

**Parish Council**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 1948**

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting held in the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1948 at 7pm.

Chairman: Mr A. E. Morrish Esq.

16 Electors were present.

The notice convening the meeting was read and confirmed.

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

Parochial Charities – Year ended 31 December 1947

The Clerk read the Receipts and Payments Account relating to the Charities, and which showed receipts of £371. 2. 0. and payments of £336. 15. 9. with a Balance in Hand to carry forward at 31 December 1947 of £253. 12. 0.

Street Lighting

The Clerk reported in regard to the expenditure on street lighting for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1948 and which was likely to be £300. 11. 9. and would leave an approximate balance in hand on the Lighting Account of £58. 1. 9. The estimated expenditure for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1949 was £314.

Upon the proposition of Mr Ball seconded by Mr Pearce, it was resolved that a Precept for £300 be served upon the rating Authority to cover street lighting expenses for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1949.

Salvage Bins

A complaint was made regarding the present unsatisfactory state of the bone and pig food bins throughout the Parish and the Clerk was directed to bring this matter to the notice of the Long Ashton RDC's Salvage Officer and request the bins be sterilised at more frequent intervals.

Rayens Cross Road

The attention of the meeting was called to the unsatisfactory condition of the road which had not yet been taken over by the Highway Authority. It was also stated that this road was not swept by the road sweepers. After discussion the Clerk was directed to write to the County Council and ask if they would take steps to see that the road was made up and taken over by them as soon as possible, and to point out that the remainder of the plots on the road were not likely to be developed for some years in view of the present day building restrictions, and it was not right to delay the taking over of the road until it was fully developed. The Clerk was also directed to ask if the County Council could arrange for the road to be swept in future.

There were no further items of business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

**Parish Council**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 1948**

At a meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council held in the Church House, Long Ashton on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1948 after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present:-

Chairman – Mr A. E. Morrish.

Mrs Maltby, Revd. Knapman, Messrs Pearce, Ball, Low, Legge, Childe, Bollom, Cole and Yeo.

Apologies were received from Messrs Mereweather, Stacey, Skinner and Hurley for being unable to be present.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1947 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman after correction of the name of the proposer of a resolution regarding the Children's Playground on Folio 228 from Bollom to Morrish.

Keeds Lane

The Clerk reported writing to the Ashton Court Estate asking if they would carry out repairs to the path. A reply dated 15<sup>th</sup> December had been received stating that the Path had been admitted as a pathway for foot passengers under the Rights of Way Act 1932, and stating that the Estate would not admit liability for repair and that in Mr Worrall's opinion it was repairable by the inhabitants at large.

It having been pointed out that the Research Station used the path as a way to their land at the top of the Recreation Ground and used it as a hauling way and a road for their tractors, the Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of the Research Station and ask if they possessed any authority to use the road for such purposes in view of the Ashton Courts Estates admission that the path was a footpath only.

Insurance – Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that the Northern Assurance Co. had agreed to include the football pitch in the cover under the Public Liability Policy and had done so for the premium. The Clerk stated the Policy was being prepared by the Company and would shortly be received. This was noted with satisfaction.

Rayens Cross Road

The Clerk reported in regard to correspondence he had had regarding the repair of the pavement outside no. 25 Rayens Cross Road, as a result of which the Ashton Court Estate had carried out the necessary work. A letter of thanks for the Council's action was received from Mrs Phillips.

The following letters from the County Council were read:-

16 Dec. County Surveyor stating that the Traffic Sign sub Committee had agreed to re lay the white lines and re-site the 'Slow – Major Road Ahead' sign on the Clerkencombe Road but would agree to a Halt Sign.

16 Dec. Stating that the sub Committee had declined the application for a Crossroads sign of Ridgeway Road but had approved a 'Slow- Major Road Ahead' sign at its Eastern junction with Providence Lane.

16. Dec. Declining the application for School Warning Signs made by the Parish Council on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1947.

It was resolved that the Clerk forward a letter to Mr N. Pearce, County Councillors, asking if he would raise the question of the refusal of the application for School Warning Signs and point out that the request for a guard rail had also been declined by the County Council.

