

Parish Council
17th March 1947

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting held in the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday 17th March 1947.

Chairman: Mr A. E. Morrish Esq.

The notice convening the meeting was read.

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

Parochial Charities

The Clerk read the Receipts and Payments Account relating to the Charities, and which had been prepared by Miss Ireland, Clerk to the Charities Committee and which showed Receipt £399. 12. 1 and Payments £330. 9. 7. and a Balance in Hand at the end of 1946 of £219. 5. 9.

Street Lighting

The Accounts relating to the expenditure on Street Lighting for the year ending 31st March 1947 were presented which showed an approximate balance in hand of £60. An estimate of the amount required for the year ending 31st March 1948 was also given and upon the proposition of Mr Pearce, it was resolved that a sum of Three Hundred Pounds be raised for Street Lighting for the year ending 31st March 1948. The Clerk reported in regard to the restriction on Street Lights recently imposed by the Ministry of Fuel and Power and it was decided to leave to the Parish Council any question regarding application to the Ministry for permission to use lighting during restricted periods.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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At a meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council held in the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday the 17th March 1947 after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present:-

Chairman – Mr A. E. Morrish.

Mrs Maltby, Messrs Low, Skinner, Pearce, Mereweather, Legge, Childe, Bollom, Cole and Yeo.

There was an apology from Revd. Knapman.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 1946 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Guard Rail – Long Ashton School

The Clerk read a letter from the County Surveyor dated the 9th January stating that it was necessary to keep a minimum clearance of 18” between the edge of the carriageway and the outside face of the Guard Rail in order to prevent damage by or to its passing vehicles, and that if a 2” diameter rail was erected the remaining width of footpath 2’ to 4’ would be practically unusable.

It was stated by some members that they knew of railings erected in Somerset and Bristol which were much nearer the carriageway than 18” and it was resolved that the County Surveyor be informed that the Parish Council are firmly of the opinion that a Guard Rail should be provided and that a clearance of 18” suggested would appear to be quite unnecessary, and to ask if he would again consider the matter.

Clerkencombe – Halt Sign

A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that this matter was being considered at the next meeting of the Traffic Sign sub-Committee.

Providence – Ridgeway

A letter was read from the County Surveyor asking the type of sign required to be erected and suggesting that ‘Halt’ or ‘Crossroads’ sign were unnecessary as the majority of drivers using the road are either local drivers or tradesman well aware of the conditions.

It was resolved that the County Surveyor be asked to provide ‘Danger Crossroads’ sign at this spot.

Footpaths

a) Brock Lane

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary to the Research Station stating that he was unable to trace any records which showed that the Research Station were responsible for the maintenance of the paths, but the matter would be referred to the Management Committee on April 1st.

It was resolved that in the event of an unsatisfactory reply being received, the Secretary of the Research Station be consulted by Messrs Cole, Childe, Legge and the Clerk.

b) Ashton Hill – Golf Club

Mr Skinner reported meeting the Secretary of the Clerk who disputed the Council's contention that the Club were liable to keep the path cleared to a width of six feet as mentioned in the Award.

It was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr Skinner and the Clerk to refer to the Award and submit a further report.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk report that he had had an interview with one of the Directors of Western Paviments who contended that the Village Association had given them an order to commence the work of laying the Playground and therefore they were unable to accept responsibility for the present condition of the Ground. A letter from the Company was also read in regard to this.

Mr Bollom stated he was of the opinion that the Company were responsible.

It was suggested that it might be found possible for a local farmer to roll the ground to give a reasonably good surface pending the proper laying of the playground. It was understood that the Village Association would meet any cost arising from this.

Mr Childe stated that at the present time the football pitch was in a flooded condition on account of the fact that the Research Station had dug a trench from their land across the footpath and on to the Recreation Ground. The Clerk was directed to write the Research Station and ask for an explanation and to request them to divert the drainage water from their land so as to cause no further nuisance and also to state that the Council would hold the Research Station responsible for any claim made by the Football Club for inability to use the pitch.

Increase of Pension Act

The Clerk reported that Mr March, former Clerk to the Parish Council, had to make an application for an increased pension under the 1944 Act and it appeared that an amount of 30% of his pension was £22. 5. 2 could be claimed and that the Council were compelled to pay such increase by virtue of Section 1(7) of the 1944 Act. The increase would have to be made by the Parish Council as the last employing authority. The Clerk also reported receipt of business 41/47 from the Ministry of Health in regard to the 1947 Act and which increased amount of 30% of the Pension to 40% as from 1st December 1946.

