

Parish Council
16th January 1945

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton on Tuesday 16th January 1945, Mr A. G. Morrish presiding over the following members Messrs O. J. Ball, G. E. Childe, R. Halfyard, R. E. Milner, and S. Mitchell. N. Pearce, J. Skinner and G. Yeo.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr H. G. Evans.

The Chairman on behalf of the members said they were very pleased to see their Vice Chairman with them again and Mr Ball thanked the Council for the letter sent him after the last meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising therefrom

Clerkencombe Quarry

Letter from the Acting District Surveyor of the 4th January 1945 was read in which he stated he could not agree with the Parish Council's contention that this quarry was only used by the County Council, as to his knowledge it was extensively used as a dump by Messrs Ashton Containers Ltd. of Winterstoke Road and in addition there was a considerable amount of builders debris deposited there.

Mr Pearce moved the Ashton Containers Ltd be asked who gave them permission to use this quarry as a dump for refuse, seconded by Mr Skinner and carried.

Post-War Housing

Some time was occupied by the Council in reconsidering the letter of the Rural District Council of the 2nd December 1944 and eventually Mr Pearce moved that the minute of the 14th December dealing with this matter be rescinded, seconded by Mr Skinner and carried.

On the proposition of Mr Skinner, seconded by Mr Pearce, it was agreed to hold a parish meeting at an early date to decide which one of the two schemes should be recommended the Rural District Council, and left to the Clerk to arrange as to calling the meeting.

British Legion Service Committee

Letter written this Committee as directed which had been acknowledged.

Bus Shelter – Cambridge Batch

Letter of the 21st December 1944 received from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. regretting owing to the many requests the Company has received for the provision of shelters together with this existing shortage of labour and materials they were unable to accede to the request, but if this Council should decide to erect a shelter the Company would be prepared to make a contribution to the cost.

Superannuation of the Clerk

The County Treasurer wrote 4th January 1945 that he had calculated superannuation allowance as follows:

Service	Contributing	5 years
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Non-contributing 17 years
Renumeration for the 5 years ended 20th Feb. 1945 £303. 9. 10
Average renumeration 1/5th £60. 14.
Superannuation allowance £22. 5. 2.
Proposition chargeable to the Long Ashton Parish Council £8. 12 per annum.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques drawn in payment.

General Fund

Clevedon Printing Co. Posters 14/ -

Lighting Fund

Ashton Court Estate Wayleave 2/ -

Appointment of Clerk

Application for the post of Clerk to the Council was opened in the presence of the Council and was from Mr A. R. Harper of 4 Fenswood, Long Ashton. Same was read as well as testimonials from Mr A. G. Evans, Clerk R. D. Council, Long Ashton and Mr. E. J. Hiffe, Chairman, Bishopsworth Parish Council.

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Childe that Mr Harper be so appointed.

Lighting

To write North Somerset Electric Supply Co. as to lamp not in operation in Fenswood.

Long Ashton Village Association

Letter from Secretary of this Association asking that a member of the Council might be appointed to represent them on their Committee.

Mr Mitchell proposed, the name of Mr Ball, seconded by Mr Childe and carried.

Financial Statement 1943/44

The audited accounts were placed before the Council.

Buses

Mr Childe suggested that Tramways Co. be asked if it was possible for a bus to leave the Tramways Centre say at 9 o'clock as at the present time the last bus left too early for patrons attending late house of the theatres or cinemas – seconded by Mr Mitchell and carried.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was decided to hold a Parish Meeting at the Church House on Tuesday 20th March at 7 o'clock, Council meeting to follow.

Parish Council
8th February 1945

A Parish Meeting of Local Government Electors was held at the Unionist Hall, Long Ashton on Thursday 8th February 1945 when Mr A. G Morrish presided over a fair number of residents.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed after which the Chairman at some length explained the object of the meeting - that the Rural District Council had suggested two schemes in connection with Post-War Housing, one being to build after the war a number of houses close to the boundary of the Playing Field and the second being to erect the homes a little distance away leaving a space of about 2 acres between the playing field and the housing estate; it was for those present to say which of the two schemes they preferred.

A plan of the two schemes was passed to each person attending and eventually on a vote being taken, 20 of those present were in favour of no. 1 scheme, and 3 for no. 2.