#### Allotments

The Clerk read a letter from the Ashton Court Estate stating that the land now let to the Council as allotments had been sold to Newcombe Estates Ltd and that rent due after 25<sup>th</sup> March next would be payable to the new owners.

#### Bus Shelters

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of the Research Station pointing at the need for 'Bus Shelters' on both sides of the road at the bus stop outside of the Research Station. He had been in touch with the County Council upon the matter and had been advised to bring it to the notice of the Parish Council.

It was resolved that the Research Station be informed that the Council agree there is a need for bus shelters at the places mentioned and that the Clerk write to the County Council and the Bristol Tramway Co. asking if they would be prepared to erect such shelters.

#### Recreation Ground

A letter from Mr Walker of No. 66 Rayens Cross Road was read complaining of the nuisance caused by children using the Playground and asking if the ground could be closed on Sundays and fixing opening periods for other days. Also pointing out that cyclists use the tarmac paths and collide with the fences at the near of the houses. Mr Walter further suggested that the playground be removed to the top end of the field and the present site used as a garden of remembrance where adults could enjoy quiet rest.

It was resolved that Mr Walker be informed that the Council could not agree to the closing of the Playground on Sunday and the whole matter be referred to the Recreation Ground Committee with power to erect notices publishing cycling on the tarmac paths.

#### Bus services

The Clerk reported that there had been several complaints regarding the inadequacy of the bus services from Ashton Bridge during the late afternoon periods. and after he had brought this to the notice of the Company they had agreed to put on extra buses to Cambridge Batch. The Clerk stated he had written to the Company thanking them for this on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### Street Lighting – Chestnut Road

On behalf of the Chairman of the Lighting Committee it was reported that it might be found possible to erect a lamp across the road by suspending it from cables as at Dr Valentines drive, and the Clerk was directed to ask the Electricity Company if they would give a report on this possibility. It was also resolved that a letter be sent to the occupier of The Chestnuts asking if he would cut back the trees which screen the light on the main road.

### Parish Council Expenses

The Clerk reported on the estimated receipts and payments in the year ending 31 March 1949 and gave the figures for the current financial year and it was resolved that a sum of £55 be raised to cover expenses for the year ending 31 March 1949.

### Payment of Accounts

The following cheques were drawn:-

G. E. Hancock	£1. 9. 6.	Printing
N. Somerset Electric Co.	£161. 3. 7.	Lighting Expenses to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1948
Somerset County Council	£8.17.9.	Superannuation
Ashton Court Estate	£36. 9. 3.	Rent of Land to 25 March 1948
A. R. Harper	£15. 5. 8.	Salary and Expenses 31/3/48
Northern Assurance Co. Ltd	£2. 0. 0.	Public Liability Insurance
Inland Revenue	£8. 0. 0.	Audit Stamps for 1946/7

Authority was also given to the signing of a cheque in favour of the Bank of England for Loan Charges due 21 March.

### Rudge Quarry – Cambridge Batch

Mr Ball reminded the Council that this Quarry was mentioned in the Long Ashton Inclosure Award and it was almost certainly the property of the inhabitants of Long Ashton and in view of the fact that the Ashton Court Estate were now selling many of their possessions the Council would be well advised to place on record their interest in this Quarry.

The Clerk was directed to enter this in the minute book, and as a preliminary, to acquaint the Somerset County Council and the Ashton Court Estate with the view of the Council and enquire what interests if any they had in the Quarry. The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks to Mr Ball for raising this matter.

### Nursing Association

The Chairman reported that a meeting was shortly to be held in connection with the new constitution of the District Nursing Service and two representatives of the Parish Council had been asked for to extend this meeting.

It was resolved that Mrs Maltby and the Chairman represent the Council.

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting be at 8pm on April 19th.

**Parish Council**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April 1948**

At a meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council held in the Church House, on 19<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.

Present:- Messrs Morrish, Skinner, Bollom, Harley, Stacey, Childe, Low, Ball, Cole, Legge, Yeo, Pearce and Rev. Knapman.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mrs Maltby and Mr Mereweather.

Chairman

This being the Annual Meeting the Clerk asked for nominations for a Chairman, and upon the proposition of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Stacey it was unanimously resolved that Mr A. E. Morrish be the Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Morrish then took the chair and thanked the Council.