Mr Pearce proposed, seconded by Mr Mereweather that Mr March be awarded an increase of 30% from 1st April 1946, and the increase due under the 1947 Act.

Mr Skinner proposed that the increase apply from 1st April 1945, seconded by Mr Bollom.

The amendments was part of the meeting and that appeared 6 in favour and 6 against and the Chairman gave his casting vote to Mr Pearce's resolution which was then passed to the meeting and carried that the increase date from 1946.

Portishead / Bristol Bus Service

A letter from the Easton in Gordano Parish Council was read suggesting that a joint meeting be held to request the Tramway Co. to provide an increased number of buses in the rush periods.

It was resolved that the letter be on the table.

Precept

The Clerk presented figures of Receipts and Payments estimated to 31st March 1947 and an estimate of the amount required for 1947-48.

It was resolved that a Precept be issued for 1947-48 and an amount of £200 towards Lighting Expenses. £55 General and £200 Lighting.

Clerkencombe Quarry

The Clerk reported he had received an amount of £15. 13. 6 to date for use of the Quarry by Ashton Containers Ltd.

Lighting

The Clerk reported that in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Fuel and Power he had requested the North Somerset Electric Supply Co to cease street lighting. A letter from the Company was read stating that they would be prepared to reduce the Lighting Charge in respect of the current not consumed at the rate of 1d. per unit but were unable to make a further reduction as the Company's standing charges would continue to have to be met.

Date of next meeting fixed for Monday 21st April 1947 at 7.30pm.

Other Business

Bridge on Footpath – Mental Hospital

It was reported that the footbridge was in a very dangerous condition. The Clerk was directed to write to the Bristol Corporation upon the matter.

Bath – Forge Cottage

It was reported that the gate leading into the field on this path was in a bad state of repairs. The Clerk was directed to write to the District Surveyor and ask if he would arrange to carry out the necessary repairs.

Allotments

Mr Childe stated that the Hedge of Archgrove Allotment required attention and it was resolved that Messrs Yeo, Childe, Legge, Skinner, Stacey and Low inspect this and arrange for any work necessary to be put in hand.

Parish Council
21st April 1947

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Church House, on Monday 21st April at 7.30pm.

The whole Council present with the exception of Mr Mereweather who sent his apologies.

Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for a Chairman. Upon the proposition of Mr Bollom, seconded by Rev. Knapman it was unanimously resolved that Mr Morrish be the Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Morrish then took the Chair and thanked the members for electing him once again.

Vice Chairman

Mr Pearce proposed Mr Ball as Vice Chairman. Mr Ball stated he would like his name to be withdrawn for this year but was grateful for the confidence showing in putting his name forward, but he felt he was quite unable to accept the post of Vice Chairman. Mr Pearce withdrew his proposal.

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Mr Childe that Mr Norman Pearce be the Vice Chairman for the ensuing year and this was carried unanimously.

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

Arising out of the Minutes

Guard Rail – Parochial School

The Clerk read a letter from the County Surveyor dated 28th March stating that the clearance between the edge of the carriage way and any protective barriers erected on the footpath as a restriction placed upon Highway Authorities by the Ministry of Transport – the reason being to prevent vehicles being driven along the carriageway colliding with the barrier.

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Allotments

The Clerk reported writing to the Ashton Court Estate with regard to the Grass Allotments in Wild Country Lane and Mr Worrall had stated he would go into the matter.

The Report of the Allotment Committee was presented as set out below:

Long Ashton Parish Council

Report of the Allotments Committee

Your Committee met on March 4th at 7pm when there were present Messrs. Geo. Yeo in the Chair, A. E. Morrish, G. Childe, and S. Mitchell.

Providence Allotments

The Clerk reported that Notice had been served by the Ashton Court Estate requiring the Parish Council to give up the land at Providence by 29th September 1946, as the land was required for building. Notice to quit had been served on each tenant. Mr Wilmott, Builder, who was anxious to develop the land for housing, has written

stating that if it is possible to obtain possession of the land on March 25th 1946 he would be very grateful, and has stated he will compensate tenants if they agree to vacate on that date. The Clerk informed all of the tenants of this and asked if they would be prepared to vacate on March 25th. Some tenants were agreeable but other required full six months notice. The Clerk's action was approved and it was left in his hands to do what he could to assist Mr Wilmott to obtain early possession.