Parish Council
19th March 1945

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at Church House, Long Ashton, on Monday 19th March 1945 when Mr A. G. Morrish the Chairman presided over a fair number of residents.

He feelingly referred to the loss the parish had sustained in the death of one of their members Mr H. G. Evans, and asked those present, as an expression of sympathy, to the widow and family to stand for a moment.

The Chairman also referred to impending departure of their Clerk, Mr R. E. March, and wished him the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

The Minutes of the meeting of the 8th February were read and signed.

Long Ashton Parochial Charity

Accounts for 1944 were read by the Clerk, the total receipts for the year, including balance in hand of £103. 13. 4. amounted to £470. 11. 6 while the expenditure was £344. 7. 9 leaving an increased balance of £126. 3. 11. of which £40 had been set aside for Post War Repairs.

Lighting and Watching Act

The estimated balance in hand on this fund for 1944-45 was £28. 14. 5. In view of the prospect of normal lighting being resumed throughout the village during the coming winter it was decided on the proposition of the Rev. H. Knapman, seconded by Mr N. Pearce the sum of £225 be raised to cover expenses for the year 1945-46.

Parish Council
19th March 1945

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held at the Church House, Long Ashton, on Monday 19th March at the close of the Parish Meeting, Mr A. G Morrish presiding over a full Council, Mr C. A H. Fry a former member also being present.

Previous to the business of the meeting the Chairman referred to the retirement of Mr R. E. March, who had been their Clerk for a number of years and asked Mr Fry who was formerly Vice Chairman of the Council to make on their behalf a presentation, this he did, after referring to the many services the Clerk had rendered since he had been associated with public life by handing Mr March a cheque and an address signed by the present and former members of the Council.

Mr March thanked the members for what they had so kindly said about him, the assistance they has rendered him in the past, and for their very kind gift.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising therefrom

Clerkencombe Quarry

Clerk reported writing the Ashton Containers Ltd but had not received a reply. The Clerk R. D. Council wrote 14th March enclosing copy letter of the 2nd March 1945 from the Acting District Surveyor of the County Council on which he stated the wall of the quarry is a boundary wall and as such the responsibility of the repair of same would appear to be a matter for the Ashton Court Estate or the Parish Council. If the wall was a retaining wall supporting the highway as in the case on the main road side of the quarry, the County Council as highway authority would be liable for its repair but such is not the case. As Mr Worrall has also received a copy of this letter it was decided to ask his observations of the same.

Post-War Housing

Clerk reported writing Clerk Rural District Council as to result of last Parish Meeting.

Hedge near Mission Room

It is stated that this hedge as now has been cut.

Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd

Letter received from the Co. stating that as soon as the manpower position improved the Company would make application to the Regional Transport Commissioner for consult to an increase in the services.

The late Mr H. G. Evans

Letter received form Mr A. G. Evans thanking the Council for floral tributes and letter of sympathy.

Vacancy

On the proposition of Mr S. Mitchell seconded by the Rev. H. Knapman, Mr G. W. Stacey was duly elected to fill vacancy caused by the death of Mr H. G. Evans.

Precept

It was decided to service precept on the Rating Authority for £50 General Expenses and £100 for Lighting for the current half year.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented for payment and cheques drawn.

Recreation Ground

P. W. L. Board – Prin. £6. 0. 5 Int. £4. 0. 9 10. 1. 2.

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. -

Audit Stamp 3.

Postages 1. 13. 6.

Clevedon Printing Co. 1. 7. 6.

Allotment Fund

Ashton Court Estate Rent 39. 2. 9.

Postages 1. 0. 3.

Footpath near Naval Hospital

It was decided to write Mental Hospital, Fishponds as to repair of bridge and footpath.

Date of next meeting – fixed for Monday 16th April at 7.30pm.

Mr Harper

The Chairman on behalf of the Council extended a welcome to Mr Harper, the Clerk's successor and hope he would be happy in his work, to which Mr Harper replied he would do his best to repay the confidence placed in his appointment.

Parish Council
16th April 1945

The Annual Meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council was held in the Church House, on Monday 16th April 1945, at 7.30pm

Present: Messrs Ball, Halfyard, Milner, Mitchell, Morrish, Stacey, Pearce, and Yeo.
A. R. Harper, Clerk.

Apologies from Messrs Childe, Skinner and Reverend Knapman.

Chairman

Upon the proposition of Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Pearce, it was resolved that Mr A. Morrish be the Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Morrish then took the chair and thanked the members for electing him and also for their support in the past months.