Vice Chairman

Proposed by Mr Skinner and seconded by Mr Yeo that Mr N Pearce be the Vice Chairman, Resolved unanimously Mr Pearce also thanked the Council for electing him.

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

Rayens Cross Road.

Arising out of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting the Clerk reported that he had written the County Council regarding the making up of this road and had not yet received a reply.

Salvage

The Clerk stated he had written the Salvage Officer and he was making arrangements for the Pig Food Bins to be steam sterilised on regular occasions.

Keeds Lane

The Clerk stated he had written to the University Research Station regarding their right to use the lane for hauling and a reply had been received stating that under an agreement with the Ashton Court Estate the University has full rights of way for all purposes over Keeds Lane.

The Clerk also stated that in the Conveyance of the Recreation Ground it was agreed 'that Keeds Lane is not open to vehicular traffic and if any damage is done to the surface the Council should bear their fair share of the expense of re-instating and repairing the same'.

The Council considered the matter very fully taking into account the fact that the lane is used by tradesman delivering at the cottages at the top of the lane and also that the lane was used for timber hauling by the Estate, and decided no action should be taken regarding the repairing of the lane. The Clerk was asked to notify the Long Ashton Football Club that cars and chair-a-bans were not to be driven on the lane.

Recreation Ground Committee

A meeting of the Committee had been held on 14<sup>th</sup> April where it was agreed that Notice Boards be erected regarding the tipping of rubbish etc and prohibiting cycling on the Children's Playground. The Chairman of the Committee stated that although there were a large number of children using the swings and also a Football Match in progress the amount of noise was not a nuisance to neighbouring properties.

#### School Warning Sign

Mr Pearce stated that he had taken the matter up with the Chairman of the County Works Committee and would report again at a later date.

#### Bus shelters

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the County Council regarding the erection of bus shelters and also from the Tramway Company. The Company had stated that as there was difficulty in obtaining materials for the manufacture of the shelter there must be considerable delay before the shelters could be provided. The Clerk stated that copies of the correspondence had been forwarded to the Secretary of the Research Station.

#### Street Lighting

The Clerk stated he had written to the North Somerset Electric Company so regarding the suggestion of suspending a light across the bottom of Chestnut Road and the Company's Engineers had stated that this could no doubt be arranged, and would submit a report and estimate of the cost as soon as he could.

It was reported that the tree shielding the light at the Chestnuts has been trimmed back and the Clerk was asked to write Mrs Sait and thank her for having this done.

#### Quarry at Cambridge Batch

The Clerk reported he had written the County Council and the Ashton Court Estate regarding the Council's interest in this Quarry under the Long Ashton Inclosure Award. No reply had yet been received to either of the letters. The Clerk was directed to follow up this correspondence if a reply is not forthcoming within a reasonable time.

#### Precepts

Arising out of the decision to raise £55 for General Expenses and £300 for Lighting, it was resolved that a Precept be signed for the September half year as follows:-

General Expenses £55

Lighting Expenses £150

#### Yanleigh Close – Electricity Supply

The Clerk read a petition from the residents in Yanleigh Close asking for the Council's help in obtaining a supply of electricity. The Council resolved to support the application and the Clerk was directed to write the South Western Electricity Board upon the matter.

#### Footpaths – Conference at Taunton

The Clerk read a letter inviting the Council to send representatives to a Conference to be held at Taunton by the Somerset Association of Parish Councils. No action was taken.

### Appointment of Committees

The following were elected to serve for the ensuing year:-

Lighting - Messrs Stacey, Ball, Childe, Skinner, Yeo, Low and Harley.  
Mr R. E Milner of Leigh Woods be co-opted for any matters concerning Leigh Woods's area.

Recreation Ground – Mrs Maltby and Messrs Bollom, Childe, Knapman, Pearce, Morrish, Stacey and Mereweather.

Allotments – Messrs Yeo, Ball, Childe, Morrish, Skinner, Legge and Cole.

Swann Benefaction – Mr R E Milner for one year.