Vacant plots

St. Martins no. 9/1 - £6. 8d. void

/6 - £6. 8d. void

7 - £6. 8d. void

9/11 (W. E. James (would be vacant at 29th Sept 1946, Mr James had informed the Clerk that if he could let it before he would be agreeable to give it up immediately.

Birdwell 10/9 Birdwell (Todd) would be vacant at 25th March. It was agreed to allow Mr Llewellyn tenant of no. 10/8 to take this plot if he desired owing to his plot being of poor land.

Changes in tenancy

St. Martins – 2/8 Mr Yemm (formerly Mr Halfyard)

Archgrove – 3/10 F. W. Burgess (formerly G. Burgess)

St. Martins – 2/14 W. E. James

Grass Allotment – Mr P Yeo (formerly Mr Geo. Yeo)

Birdwell – Mr Cumner 10/15

The Clerk reported that Mr Cumner had now moved to Ashton Gate to live, but that he hoped to return to Long Ashton soon and wanted to keep the garden. Rent for current year has been paid. This was agreed.

Grass Allotments – Wild Country Lane

The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard from the Ashton Court Estate in regard to the Council's suggestion to give up this ground.

Archgrove – Nuisance caused by dogs and cats

The Clerk reported he had received several complaints in regard to nuisance caused by dogs from tenants of the houses at the top of Archgrove, and also of the fact that some of the tenants there were using the allotment field as a right of way at the top end. The Clerk was directed to write to Messrs. Maggs, Routley and Gillett, No's 9, 10, 11 Archgrove asking them, if they were dog owners, to be sure that their dogs cause no nuisance to the allotment holders, and also pointing out that the allotment field is private property and no right of way exist across it.

Fence at Archgrove

It was reported that the fence fronting the main road at Archgrove was in need of repair. Resolved – that the matter be deferred for a short while, when an inspection would be made by the Committee.

The Report was adopted and with regard to the letting of vacant plots the Committee were authorised to let the ground free of rent if considered necessary on account of

gardens which were in a bad state of cultivation. It was decided that a Notice be displayed in regard to vacant plots.

Clerkencombe Quarry

Mr Skinner reported he has seen Mr Forbes with regard to the ownership and the Clerk stated a letter had been received from Mr Forbes on the matter which gave an extract from Mr Forbes' interview as follows:-

“10th January. Attending Mr John Skinner of 64 Ridgeway Road, Long Ashton, on his calling when he handed us copy of Long Ashton Enclosure Commissioners' Award dated 20th May 1820. He said he had known Clerkencombe Quarry for 45 years last past, during which period it had been in the possession of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Long Ashton and he had never known or heard of such Quarry being subject to an encumbrance easement or right of any kind or of any Charitable Trust and he had never known or heard of any adverse claim having been made by any person to the property or to any part thereof and believed same to be the exclusive and indispensable property of the inhabitants of the Parish and believed that no deeds or writing relating to the property existed relating to the property existed except the said Award and he said he could make a statutory declaration if necessary to that effect”.

The Clerk also reported the receipt of a letter dated 12th January from the Ashton Court Estate which stated that “though the matter was not free from doubt they consider the ownership of the Quarry is now vested in the Long Ashton Rural District Council, and as a consequence the Estate makes no claim to the ownership of the quarry”.

It was resolved that before any further steps are taken by the Parish Council, Mr Skinner be asked to make a statutory possessory title.

Footpaths

The Clerk reported writing to the District Surveyor in regard to the Church Path at Forge Cottages and read the reply from the Surveyor which quoted previous correspondence with the Parish Council in regard to Church paths and from which it appeared that the County Council accepted no liability for such paths.

Mr Skinner reported seeing Mr Forbes as requested and that he expected Mr Forbes to write to the Council on this matter although Mr Forbes last stated that he did not express any opinion on the matter. Upon the proposition of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Mitchell, it was resolved that a letter be forwarded to Col. Gibb asking him to take the matter up with the County Council. It was also decided that efforts be made to obtain evidence as to the age of the paths in question.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the War Agricultural Committee in regard to the withdrawal of the directions issued to farmers to plough up certain footpaths under the Defence Regulations.

Precept

It was resolved that a Precept be served on the Rating Authority for £40 General Expenses and £200 Lighting Expenses for the half year ending 30th September 1946.

Accounts The Clerk presented a draft receipts and payments account for the current year. It was resolved that one quarter of the Clerks Salary be charged each year to the Allotment Account, this management to apply for the year ending 31st March 1946.