Vice Chairman

Upon the proposition of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Yeo, it was resolved that Mr G. J. Ball be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr G. W. Stacey

The Chairman welcomed Mr G. W. Stacey, co-opted member of the Council. Mr Stacey made a declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Clerkencombe Quarry

The Clerk read a letter from the Ashton Court Estate dated 23rd March 1945, which stated that as it appeared that use of the quarry for the purposes for which it was originally awarded was no longer required, and if the Council concerned together with the County Council were no longer interested and would hand the site back to the Estate, it would be accepted and the Estate would then be liable for the upkeep of any walls and fences for which direct responsibility might exist.

Upon the proposition of Mr Milner, seconded by Mr Pearce, it was resolved that a further communication be sent to the Ashton Court Estate enquiring if they would be prepared to state that they had no right or supposed right to the quarry. In the event of the Estate stating that the Parish Council could then be deemed to be the owners of the quarry and could carry out the necessary repairs to the wall.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were authorised to arrange for the repairs to be carried out if a favourable reply was received from the Estate.

Footpath and Bridge rear R. N. Ancillary Hospital

The Clerk reported he had received a letter from the Steward of the Bristol Mental Hospital stating that he was arranging for the repairs necessary to be carried out forthwith.

Committees – 1945-6

The following were appointed:-

Allotments Committee

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

Lighting Committee

Messrs. Ball, Childe, Milner, Mitchell, Skinner, Stacey and Yeo.

Recreation Ground Committee

Messrs. Childe, Knapman, Mitchell, Morrish, Skinner, Stacey and Pearce.

Swann Benefaction

Mr R. E. Milner was appointed to represent the Parish Council.

Parochial Charities

Mr Yeo stated he was unable to continue as a representative. Upon the proposition of Mr Ball, seconded by Mr Morrish, Messrs Pearce and Halfyard were appointed to represent the Parish Council for a period of four years.

The thanks from the Council were extended to Mr Yeo for his services as a representative during the past four years.

Mr R. E. March

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from Mr March expressing his most grateful thanks to the Parish Council for the presentation made to him on his retirement.

Village Pound.

The question of ownership of the Village Pound was discussed and the Clerk directed to make enquiries in the matter.

Victory Celebrations

The question of public entertainment on the three days holiday following the defeat of Germany was considered and the Clerk directed to ensure if the Village Association would be prepared to organise dances, sports etc.

Allotments

It was reported that the following arrears of allotment rent were outstanding on the 31st March.

Plot	2/9	O. G. Watts	£- 13/4
	3/6	Mrs Grew	6/3
	10/8	H. Connock	6/8

Clerkencombe

It was decided to write to ask the Somerset County Council to erect a Notice 'Slow – danger - major road ahead' in Clerkencombe to warn motorists when approaching the junction of the Bristol – Weston-super-Mare Road.

Date of next meeting – fixed for 19th December 1944 at 7 o'clock.

Parish Council
15th May 1945

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Church House, on Tuesday 15th May 1945 at 8pm.

Chairman: Mr A. G. Morrish Esq.

Present: Messrs Childe, Mitchell, Milner, Skinner and Yeo.

Apologies from Mr. N. Pearce and Rev. Knapman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The late Mr R. Halfyard

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr Halfyard, Parish Councillor and asked the members to stand for a moment as a mark of their sympathy. The Chairman stated that a letter had been sent to Mrs Halfyard and that he had also arranged the sending of a floral tribute.

Village Pound

Arising out of the minutes the Clerk read correspondence with the Ashton Court Estate dated 21st July 1932 from which it appeared that the Pound reverted to the Lord of the Manor. It was resolved that further consideration be deferred until the next meeting.

Long Ashton Village Association

The following letter from Mr Cyril Clarke, Chairman of the Association, was read:-

“27th April 1945

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Long Ashton Village Association, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should be asked if they will become Trustees of the land and investments (if any) belonging to the Association and which from time to time may be transferred to them.

The Council will have no duties beyond holding the land and no liabilities.

I enclose two copies of a draft Trust Deed which I have got out and I would be glad to hear that the Parish Council accept the trusts and approve the document.

If they agree, I will inform Mr Worrall that the Conveyance should be taken by the Parish Council.

Yours sincerely
Cyril Clarke”

The Chairman then read the draft of the Deed.