It having been pointed out that a small Committee to deal with matter concerning Rights of Way would be of very great assistance the following were elected:  
Messrs Childe, Ball, Skinner and Yeo.

The Clerk was asked to bring the large Parish Map to the next meeting so that a discussion on footpaths could be held. Mr Legge promised to supply the Committee with some information regarding the paths on the Bristol University Land.

It was resolved that the next meeting be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm.

**Parish Council**  
**19<sup>th</sup> July 1948**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Church House, Long Ashton, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1948, at 8pm.

Present: Chairman – Mr A. G. Morrish  
Vice-Chairman – Mr N. Pearce  
Mrs Maltby and Messrs Ball, Childe, Yeo, Low, Stacey, Hurley,  
Mereweather, Cole, Skinner, Bollom.

Apologies from Mr Legge.

Minutes

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

Rayens Cross Road

The Clerk read a letter from the County Surveyor date 16<sup>th</sup> June which stated that the County Council were unable to arrange for Rayens Cross Road to be made up until more fully developed and also that the question of road sweeping would have to wait until the road was taken over by the Highway Authority.

School Warning Signs

Mr Pearce reported that the County Works Committee would no doubt be giving this matter further consideration and he hoped to be able to report as a later date.

Yanleigh Close

The Clerk read a letter from the South Western Electricity Board stating that it was hoped that Yanleigh Close and the surrounding area would be included on plans for extension of electricity mains as soon as conditions permitted. It was reported that a copy of the Board's letter had been sent on for the information of the persons who had signed the petition which was considered at the last meeting.

Rudge Quarry

The Clerk stated that a letter has been received from Messrs Osbourne Ward and Co Solicitors for Newcombe Estates saying that as a rent had been received from the Ashton Court Estate for the past twenty seven years at least and no previous claims had been submitted it would appear that the Newcombe Estate are absolutely entitled to the ownership of the land.

No reply had been received from the County Council other than that the matter was being investigated.

The Clerk was directed to inform Messrs Osbourne, Ward and Co. that the Council would submit further details in support of their claim upon receipt of information which was being sought.

Street Lighting – Chestnut Road

The Clerk read a letter from the South Western Electricity Board stating that the approximate cost of installing a suspended light at the bottom of Chestnut Road would be from £10 to £12. It was resolved that the Board be asked to put the work in hand.

A petition from the residents of Chestnut Road asking for an improvement in the lighting was also considered and the Clerk was directed to write stating that the Council had given instructions for the work to be done and which should improved the lighting considerably.

#### Deeds of Land – Recreation Ground

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Cyril Clarke with which the Deeds of 2 acres of land adjoining the Recreation Ground were enclosed, asking if the Council would seal them, also the Deed relating to the site for the Village Hall.

It was resolved that the Deeds be signed as requested, but before signature, Mr Skinner was asked to read the Document through to see that there were no clauses which might have attached liabilities to the Council.

#### Parking of Vehicles

A letter from the County Police Superintendent was read asking for the Council's help in providing Parking Places and enclosing copy of a leaflet proposed to be put on the windscreen of cars which were found to be parked in inconvenient places and asking for suggestions for parking places in Long Ashton.

It was resolved that the Police Superintendent be informed that the Council have no power to provide parking places and recommending that side road in the Parish which are suitable should be used for parked cars and lorries.

#### Long Ashton Horticultural Society

The Clerk reported that an application for use in the Recreation Ground for the Society's Annual Show had been referred to the Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee who has approved this. The action was confirmed by the Council.

#### Street Lighting – Fuel Economy

A circular was read from the Ministry of Transport with regard to steps to be taken for fuel economy during the coming winter and stating that a saving of 25% of pre-war consumption should be aimed at. The Clerk stated that the savings made last winter amounted to approximately 50% and suggested same improvement be now made on the Bristol / Clevedon and Bristol / Portishead roads. It was resolved that the South Western Electricity Board be asked to replace the lamps on these roads with 100 watt bulbs. There was a discussion on the need for a longer period of street lighting each day but no action was taken in the matter.

#### Audit

The Clerk reported that the Audit of the Accounts for the two years ended 21 March 1947 and 1948 would be held on 31 August. Arrangements were made for the Chairman to see the accounts before the Audit.