Peace Celebration

Letter was read, from the Ministry of Health, authorising reasonable expenditure on the celebrations for Victory Day. It was resolved that no expenditure of the Parish Council be incurred, but that the Village Association be asked if they would be good enough to make arrangements for celebrations.

Bus Services

A letter from the tenants of Fenswood Road was received asking if the Council would support an application for re-placement of the bus stop at the end of Fenswood Road, the present stop at the Research Station being very inconvenient. It was resolved that a letter be written to the Company asking that steps be taken to replace the bus stop referred to.

Payments of Accounts

The following cheques were ordered to be drawn:

Haddon Best Co.	£ 1. 9. 6.	Receipt and Payments Book
Shaws Ltd	6. 0.	Stationery
Philpotts Ltd.	£1. 8. 2.	Stationery
Ashton Court Estate	£39. 2. 9.	Allotment Rent – half year to 25 th March 1946.
Bank of England	£9. 16. 9.	Loan Charges
Somerset Co. Council	£2. 3. 0.	Superannuation
A. R. Harper	£13.18.6	Salary and expenses
Inland Revenue	£2.17. 0.	Income Tax - PAYE

Lighting Agreement

The Agreement with the North Somerset Electric Supply Co. Ltd. Was signed on behalf of the Parish Council by the presiding Chairman, Mr Skinner and Mrs Pearce.

Parish Council
21st July 1947

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church House, Long Ashton, on Monday 21st July 1947, at 7.30pm

Present: Presiding Chairman – Mr N. Pearce, Mrs Maltby and Messrs Ball, Childe, Yeo, Low, Stacey, Hurley, Mereweather, Cole, Skinner, Bollom and Legge.

Apologies from Mr A. E. Morrish and the Vicar.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes it was reported that the Bridge on the footpath near the Mental Hospital had been repaired.

Mr Bollom reported briefly on the Conference held at Taunton by the Somerset Playing Fields Association.

Guard Rail – School

The Clerk read a letter received from the Ministry of Transport stating that they were unable to agree to the erection of a guard rail with a clearance of less than 18” from the kerb but an Officer of the Department had arranged to inspect the site to see if any suggestions could be made to improve the difficulty.

Footpath Preservation Society

The Clerk reported writing to the Society with regard to the paths over Ashton Hill and read a letter from the Society dated 11 June 1947, stating that if the difference between the course of the paths marked on the Inclosure Award and the true course is not substantial, it was to be assumed that the path now used is the awarded path and this would have to be maintained as specified in the Award. The letter also gave some further information on footpaths and some publications had been forwarded dealing with various aspects relating to the repair of paths etc.

It was resolved that the content of this matter be made known to the Ashton Court Estate and the Long Ashton Golf Club. It was also resolved that the Parish Council apply for membership of the Footpaths Preservation Society.

Path leading from Churchyard to Yanleigh

Mr Ball reported that this path had been ploughed up and obstructed and the Clerk was directed to write Mr Withers asking him if he would be good enough to restore the park to its previous condition.

Mr Skinner reported he had had a conversation with the Secretary of the Golf Club and from which it appeared the Club would no doubt clear the paths which were overgrown.

Recreation Ground – Flooding

Mr Pearce reported that he had made enquiries with regard to the liability for clearing land drains and from which it appeared the Research Station had acted quite correctly with regard to the land adjoining the Recreation Ground.

Reservation of School Sites

The Clerk read a letter from the Long Ashton RDC asking the observations of the Parish Council with regard to a site which the County Council decided to select as a site for a Nursery School and which was at the north east corner of the Archgrove allotment field.

It was resolved that the Rural District Council consider a better site was available at the bottom of Rayens Cross Road on land adjoining the site proposed to be developed by the Rural District Council as a Housing Site. This would also do away with the necessity of taking useful allotment ground for building purposes.

Street Lighting

The report of the Lighting Committee was received as follows:-

At a meeting of the Lighting Committee held at the Church House on Monday 21st July 1947, at 7pm.

Mr G. W. Stacey was elected as Chairman of the Committee.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Fuel Economy

The Clerk read Circular No. 613 issued by the Ministry of Transport giving authority for a resumption of street lighting as from 10th August 1947, provided Lighting Authorities make a saving of at least 50% pre war fuel consumption.

The Clerk reported that he had enquired of the North Somerset Electric Co. what the position would be if the Council decided on a change in the wattage of lamps, and he had been informed that the Company were prepared to make any changes required on condition that the Council purchased the bulbs and paid for labour costs in fitting them etc. The Company would carry out replacements as required.