Upon the proposition of Mr Skinner seconded by Mr Yeo. It was resolved that the Long Ashton Parish Council accept the Trusts as requested in the letter from the Village Association.

The Clerk was directed to ask that the reference to “the Council” in the Deed should be amended to “the Council of Management of the Association”. The Parish Council being referred to as “The Trustees”.

It was also decided to suggest that the name “Unionist Hall” should be changed after if it becomes the property of the Association.

Representative on Parochial Charities

It was resolved that Mr J Skinner be appointed to represent the Council in placed of the late Mr Halfyard.

Recreation Ground

It was reported that the tractor used by the Research Station had been driven from the Hauling way and on to the Recreation Ground and the Clerk was directed to bring this to the notice of the Secretary and to request that steps be taken to see that this does not recur as it was causing damage to the surface of the Recreation Ground.

VE Day Celebrations

The Clerk reported that the following instructions given at the last meeting he had requested the Village Association to arrange for festivities on the announcement of the defeat of Germany, and that a General Meeting of the Association had been held at which it was decided not to hold any public celebrations, apart from a United Religion Service.

The Clerk reported receipt of Circular 80/45 from the Ministry of Health authorising reasonable expenditure on celebrations following the termination of organised hostilities in Europe.

Vacancy on Parish Council

It was resolved that this matter be deferred until the next meeting.

Parish Council
18th June 1945

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church House, on Tuesday 15th June 1945 at 7.30pm:

Present: Chairman: Mr A. G. Morrish Esq. Messrs Ball, Mitchell, Milner, Stacey and Yeo.

Apologies from Mr. N. Pearce.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes:-

Village Pound

The Clerk having read correspondence with the Ashton Court Estate dated 1932 it was resolved that no further action be taken in the matter.

Trust Deed – Village Hall

The Chairman reported the receipt of the Trust Deed from Mr Cyril Clarke, and it was resolved that the Deed be signed on behalf of the Parish Council by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. It was reported that the Village Association had arranged for the Hall to be re-named the Village Hall and that an opening ceremony was to be held on Monday 25th June at which the completed Trust Deed would be handed over to the Chairman of the Parish Council by Admiral Sir Hugh Tweedie.

Vacancy on Parish Council

Upon the proposition of Mr Mitchell seconded by Mr Skinner it was resolved that Mr Samuel J. Bollom of Elmdale, Long Ashton be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Robert Halfyard.

Clerkencombe Quarry

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Ashton Court Estate as directed of the meeting held on 16th April 1945 but despite the fact that a reminder had been sent quite recently no reply had been received from the Estate.

The matter having been freely discussed upon the proposition of Mr Skinner, seconded by Mr Ball, it was resolved that in view of the urgent necessity of carrying out the repair of the wall in order to prevent accident the Parish Council accept the responsibility for carrying out the work and the Clerk be directed to arrange for the work and be out in hand as soon as possible.

Recreation Ground

(a) Grass

The Clerk reported that with the consent of the Chairman and Mr Pearce he had arranged for Mr James of Chestnut Farm to cut the grass on the Recreation Ground to remove it and that Mr James had agreed to pay the sum of 10/- for this. It was resolved that this be approved.

(b) The Clerk reported that the University Research Station had given instructions to their tractor drivers to see that the machines were not driven on the Recreation Ground.

- (c) Following an application from Mr E. Dyer of Hebron Hall Chapel to be allowed to hold open air services on the Recreation Ground on Sunday evenings during the summer he had contacted the Chairman and some members of the Recreation Ground Committee who had agreed to permit this. This was approved.

Salvage Bins

The Clerk reported that complaints were being made as to the insanitary condition of the bins used for the collection of pig food and bones, and that as a result the Salvage Officer has been approached on the matter and he had made arrangement for the bins to be withdraw periodically to be steam sterilised.

Aid to China Fund

A letter from the Area Organiser was read asking the Parish Council to appoint a representative to serve on a Committee (if appointed in the Village). It was resolved that Mr J. Skinner represent the Council.

King George's Fund for Sailors

A letter was read asking if the Parish Council would be prepared to organise a Special Week to raise funds for this. It was resolved that the letter lie on the table.

Street Lighting

The Clerk presented the draft accounts for the year ended 31st March 1945.