#### Footpath Committee

The Committee appointed to go into the question of rights of way reported that they had recently walked many of the paths in the parish and for the greater part there were no complaints to offer. The following had however been noted:

1. Bow Lane – Wood – Barbed wire on the rail which should be removed.
2. Path ploughed up below the churchyard and leading to Yanleigh.
3. Paths along the Railway bank on Research Station land in a very overgrown condition.

The following action was taken:

1. Mr Williams the tenant of the grass allotment to be asked to removed the barbed wire on his gate and put the gate in a proper state of repair.
2. Mr Withers of Parsonage Farm be asked to arrange for the path to be rolled.
3. The Research Station to be once again requested to clear these paths in accordance with an undertaking which was understood to have been given when diversions were made without the consent of Quarter Sessions.

#### Forge Cottages – Church Path

Mr Pearce drew attention to the fact that the gate leading into the field was falling to pieces and proposed that the District Surveyor be asked to carry out repairs as this was a Church Path. This was agreed.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Footpaths Committee and this was carried unanimously.

#### Clerkencombe Quarry

It was reported that unauthorised persons were tipping rubbish in the quarry and which was causing a nuisance to Ashton Containers Ltd who were allowed to tip there. After consultation with the Chairman and Mr Skinner the Clerk had arranged for two Notice Boards to be erected prohibiting unauthorised tipping. This action was approved.

#### Sewerage

Mr Yeo stated that after heavy rainfall there was an escape of sewage from the manhole in Bow Lane and which found its way into the brook. The Clerk was directed to bring this to the Notice of the Sanitary Inspection.

#### Accounts for payment

The following cheques were ordered to be drawn:

Cole and Yate	£5. 0. 0	Notice Boards for Quarry
H. Sherbourne	£3.10. 0	Hedging - Allotments
Church House	£1.12. 6.	Hire of Hall
Haddon Best and Co.	£2. 3. 0.	New Minute Book
Inland Revenue	£5. 0. 0.	Audit Stamp 1947-8
A. R. Harper	£12.10.0.	Salary June quarter

An account from Messrs W. Cowlin and Son Ltd for one quarter's rent of allotment land was submitted. It was pointed out:

1. That no authority has been received from Newcombe Estate to pay the rent to Messrs Cowlin Ltd.
2. That in the past payment had been made half yearly.
3. That some of the land has been sold to Mr Bollom the rent of which was £14 p.a. but precise details of this had not been received.

It was resolved:

1. That Messrs Cowlin be asked to produce written authority to collect the rent on behalf of Newcombe Estates.
2. That it be pointed out that the payment has been made half yearly in the past
3. That further details of the sale to Mr Bollom be requested.

Arising out of this, Mr S. Bollom stated he was hoping to clear the wood adjoining the grass allotments let to Mr Williams and which he had now purchased and asked if he could arrange matters with Mr Williams, if the Council would give him authority to take temporary possession of the land so that he might clear it and level it and lay it down to grass again. Mr Bollom agreed that no rent would be due to him for such time as the land was unproductive.

It was resolved that this be agreed provided Mr Bollom can come to a suitable arrangement with Mr Williams as to his tenancy and that no expenses falls upon the Council.

**Parish Council**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September 1948**

At a meeting of the Long Ashton Parish Council held in the Church House, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1948 at 7.30pm.

Present:- Mr A. G. Morrish – Chairman.  
Mr N. Pearce – Vice Chairman  
Messrs Ball, Knapman, Childe, Harley, Legge, Low, Cole and Bollom.

Apologies were received from Mrs Maltby and Messrs Skinner, Yeo, Stacey and Mereweather.

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

School Warning Sign

Mr Pearce reported he had received a letter from the County Council stating that they would now erect two signs near the school as requested by the Council. This was noted with satisfaction.

Rudge Quarry

The Clerk reported that the County Council had not yet written regarding this matter, but he had recently had a telephone conversation with Mr Strickland at the County Hall and it was understood that Mr Strickland would be coming to Long Ashton in the near future when he would meet the Clerk to discuss this question.