It was stated in the Circular that main traffic routes should continue to be well lighted, any economies being made in residential areas.

After consideration, the Committee decided to recommend the Council to reduce all lights other than those on the Bristol / Weston-s-Mare Road, Bristol – Clevedon Road, and Bristol – Portishead Road, to 25 watts. The Clerk stated this would not give a full 50% saving, but the Committee were of opinion that this would no doubt be acceptable to the Ministry.

It was resolved that the report be accepted.

Recreation Ground

A deputation of residents of the lower part of Rayens Cross Road was received, who complained of the great amount of noise arising from the Ground since the Playground had been made. It appeared that the principal cause of complaint was the nearness to the garden fences of the Giant Slide and the deputation asked the Parish Council to use its best endeavours to obtain the removal of the slide to a fresh position.

It was resolved that the matter be referred by the Village Association and that they be asked to inform the Council of any action which they may be able to take to alert the wishes of the residents who were complaining.

Cheques

The following cheques were drawn:

Somerset Co. Council	£10. 9. 9	Superannuation
H. Sherbourne	£ 1.17. 6	Hedging

Church House	£ 1. 7. 6.	Hire of Hall
G. E. Hancock	£ 1. 3. 6.	Printing
North Som. Elect Co.	£59.11.6	Lighting
A. R. Harper	£12.10.0.	Salary June quarter

Horticultural Society

On behalf of the Society Mr Childe asked if they could be allowed the use of the Recreation Ground for the Annual Show on August 2nd. This was agreed.

Parish Council
6th October 1947

At a meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council held in the Church House, on October 6th 1947 at 7.30pm.

The whole Council were present with the exception of Mr Legge and the Vicar, both of whom had sent apologies for being unable to attend. Mr A. G. Morrish – Chairman.

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 1947 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Guard Rail – Parochial School

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the County Council stating that they adhered to the previous decision not to erect a guard rail. There had been no further communication from the Ministry of Transport.

Footpaths

The Clerk suggested that he has written Mr M Withers regarding the path leading to Yanleigh. No reply had been received.

Street Lighting

The Clerk reported he had received a circular letter from the Regional Office of the Ministry of Fuel and Power asking what steps the Council proposed to take to reduce the consumption of fuel on street lighting. As a result of this the Ministry had been informed of the steps decided on by the Council at the last meeting. The Ministry had stated that the saving which would result would not meet with approval and asking for re-consideration. As the matter was rather urgent the Clerk had approached the Chairman of the Lighting Committee and it was decided that old lamps other than those on the main Bristol / Weston-s-Mare road should be reduced to 25 watts. The estimated saving would be almost exactly 50% as required by the Ministry. Some of the members of the Committee had been consulted upon this and agreed to the suggestion. It was pointed out that the matter had not been considered by the full Lighting Committee.

The Ministry accordingly been informed of the new proposals and had expressed their satisfaction with this. The Clerk stated he had made it clear to the Ministry that if the new lighting does not suit in any particular part of the parish the Council would re-consider the matter. The Police had been informed of the proposals and had written stating they considered them satisfactory from their point of view. The Electric Light Co. had been informed and requested to make the necessary changes.

The action of the Clerk and Chairman of the Lighting Committee was approved.

Keeds Lane

The Clerk read a letter signed by the tenants of the twelve new houses at Fenswood asking if the Council would provide a street lamp in Keeds Lane and also attend to the surface of the lane which was very bad from the end of the Estate path to Rayens Cross Road.

The Clerk was directed to reply that in view of the present restrictions the Council was unable to provide a street lamp. The question of the liability for the upkeep of Keeds Lane was deferred for the Clerk to make enquiries.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that the complaint of noise arising from the use of the new playground had been referred to the Village Association. Mr Bollom stated that the Association had met the people complaining and a satisfactory solution had been arrived at by removing the slide to a new position.

Insurance

The Clerk was directed to make enquiries as to whether it was desirable for the Council to take insurance cover for accidents arising from the use of the playground.

Notice Boards

It was resolved that the Notice Boards previously acquired be erected on the Recreation Ground in the near future.

Football Club

The Long Ashton A. F. C. having made application for use of the field for football for the 1947-8 season. It was resolved that this be allowed on payment of Five pounds for the season.

Tyntesfield Club.

A letter from the Secretary of the Club was read, asking if the Council were prepared to sell the disused swings on the Recreation Ground. Mr Low having stated that it would not be possible to remove them without damaging the posts and probably making them useless as swings. It was resolved that the Club be informed that the swings would not be sold. Mr Bollom stated he would endeavour to get the Village Association to repair these swings.