Allotments Archgrove

It was reported that the allotment tenanted by Mr J Sisley of Birdwell Road was not being fully cultivated and was badly overgrown with weeds and was causing a nuisance to other allotment holders. It was resolved that a strong warning be given and the tenant be asked to clean the ground forthwith.

Date of next meeting – 17th September 7.30pm when the question of Rights of Way would be considered.

Parish Council
17th September 1945

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church House, on Monday 17th September 1945 at 7.30pm:

Present: Chairman: Mr A. G. Morrish Esq. Messrs Ball, Childe, Mitchell, Milner, Pearce, Stacey and Yeo.

Apologies from Mr. J. Skinner.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mr S. J. Bollom

The Declaration Book was signed by Mr Bollom and witnessed by the Chairman.

Allotments

The Clerk reported writing to Mr Sisley in regard to his allotment. It was reported that the ground was still not being cultivated and was overgrown with weeds. It was resolved that a further letter be sent warning Mr Sisley that if the ground is not cleared and made ready for cultivation by March next, notice to quit will be issued.

Clerkencombe Quarry

The Clerk report that he had not yet heard from the Ashton Court Estate as to whether or not they were prepared to state that they have no right or supposed right to the quarry. Prices for the wall repairs has been obtained from local builders and after consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman the work had been placed in the hands of Mr E. T. W. Price who had quoted £12 but that the work had not yet been started. It was resolved that this be confirmed and that the builder be asked to put the work in hand as soon as possible.

Public Lighting

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter form the North Somerset Electric Supply Co. dated 14th September quoting for a new agreement as follows:

Period – 5 years

Conditions – substantially the same as in the expired agreement.

Wattage – 100

Hours – 1 hour after sunset until 11pm.

Period of lighting – 1st August to 31st May.

Price per lamp per annum - £2. 15. 4.

It was also reported that by a letter dated 26th June the Company agreed to continue lighting on the terms of the expired agreement until 31st March 1946.

The Clerk stated this was an increase of 14/7d per lamp per annum and for 126 lamps the costs compared:-

Pre-war £256 14. 6.

Proposed £348 12. 0.

Upon the proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Bollom, it was resolved that the Company be asked to give the matter further consideration with a view to a reduction of the proposed changes and that in the meantime the Clerk endeavour to obtain

information as to costs from other parishes and a further report be submitted at the December meeting.

Precept

It was resolved that a Precept be served on the rating Authority as follows:

Lighting Expenses - £100

General Expenses - £50

The above for the half year ending 31st March 1946.

Accounts for Payment

The following cheques were ordered to be drawn:

Bank of England	£ 9. 19. 0.	Loan Charges Rec. Gd due 21 st September. Princ. £6. 0. 5. Int. £3. 18. 7.
Somerset County Council	£ 2. 3. 0.	Superannuation Mr March 3 months ended 30 th June 1945
Ashton Court Estate	£39. 2. 9.	Allotment Rent – half year to 29 th Sept.
A. R. Harper	£7.13. 6.	Salary and postages 16/6
Inland Revenue	£5.13. 0.	Income Tax - PAYE

Third VE Day

The Clerk reported that the Village Association had managed for some festivities in connection with the third VE Day to take place on November 5th when it was proposed to provide tea and entertainment for the children. Efforts has been made to hold this at an earlier date but after due consideration the Village Association had decided on November 5th as being the most convenient day.

Mr Pearce proposed, seconded by Mr Childe that the Village Association be asked to arrange for this celebration to take place much soon that November 5th and in being put to the meeting, there appeared 3 in favour and was declared lost.

Village Pound

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Miss Stokes on behalf of the St John Ambulance Brigade asking if the Parish Council would approve of their setting up a Head Quarters on the site of the Village Pound. It was resolved that Miss Stokes be informed that the Pound has written to the Ashton Court Estate and the Council now has no jurisdiction over it.

Rights of Way

The Clerk produced the Parish map for the benefit of members who had not had an opportunity of inspecting it before. Resolved:

- (a) That the District Highway Surveyor be requested to arrange for the Church Path bear Forge Cottages to have the surface attended to and the briars cut back.
- (b) That the Ashton Court Estate be requested to carry out repairs to the Wycke footpath from Rayens Cross Road to the main road.

Grass Allotment

It was reported that Mr R. Barnes tenant of a grass allotment was planning to have a supply of water laid into the ground. It was resolved that Mr Ball and Mr Childe see Mr Barnes in regard to this.