Footpaths

The Clerk reported writing to Mr Williams re the path from Bow Lane to the Wood. He had replied stating that the fence was in a bad state of repair and it appeared that the public footpath followed the line of the fence and the gate was not used. This was noted and no further action was proposed for the present.  
The Clerk also requested writing to Mr Withers re the path below the Churchyard. No reply had been received.

Research Station Paths

The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary stating that the University of Bristol would not accept any responsibility for the upkeep of public footpaths on their property. There was a discussion regarding this matter and it was suggested that Mr Childe and the Chairman and Clerk seek an interview with the Secretary of the Research Station to discuss the matter with a view to getting the Research Station to meet the wishes of the Parish Council.

It was reported that a footpath had been blocked at Ashton Vale and Mr Childe stated he would investigate this.

A letter from Bristol resident was also received regarding flooding of an alleged footpath at Ashton Vale. No action was taken in this matter.

Allotments – Report of Committee meeting attached

Report of the Allotment Committee:-

The Committee met at the Village Club on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1948 at 7.30pm.

Mr G. Yeo, Chairman, and Messrs. Childe, Legge and Cole.

There was an apology from Mr Morrish.

Minutes of the last Committee meeting were approved.

1. Hedge at Archgrove – reported that this had been made – cost of £3. 10. -. Approved.
2. Gate – Archgrove – Report that Mr Warry would carry out repairs for £5. Resolved that price of a new gate be obtained.
3. Gate – St. Martins – Clerk directed to obtain a price for necessary repairs from Messrs. Cole and Yates.
4. Hedges – St Martin and Bower Ashton – Mr Childe agreed to inspect these and if requiring laying to get it done.
5. No. 3/8 Gillette – Tenant now gone from village and plot let to Mr Reynolds, Holdford House and Mr Lewis, Birdwell Road (7.5 perch each). Approved.
6. 3/12 Mr Heale had partly sublet to Mr Jones, Providence. Mr Jones asked if he can be considered as the tenant of the Council. Committee agreed providing Mr Heal gives his permission.
7. 9/6 St Martins – Reported void. Agreed write of 6/8 for year 1947/8.
8. 9/11 St Martins – Now let to Mr Byrde, Research Station from 25<sup>th</sup> March 1948.
9. 10/12 Birdwell – Clerk reported tenant now deceased and family left district. No hopes of recovery of March half year's rent in 1947/8 had been written off. Approved. Plot now let to Mr Short and Mr Ward of Birdwell Road (7.25 perch each).
10. Arrears at 31/3/48 – Clerk reported No. 10/16 (Perry). 4/5d. Letter to be sent asking for immediate payment or Notice to Quit. It was understood that Mr B Webb was cultivating plot for Mr Perry and agreed he be tenant if Perry's tenancy comes to an end.

#### Accounts

The Clerk gave details of the allotments account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1948. He stated that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had gone through the accounts and had suggested that a fixed sum of £12. 10. -. per annum being a part of the Clerk's salary, should be charged to the allotment account for costs of collecting the rents.

The Committee agreed to a charge of £12. 10. -. for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1949 and the matter be again considered for the following financial year.

2/41 St Martins – The Chairman stated he understood Mr Baber the tenant of this plot had removed from the district and that Mr V. Currl of 4 Providence View wished to take this over.

It was agreed that Mr Currl. Be accepted as tenant if Mr Baber gives notice to vacate his plot.

Resolved that the report be adopted.

The Clerk reported that he had received written authority from Newcombe Estates Ltd as to the collection of rent due under the Lease by Messrs Cowlin Ltd and also a request that the rent be paid quarterly. This was agreed.

Arsing out of the Committee report the Clerk reported Messrs J. Pearce had quoted a new gate at 72/- plus cost of necessary parts for hanging etc – approximately £1. Resolved that a new gate be obtained as per the estimate.

### Grass allotment

It was reported that Mr Bollom had obtained the permission of the tenant – Mr E Williams, to enter on the grass allotment and carry out work of levelling etc. Mr Bollom asked the Council if they would be prepared to determine the land in the near future as he wished to make alterations in the boundaries of the land and would like to have possession. It was resolved that before this is further considered the Clerk obtain the view of the tenant and also Mr Yeo tenant of the other grass allotment.

