
WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

Walton-in-Gordano - Walton Down - Walton Bay

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Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of the Council on Monday 11th November 2019

All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise

All may attend (unless sensitive matters are being discussed), and meet Councillors, but may not participate in the meeting.

Don Hill - Clerk

Agenda & Agenda Notes

There is vacancy for another Councillor - please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming involved

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 LAST MEETING MINUTES - October 14th - to be agreed, and signed.

4 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

5 PLANNING

Decision Due: 19/P/2112/MMA & 19/P/2226/MMA Seascapes decking.

6 PARISH MATTERS

End Gully at Rear of Home Farm Cottage: No remedial action yet taken by NSC.

Moor Lane @ Ash Track: Tyre gone. Grip requested by Clerk to relieve highway flood.

Moor Lane: NSC confirm that ash tree opposite Becksides poses no threat. All ash trees under regular surveillance.

7.5 Ton Limit: More information due via Colin Medus re Walton Street.

Traffic Management: We have noted that WelG have a 20mph speed limit on their wide straight stretch of the B3124, while we, with a narrow, twisty stretch containing farm entrances and a complex cross roads, appear not to qualify. The topic is surrounded by a complex of national government guidelines. We, for example, cannot even have our village gateway scheme unless we agree to our hard fought for (through 25years?) 30mph speed limits being moved from Hackswood to Plum Tree, from the Clevedon end up to near the Manor Drive and along Moor Lane from the current location up to near Home Farm Cottage. A recent suggestion of a pedestrian crossing is eminently sensible; it may fall foul of technical and local objections, but a crossing at a point in the Village (Cross Tree or Hall) where pedestrians most regularly cross the road has undeniable logic. The Council is doggedly moving forward on the issues surrounding road safety both in the Village and along the Coast Road. Our presumption is that the national guidelines are just that; 'guidelines', against which we have reasonable - and strong - grounds for developing an alternative traffic management strategy that is appropriate and effective for our Parish. We first need to have North Somerset Council on board with this to have it as an achievable objective. Given that, we then have to agree a phased implementation that allows the objective to be affordably executed and thereafter maintained. It will, realistically, all take a long time. This is an unacceptable but brutal fact. Nevertheless, we hope to develop a core of community support to sustain thrust behind a realistic traffic management strategy for the Parish.

Walton Street: Estate to clear Walton Brook at Springhead, flooded during recent rains.

Manor Cottages: New gateway in conservation area. In hand via NSC Enforcement.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

8 FINANCE

i) **2019-20 Accounts to Date:** pre-circulated.

ii) **Cheques** - none

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday December 9th 2019

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 14th October 2019

*All meetings are held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall unless stated otherwise
Nigel Ashton, our Ward Cllr attends when possible; Colin Medus, our NSC Liaison Officer, attends every other month*

There is vacancy for another Councillor - please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming involved

Present: Cllrs Mike Ralston (Chair), Brian Cannell, Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wilyman

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

084/19 APOLOGIES - none

085/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

086/19 LAST MEETING MINUTES - September 9th - were agreed, and signed by Chair & Clerk.

087/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

088/19 PLANNING

New: 19/P/2112/MMA & 19/P/2226/MMA (pitch 15) Seascapes (Lorraine Field), Walton Bay: the addition of decking to pitches 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. No objections. **Clerk to so report to NSC.**

089/19 PARISH MATTERS

End Gully at Rear of Home Farm Cottage: Work timetable awaited. **Clerk to check with on progress with the resident/NSC.**

Utility Covers at Coast Road/Two Acres Junction: All now secure.

B3124: Overgrown bushes at Roseway have been cut back further. Review next spring.

Tyre and Asbestos in Moor Lane: Reported to NSC; not yet removed. **Clerk to remind Area Officer.**

B3124 30 mph Signage Towards Portishead: Now visible.

Moor Lane: Ash tree overhang opposite Becksid being investigated by NSC tree officer.

Speeding Police Vehicles: The substance of the PCC response from Police is as under and has been noted by Members who will remain vigilant about this persistent and ongoing problem:

The Driver Training unit necessarily use the B3124 as a regular route to and from Police HQ. Due to previous complaints, they have not, for several years, delivered response training through Walton-in-Gordano. Ergo, any police vehicle driving at speed displaying a siren is responding to a genuine operational emergency. Drivers under training are supervised, and are only allowed to drive at speed under significant guidance and scrutiny, with the safety of the public as their primary objective. I hope that this provides you and your council members with assurance that the police vehicles using the roads within Walton-in-Gordano at speed with emergency signalling are doing so for the purpose of responding to those at risk of serious harm or crimes in progress and not for the purpose of driver training.

7.5 Ton Limit: Moor Lane is a probable candidate. More information due via Colin Medus re Walton Street.

Walton Common: Cows now back, so overgrowth issues being addressed.

The Shoot: Management now with the Gamekeeper.

Broadband: Truespeed awaiting timing of links to system from Weston-in-Gordano and Clevedon.
Moor Lane: Philip Miles did a sterling job of clearing the open section of Walton Brook opposite Brookside for which Members and residents are hugely grateful.

090/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman

- i) **SpeedWatch:** Now living in Weston-super-Mare, Kevin Edwards is standing down as our SpeedWatch coordinator. We all owe him a debt of thanks for the work and commitment he has put into the work. **Clerk to thank him via the November Walton Chronicle.**
- ii) **Walton Street:** A resident is experiencing problems in accessing allocated parking opposite the Old Chapel, due to a gully adjacent to the culvert cover. The meeting was advised that this was not something NSC would consider re-engineering.
- iii) **Traffic Speed:** Whilst being grateful for the 20mph speed limit on Walton Street, the logic of a wide, straight section of the B3124 through Weston-in-Gordano being subject to a 20mph speed limit, while the narrow, twisting section that runs through our Village is denied such a limit continues to mystify Members. A blitz on publicity for our Parish speeding/Village Gate issues was agreed to. **Cllr Dickinson undertook to assemble a list of key influencers to be contacted and the Clerk was asked to prepare a statement of the concerns that need addressing.**

Cllr Ralston

- iv) The ground beside Springhead flooded during the recent rains, emphasising the need for it and the adjacent stretch of Walton Brook to be cleared. **Clerk to refer the problem to The Estate.**

091/19 FINANCE

- i) **2019-20 Accounts to Date:** pre-circulated, reviewed and noted.
- ii) **Online Banking Application:** Lapsed due as the bank query extending the process beyond their limit of 6 weeks.
- iii) **Cheques** - none

092/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday November 11th 2019

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