Recreation Ground

It was resolved that the question of improving the Ground and providing Tennis Courts and other forms of recreation to be considered at the next meeting.

West Memorial Fund

The Clerk reported that the Bank account had been closed and the balance of cash amounting to £ - 17 / 9d placed in his hands to be used for the purchase of paint for the seats on the Recreation Ground.

Date of next meeting – December 10th at 7.30pm.

Parish Council
4th October 1945

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church House, on Thursday October 4th 1945 at 8.30pm:

Present: Chairman: Mr A. G. Morrish Esq. Messrs Ball, Bollom, Milner, Pearce, Stacey and Yeo.

An apology from Rev. H. Knapman.

Clerkencombe Quarry

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been specially convened to consider a letter from the District Highway Surveyor regarding the quarry. The Surveyor had requested permission to erect a gateway and posts in the boundary wall on the Providence Lane side of the quarry, to be used by the County Council for tipping road refuse and hedge trimmings directly over the face of the quarry. It was understood that it was difficult to enter the quarry from the normal entrance owing to rubbish having been carelessly tipped, hence the application now received.

After due consideration of the matter, upon the proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Ball, it was resolved that the District Surveyor be informed that the Council will not permit the erection of a gate for tipping purposes on the Providence side of the Quarry.

Upon the proposition of Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Stacey, it was resolved that the Clerk be directed to communicate with the Ministry of Health with a view to establishing a title to the quarry.

Parish Council
25th October 1945

At a Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Long Ashton on Thursday 25th October 1945 at 7pm:

Present: Chairman: Mr A. G. Morrish Esq. There were approximately 50 Local Government Electors present.

The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read and confirmed and were signed by the Chairman.

Extension of Recreation Ground

The Chairman then explained why the meeting had been called – to consider an offer of the Village Association to purchase two acres of land adjoining the Recreation Ground to be presented to the Parish as an extension of the Playing Field and for the setting up of properly equipped Tennis Courts etc. The Chairman then asked the Clerk to read the minutes of the Parish Meeting dated 8th February when a question regarding the future use of the land now referred to was decided.

Mr S. J. Bollom Vice Chairman of the Village Association then addressed the meeting and explained that the land would cost somewhere in the region of £900. Mr Bollom who drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that the present Recreation Ground was quite unsuitable for development as it was too small to make a really good layout. Several proposals for the layout of the land were then submitted to the meeting. After a very lengthy discussion in the matter the Chairman put the following question to the meeting:-

“Are you in favour of accepting the Gift of two acres of land to be used as an extension of the existing Recreation Ground?” Voting on the question – 25 in favour, 3 against.

Resolved that the grateful thanks of the Parish Meeting be expressed to the Village Association for the Gift and for everything else they were doing for the village. Mr Bollom responded on behalf of the Association.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks for the Chairman for conducting the meeting in such an excellent manner.

Parish Council
10th December 1945

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church House, on Monday 10th December 1945 at 7.30pm:

Present: Chairman: Mr A. G. Morrish Esq. Messrs Ball, Bollom, Childe, Knapman, Mitchell, Pearce, Skinner, Stacey and Yeo.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Allotments

- (a) The Clerk reported writing to Mr Sisley, tenant of Plot 31, Archgrove in regard to his allotment and that he had been informed that Mr Sisley would cease his tenancy on March 1946. An application for this ground had been received from Mr Barnes of 33 Fenswood. It was resolved that Mr Barnes be accepted as tenant and that he be allowed to have it rent free until September 1946 in order to get the ground free from weeds.
- (b) In regard to the water supply at the grass allotment in Wild Country Lane, Mr Childe stated he has seen Mr Barnes and had advised him not to commit himself to have the work carried out owing to the heavy costs. Mr Childe further stated that the need for the grass allotments in Wild Country Lane no longer existed and after discussion in the matter, the Clerk was directed to communicate with the Ashton Court Estate to see if they would be prepared to allow the Council to terminate their tenancy of this land.

Clerkencombe Quarry

The Clerk reported:-

- (a) That this District Surveyor had had nothing further to say in regard to his proposal to tip over the face of the quarry.
- (b) That Mr Price had commenced the work of repairing the wall. The Clerk also reported that he had been in touch with the Ministry of Health in regard to the ownership of the quarry and read the following letter from the Ministry:-

“Whitehall
7th Nov. 1945

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Health to advert to your letter of 11th October. It is generally accepted that a quarry awarded to the Surveyor of Highways for the purpose of quarrying stone for the upkeep of roads in a particular parish was transferred by sec. 25(1) of the Local Government Act, 1894 to the Land District Council as highway authority.