Precept – Lighting Expenses

It was resolved that a Precept for £100 be served on the Rating Authority to cover expenses to 31 March 1948.

National Savings

A letter from the Secretary of the Long Ashton Rural District Savings Committee was read asking if the Council would assist in the Silver Linings Savings Campaign. It was resolved that the Area Committee be referred to the Village Savings Committee. The Clerk reported that the National Association of Parish Councils were holding a conference in London on October 20th and inviting the Council to send a representative. No action was taken in the matter.

Litter

Mr Low asked the Clerk to obtain information regarding litter left in the roads, especially roads which were not yet taken over by the Highway Authority.

Cheques

The following cheques were drawn:-

Ashton Court Estate	£36. 9. 3.	Allotment Field Rent
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Bank of England	£ 9.10. 3.	Loan Charges – Recreation Gd.
A. R. Harper	£14. 6. 8.	Salary and Expenses

The Clerk reported a payment was now due to the North Somerset Electric Co. for the September quarter but the account had not yet been received. Authority was given for this cheque to be drawn when the amount was known.

Parish Council
3rd December 1947

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday 3rd December 1947 at 7.30pm:

Present: Presiding Chairman – Mr N. Pearce
Mrs Maltby, Rev. Knapman and Messrs O. J. Ball, S. Cole, W. Mereweather, G. Stacey, G. Childe, G. Yeo, G. Low, N. Bollom, C. Harley.

Apologies from Messrs Skinner and Legge.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Keeds Lane

The Clerk reported that from enquires he had made it appeared that the Lane was one which was repairable by the Ashton Court Estate.

It was resolved that the Estate be asked to consider carrying out the repairs suggested by the tenant of the new housing estate.

Recreation Ground - Insurance

The Clerk read a letter from the Northern Assurance Co quoting a premium of £2 for Indemnity of £1500 for Public Liability Insurance on the Recreation Ground other than the Football Pitch.

After discussion it was agreed to ask the Company to cover the Football Pitch also with the exception of cover for properly constituted Football Team when it was understood arrange their own insurance.

The Insurance Company stated in their letter, that it would be advisable to remove the swings which are damaged and that the proposed cover would not apply to such swings. The Clerk was directed to arrange for the old swings to be removed from the uprights.

Litter In Streets

The Clerk reported that the County Council had a Byelaw which made it an offence to deposit litter in public places.

Recreation Ground Extension – Long Ashton Village Association

A letter was read from Mr C. Cyril Clarke, Chairman of the Village Association asking if the Parish Council would accept the Trusts of the two acres of land shortly to be purchased from the Ashton Court Estate. Mr Clarke pointed out that the land would be managed by the Village Association who, when they build tennis courts will charge a fee for their use.

It was resolved that the Parish Council agreed to be the Trustees of this land provided that no expense shall be borne by the Council arising out of the Trusts.

Rayens Cross Road

A letter was read from Mrs Phillips 25 Rayens Cross Road, asking for the Councils assistance in having the pavements repaired in the road, as in their present condition they were a source of danger.

The Clerk reported that from previous correspondence with the Highways Surveyor it was a road which had not been taken over by the County Council. It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Ashton Court Estate for their attention.

Local Government Superannuation Act

The Clerk read a letter from the County Council stating that following the Actuaries report on the Superannuation Fund it was necessary to increase the equal annual charge by £3 per annum for 32 years from 1st April 1947. The letter also enclosed a copy of the Actuaries report.

The following cheques were ordered to be drawn:-

Somerset County Council	£14. 13. 7.	Superannuation Charges
Phillpot Ltd	11. 0.	Stationery
A. R. Harper	£12. 10. 0.	Salary
N. Somerset Electric Co.	£79. 14. 8.	Lighting – Sept. 2 months

Recreation Ground – Children’s Playground

The Parish Council following a suggestion made by Mr Bollom, discussed the question of assuming the future arrangement and maintenance of the swings be provided by the Village Association.

It was proposed by Mr Morrish that the matter be referred to the Parish Meeting to obtain their views at the next meeting in March and upon being put to the vote, their appeared to be 4 in favour and 6 against. No further action was taken.

Street Lighting

Mr Stacey stated that the lamp at the bottom of Chestnut Road required to be moved to a fresh position as there was no benefit from it at the lower end of Chestnut Road. The matter was referred to the Lighting Committee.

Next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on March 8th.