### Football Club

An application from the Long Ashton A. F. C. was received for the use of the football pitch during the 1948/9 season. This was agreed on payment of a fee of £5 for the season.

### Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that the Electricity Board has been given an order for the new lamps at the bottom of Chestnut Road and also that the lamps on the Clevedon and Portishead Roads had been changed over to 100 watts.

### Audit

The Clerk reported that the audit of accounts for the two years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1948 had been completed by the District Auditor. The accounts were produced for the inspection of the Council.

### Expenses of Councillors – Local Government Act 1946

The Clerk read a circular from the Ministry of Health giving details of the expenses allowed to Parish Councillors in accordance with the scale laid down in the Local Government (Members Allowances) Regulations 1948 and the (Conferences) Regulations 1948.

### Accounts

The following accounts were presented and cheques ordered to be drawn:-

Shaws Ltd	£1. 2. 8.	Stationery
Bank of England	£ 9. 5.11.	Loan Charges
A. R. Harper	£12. 10. 0.	Salary
Somerset Co. Council	£8. 15. 0.	Superannuation
G. E. Hancock Ltd.	£1. 19. 0.	Printing
W. Cowlin	£14. 14. 8.	Rent of Land – June Quarter
G. Low and Son	Account for painting and repairs to seats on the Recreation Ground and erection of Notice Boards £17. 15. 6. The Clerk agreed should be utilised for repainting and after deduction of this sum 17. 9d. it would require a cheque from the Council for £16. 17. 9. to settle Messrs Low's account. This was agreed.	

### Deeds of Land – Recreation Ground

Arising out of the minutes of the 19 July 1948 Mr Skinner reported that he had read the Deeds through and was satisfied that they could be signed on behalf of the Council and this was done by the Chairman and Revd. Knapman.

### Sewerage

A Complaint was relieved from Mr Ives re sewerage coming from the manhole on his land and the Clerk was directed to bring this to the notice of the Sanitary Inspector, Long Ashton RDC.

#### Rayens Cross Road

It was reported that the Long Ashton Rural District Council had asked for the view of the Parish Council in connection with the siting of the road proposed to be constructed to serve the new housing estate to be erected on the land above the Recreation Field. The Council inspected the site and heard Mr C. H. Hewitt, Chairman of the RDC's Planning Committee state his opinion and also heard Mr Hartley Steves, Architect, and Mr G. K. Foster, Surveyor to the Council. Mr Norman also gave his views on the matter. Plans were inspected showing:-

1. a proposal to form a 'square' cross road
2. a proposal to stagger the cross road by making the entrance to the housing estate up the hill in Rayens Cross Road.

The Council gave careful consideration to the proposals and it was unanimously resolved that the Rural District Council be informed that the Parish Council favour the construction of the new road so as to form a square cross roads.

Signed A. G. Morrish – Chairman.

At a meeting of the LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Church House, Long Ashton, on Monday the thirteenth day of December 1948 at 8 p.m.

Present : - A.E.Morrish Esq., Chairman  
N.Pearce Esq., Vice-Chairman

Mrs. M.Maltby,	Mr. G.W.Stacey,
Revd. H.Knapman,	" G.Low,
Mr. S.H.Legge,	" G.Childe,
" S.Cole,	" G.Yeo
" J.Skinner,	" S.Bollow,
" O.J.Ball,	
" A.R.Harper, Clerk.	

There were apologies from Mr. Hurley and Mr. Mereweather.

#### Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th. September 1948, were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### Street lighting.

The Clerk reported that he had enquired of the South Western Electricity Board as to the reason why the suspended lamp had not yet been erected at the bottom of Chestnut Road, and had been informed that it was due to the difficulty in obtaining the necessary reflector for this, and that the work should be in hand in the very near future.

#### Rudge Quarry.

The Clerk reported that he had recently had an interview with Mr. Strickland of the Clerk to the County Council's Department, and had given him such information as was in the possession of the Council regarding the claim under the Inclosure Award. Mr. Strickland had stated that the County Council entered into a Lease with the Ashton Court Estate in 1940 in respect of the part of the Quarry used by the Highway Department as a store, the annual rental being £5 and the period of the lease twenty-one years.

