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## WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

Walton-in-Gordano - Walton Down - Walton Bay

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### Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, A Brellisford, F Morgan

**In Attendance:** Seb Greene (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 0

**3933 APOLOGIES:** Cllr N Wilyman, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

**3934 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3935 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (March 14th) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

**3936 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### **3937 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No reported crime. The [police.uk](http://police.uk) website has still not been updated since January. Jen Clarke keeps us up to date, but if this site does not start to work soon, a complaint will be in order.

**SpeedWatch:** Another volunteer on board - Julian Colton of Roseway. The scheme will not work without more volunteers and some £300 in the budget for a speed gun, yellow jackets, etc. Subject on the May Annual Parish Meeting agenda for discussion.

**Cycling on Footpaths / Mountain Bikers:** Cllr Brellisford and Chris Joannou walked the footpaths off Walton Street. There was ample evidence of cycle use. Cllr Brellisford met some mountain bikers on the footpath from Brighton Cottages down to the Cliff path and got verbal abuse from them when he pointed out it was only a footpath. They had obviously ignored the notices put up by Cllrs Morgan and Wilyman. CJ will put up more signs with an NSC logo on them. He will also write to all the cycle clubs and groups he can find. Whilst enforcement is difficult and the ignoring of signs is commonplace, at least the effort is being made to curb cyclist use of public footpaths. There were complaints of uncontrolled cycle races down Walton Street on Saturday April 8th. The organisers of these will also get covered via CJ's actions; as well as the complaints having been already referred to the NSC events team and the police.

**Walton Bay 'to Clevedon' Bus Stop:** This is now budgeted for improvement. Cllr Morgan is attending a meeting from which she will come away with the new timetables of what is to be an improved service on the route.

#### **3938 PLANNING**

**New: 16/P/0820/TPO & 16/P/0822/WT** - Tree work on 12 trees/groups of trees at the Manor House. Number 7 (due for a crown lift) is under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), the rest are presumed not to be. However, the drawings and application list provided a confusion over the locations and descriptions of T1 (described as TT1) and T7, such that the meeting was unsure whether T1 was, or was not, subject to a TPO. For the avoidance of doubt, the meeting agreed that there should be no objection to the applications provided that T1 is actually not subject to a TPO. However, the comment to NSC should make it clear that, if T1 is subject to a TPO, the meeting would certainly not concur with it being felled on the basis of the reason given. **Clerk to so inform NSC, with a caveat concerning T1.**

### 3939 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Sewage leak at Barton's:** Plans to repair/replace/e-locate the tank are apparently in hand pending a sale of the Park Home site.

**Potholes** - 1 at the bottom of Harley Hill, a 2nd opposite Highly Sprung at Walton Bay and the breaking up of the B3124 gully near sub-station. Repairs in hand.

**Signage** - 40mph sign coast-side at Walton Down needs re-fitting; redundant 30mph repeater post is leaning into the highway near Plumtree Cottage. These jobs are now on NSC worklist.

**Parish Recycling Scheme:** NSC inter-parish publicity and The North Somerset Times indicate that WalG is pipped at the post (only via the tiniest margin) by St George's, who were the best recycling parish in NS. Cllr Morgan has conducted a survey of the 98 Park Homes to see what waste they regard as critical for recycling. There was a good response - yet to be analysed - but paper, plastic, food, cardboard, metal seemed to be the order of the top items regarded as significant for recycling. Due to the special circumstances of these sites Cllr Morgan is to see if the Hampshire model of using a single bag for recycled waste - to be sorted by the NSC contractor at the refuse site - might be possible. Seb Greene said that new 2017 contracts are currently being worked on, so this is an ideal time to consider possible changes. NSC's Dan Cooper is prepared to come to a meeting, or to hold a Waste Event at the Hall, if that will help. Cllr Morgan is continuing her work on the project and the meeting extended an "impressed" thank-you for all the thought and work she has obviously put into it.

### 3940 OTHER MATTERS

No matters under this heading this month.

### 3941 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Ralston:** asked about the planned Avon Wildlife Trust meeting in the Village Hall on April 20th and the conducted walks programmed for the summer months. Several members will try to be at the meeting and Cllr Morgan noted the walk dates. The Hall was not booked, nor the information made available to the Council, in time for the Hall meeting to be publicised in the Information Sheet. Again, it appears that the Common "public stakeholders" are being "told", rather than "being consulted". Members continue to be incredulous at the total lack of awareness Avon Wildlife Trust show in their relationship with the public who use, and have generational links with, the Common and from whom they are presumably wanting to seek their membership.

**Cllr Brellisford:** asked if there were any updates relating to the proposed Gordano Greenway; there were not. The meeting noted that, after many years, the final link in the Coastal path between Clevedon and Weston-super-Mare appears to be cleared for completion.

### 3942 FINANCE

**2015-16 Final Accounts and Audit:** these were reviewed prior to formal approval, which was given. Cllr Cannell read out the Annual Governance Statement section of the Annual Return to the External Auditor. This was a series of questions seeking confirmation the the Council has conducted elements of Governance in a way and with a rigour that is expected of it as a public body. Each question was considered and an affirmative answer was able to be given to each one. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed and dated this section of the Annual Return with the unanimous approval of the meeting. The accounts are now to go to the Internal Auditor, Roy Betts, before returning to the May meeting for signing off and sending to the External Auditor.

**Cheques:** 719 ALCA annual sub £54.55    720 Zurich Municipal - annual insurance premium £209.03. 721 Village Hall hire £9.00

**The meeting closed at 8.55pm**