visits (b) the organisation of Home Help Schemes (c) the establishment and maintenance of Old People's Clubs” –

and asking if the Parish Council could assist in this matter by forming a committee of persons interested in this type of work, to assist in the welfare of any old people in the parish who, may be of need of help in this nature.

Mr Pearce moved that a reply be sent, this Council are not aware of any old people needing such assistance but should any come to their knowledge they will consider the advisability of establishing such a Committee for the purpose of looking after them, seconded by Mr Milner and carried.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn

Lighting Fund

North Somerset Electric Supply Co.

Long Ashton 101 Lamps @ 6/-	7. 11. 6.
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Leigh Woods 25 Lamps @ 6/	<u>1. 17. 6.</u>
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General Fund:

Clerk salary less Superannuation 1/1	16.	9.	-
Superannuation Fd.	2.	2.	-
Expenses 1943-44		4.	
Managers Church House 1943	1.	10.	
Clerk's Fidelity Bond		9.	
<u>Allotment Fund</u>			
Clevedon Printing Co. Receipt Books	1.	18.	6.
Wayleaves 1942		11.	1.

Allotments - Lease

Clerk reported the lease of land for allotments entered into with the Ashton Court Estate expired March 1944. It was decided to draw attention to the Estate to this and ask if they had any observations concerning the renewal of such.

Audit

The Financial Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Council for the year 31st March 1943 be audited 29th November 1943, was produced.

Recreation Ground

Mr Morrish wrote by letter 9th December 1943 asking if the Council would kindly have the grass in the Recreation Ground cut. Decided to reply it was thought there was not much grass there but if the Boys Brigade and Youth Service cut the same there would be no objection.

Birdwell

Mr Childe stated the road and footpath from the Gardeners Arms along in front of Heming's Shop had subsided. It was decided to write the County Council on the matter.

Recreation Ground

Clerk instructed to write Mr James there is no right of way from his field through the Recreation Ground and any further trespass must cease.

Pathway by Forge Cottages

To write Mr Reginald Paves asking if he would be good enough to have the briars in front of Forge Cottages cut.

Churchyard

Mr H. G. Evans referred to the matter brought forward at the Annual Parish Meeting by the Rev. H. Knapman and after discussion Mr Pearce suggested Mr Knapman be informed the Parish Council had no power over the matter.

Date of next meeting – It was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 21st March 1944 at 6.30pm, the Council meeting to follow.