The Clerk further reported that Newcombe Estates Ltd. had recently sold the Quarry by Auction to Mr. W.E.James, and that he had written to Mr. James and to the Solicitors acting for Newcombe Estates regarding the Council's claim. A letter had also been sent to the County Council advising them of the Auction sale and asking if their observations could now be given.

It was agreed that the Clerk continue to press the Council's claim and that a further report be presented at the next meeting.

#### Footpaths.

Cycling on paths. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter regarding the making of Byelaws for the prevention of cycling on footpaths and asking if there were any paths in the Parish which the Council would require to be closed for cycling.

Footpaths - (continued)

IT WAS RESOLVED that no action be taken in this matter.

Research Station. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the Research Station stating he would be prepared to meet a deputation from the Council, but he held no hopes of the University authorities accepting responsibility for the upkeep of the paths on their property.

IT WAS RESOLVED that before the deputation meets Mr. Leggett, the Clerk endeavour to find an entry in the minutes regarding the Council's contention that the University Authorities had agreed in the past to maintain these paths on condition that they were allowed to make diversions and to which the Council had agreed some time after 1920.

Ashton Vale. The Clerk reported that he understood this path had been opened up and no further complaints had been received.

Allotments.

The Clerk reported that he had enquired of Mr. Veo and Mr. Williams, tenants of Grass allotments as to whether they would be prepared to give up their tenancies and both had stated that they wished to retain their plots as long as possible. IT WAS RESOLVED that no further action be taken in this matter.

Sewerage.

The Clerk read letters received from the Rural District Council stating that the complaints which had been considered by the Parish Council had been attended to and work put in hand so as to prevent any further nuisance.

Ashton Court Bungalow.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting he had received a request from Messrs. W. Hughes & Son asking if the Council would be likely to have any objections to these premises being turned into a Country Club with a Licensed Bar. As an early reply was required the Clerk had contacted the Chairman and Vice-Chairman who had suggested that Messrs. Hughes be informed that the Council would not be likely to object to such a proposal. IT WAS RESOLVED that this be confirmed.

Payment of accounts.

The following cheques were drawn :-

Wm. Cowlin Ltd.	£29. 9. 4d.	Half year's rent of allotments.
W.J. Bollow	£14. - . -	One year's rent - de
S.W. Electricity Board	£82. 7. 6d.	Lighting - Sept. quarter.
G.E. Hancock Ltd.	£1. 15. 9d.	Allotment receipts.
S.W. Electricity Board (Bristol)	£2. 3. -	Changing lamps as agreed.
A.R. Harper	£17. 5. -	Salary, Postages, Insurance premium &c.

13th. December 1948.

Precent.

IT WAS RESOLVED that a Precent for £150 on account of street lighting expenses be served upon the Rating Authority.

Footpaths - Smythe Arms - Bower Ashton.

An application from the Bath & West Show was considered for permission to close the footpaths from the Smythe Arms to Bower Ashton for the period of the Bath and West Show - 23rd. May to 6th. June 1949. The Society agreed to provide bone fide users of the path with a Pass during the Show period.

IT WAS RESOLVED that no objections be made provided the Society take steps to give sufficient public notice of their intention to close the path temporarily.

Footpath from Rayens Cross Road to Weston Road.

It was reported that this path is often almost unuseable in wet weather on account of the surface water flowing down the path from Rayens Cross Road.

The Clerk was directed to ask the District Surveyor if he would be good enough to take steps to divert the surface water from the entrance to the path.

Gardeners' Arms.

Mr. Low referred to the short length of wall which is on the top of the steps leading into the Gardeners' Arms and stated that this was inclined to be dangerous as pedestrians had to step on to the main road to get past this when proceeding up the hill on the main road. The Clerk was asked to consult the District Surveyor upon this matter.

Street lighting.

It was reported that trees were overhanging the lights at Providence and Warren Lane, and the Clerk was directed to ask the Electricity Board if they could arrange for the trees to be cut back.

Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on March 14th. at 7 p.m. in the Church House, and that a Parish Council meeting be held at the close of the public meeting.

*W. M. M. M.*

Chairman.

14TH. MARCH 1949.