Although the powers of the rural district council relating to Right ways were transferred to the County Council by section 30 of the Local Government Act 1929, quarries of the kind mentioned above, if not transferred to the County Council under Section 118 of the Act of 1929, are still vested in the Rural District Council.

Whilst the Rural District Council of Long Ashton may, with the consent of the Parish Meeting and the Minister dispose of the property, the proceeds of the sale of the property and the income arising therefrom must be held or applied for the benefit of the parish.

I am Sir
Your obedient Steward
David J White”

As a result of this letter the Long Ashton R. D. C has been asked if they would have any objection to the quarry being disposed of, if the Parish Meeting decided to sell it, and the Rural District Council had stated that they had no objections.

It was resolved that in order to make sure that the Parish Council's claim to ownership was good, the opinion of Mr Barne Forbes, Solicitor be obtained and Mr Skinner was elected to approach him on the matter.

The Clerk also reported in regard to correspondence he had written with Ashton Containers Ltd. As a result of which the Company has written stating that there were not aware permission would have been obtained from the Parish Council, and now requesting such permission and offering to pay reasonable tipping charges. It was resolved that no action be taken for the time being, in regard to charges, pending a report on the legal position and that the Company be allowed to continue tipping provided no nuisance is caused.

Public Lighting

The Clerk reported writing to the North Somerset Electric Supply Company in regard to the proposed changes for the new Agreement and read a reply from the Company stating that they were unable to offer better terms owing to the present high cost of wages fuel etc but offering to insert a clause in the agreement providing for the ascertainment of the Company's costs in each year and adjusting the charge to the Council accordingly.

It was resolved that an agreement be interested into with the Company for a period of five years from the 1st April 1946 in accordance with the letter dated 14th September 1945 received from the Company and referred to on folio 137 of this Minute Book, and that the Company be informed that the Council do not wish to have the clause inserted in the agreement in regard to the adjustment of charges.

A letter from Mr J. A. Mitchell of Kings Walk, Bishopsworth, was read asking if the Council would consider installing one or two lamps in Kings Walk. It was resolved that the Chairman inspect the area concerned with a official of the Electric Light Co. and that he be empowered to give instruction for lights to be erected as necessary.

Rights of Way

The Clerk stated he had written to the Ashton Court Estate in regard to footpaths as instructed and that the Estate Agent had written stating that the repair and upkeep of the paths would appear to be the liability of the Parish Council as such paths are primo facili repairable by the inhabitants at large and the Estate accepts no responsibility for the same.

Also that the District Surveyor had written stating that he was not responsible for the repair of the path by Forge Cottages.

It was resolved:

- (a) That a further letter be forwarded to the District Surveyor in regard to the Church Path at Forge Cottages, and
- (b) That Mr Skinner be asked to see Mr Forbes in an unofficial capacity in regard to the liability of the Estate for the repair of the paths at the Wycke and Rayens Cross.

Recreation Ground

The Chairman made reference to the proposal of the Long Ashton Village Association to purchase two acres of land for an extension of the Recreation Ground and to present the same to the Parish as part of a scheme for a War Memorial, and on behalf of the Council he expressed his most grateful thanks to the Association for the Gift. It was resolved that a letter be forwarded to the Village Association gratefully accepting the gift and expressing the thanks of the Council for the proposal of the Association to lay out and equip the Ground.

Payment of Accounts

The following cheques were drawn:

G. E. Hancock	£1. 3. 6.	Printing
Somerset County Council	£ 4. 6. 0.	Superannuation Mr March
Ashton Court Estate	4. 3.	Tithe Rent Charge
A. R. Harper	£9.15. 9.	Salary and expenses
Inland Revenue	£2.17. 0.	Income Tax - PAYE
North Somerset Electric Co.	£128. 7. 3.	Lighting charges 1 st Aug to 31 st Dec 1945

Date of next meeting – 11th March 1946 to follow the Annual Parish Meeting to be held that day at 7pm.

Audit

The Statement signed by the District Auditor for the year ended 31st March 1945 was produced.

