
WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7.30pm

There was no meeting in June. The next meeting will be on Monday September 11th.

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

In Attendance: Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 2 - Mr & Mrs Ross re Minute 4081 - they live adjacent to Lorraine Field

4076 APOLOGIES

Cllr Ralston, due to an extended business meeting, as later advised; Cllr Ashton (NSC), PC Clarke (*as police attendance at every meeting is no longer within the beat officer's brief, apologies from PC Clarke will not be listed in future*).

4077 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Dickinson re speed limit issue at Minute 4083.

4078 LAST MEETING MINUTES - May 8th Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting minutes were, agreed by the meeting and signed by Chair & Clerk. All attendees of the Annual Parish meeting had been circulated drafts of the meeting for their approval.

4079 MATTERS ARISING - None

4080 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Clerk was 'phoned by PCC's office. The police.uk (now Home Office run) doesn't provide the currency or detail we seek, but basic national data about the police and policing. Our local beat keep in touch - very well in our case, but there is no longer a provision for them to regularly attend Council meetings.

Motor-bikers speed along the B3124: Cllr Dickinson confirmed that the problem is on Thursday evenings between 7pm and 10pm. **Clerk to update PC Clarke.**

SpeedWatch: Cllr Dickinson reported that A4 signs are on order and that 3 large signs are to be ordered. Parish entry and mid points are identified for sign placements.

4081 PLANNING

New: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field - Installation of 14 Park homes on Lorraine Field, Walton Bay as the 4th - and final - part of the Barton Development (the other 3 stages have been sold). This is a re-application following the granted, but lapsed 2007 application 07/P/2535/F for 12 Park Homes, to which the Parish Council did not object. The plan is ostensibly the same as the original 2007 one except that what were 2 holiday chalets have now been incorporated into the application as being re-placed by Park Homes. Standing orders were suspended so that members could have an open discussion on the application to include Mr & Mrs Ross - who will be submitting their own observations directly to NSC. The meeting resumed and Mr & Mrs Ross left. Two concerns emerged from the discussions. **1.** Over the years a significant mass of material has been disposed of onto Lorraine Field, significantly altering the ground levels. This new proposal is therefore likely to be more prominent - ergo intrusive - on the skyline as seen from the Coast Road than in the original application. **2.** Although the original application was revised to include a more splayed entrance to the site,

traffic and traffic speeds have increased over the intervening 10 years. The size and angle of the splay needs to be re-visited to ensure that it will be both adequate for the safety and visual needs of those entering and exiting the site and for the safety and visual needs of passing road traffic. **Clerk to submit these concerns to NSC.**

Granted: 17/P/0951/F Orchard Lea Extension.

4082 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Moor Lane & Coast Road: Comprehensive patching work done via jet-patching.

Parish Maintenance: Cross Tree lower branches need pruning **Clerk to ask NSC Tree Officer - or possibly the Miles Estate - to do work on this, and the Ash Tree in Moor Lane which is dropping branches. Both are potential traffic hazards.**

'Right junction' sign on Coast Road overgrown by hedge. Farmer cuts in Autumn.

4083 OTHER MATTERS

Walton St: Power lines in Walton St due for Hi-Line clearing. **Clerk monitoring.**

Broadband: CDS workshop date continues to be delayed.

Speed Limits NSC proposals were reviewed, for a possible Walton Street 20mph speed limit on the full length of Walton Street, from just above Taggart House, down to the Cross Tree. Members were happy with those proposals. (See attached map)

In drawing up the proposals, NSC had to take into account revised central government guidance about the positioning of speed limits. The 30mph signs on the B3124 and Moor Lane are deemed too far out - they should be within sight of buildings. It is proposed to bring them closer to the centre of the Village - at Manor Drive, Plumtree Cottage and the barn just below Home Farm Cottage in Moor Lane. This repositioning is, say the pundits, deemed to give a more correct message to motorists that they are entering a built-up area: given the speed at which many of them travel, the meeting dryly observed that those on the B3124 will be through the Village before they have registered that they are supposed to slow down. It would also mean ALL the homes in Moor Lane would fall outside the 30mph limit and be in a 40mph 'buffer zone'.

Given that this Council are working towards reducing the Coast Road speed limit from 40mph to 30mph, the proposals for Moor Lane would appear against all reason.

Needless to say that, whilst enthusiastically embracing the Walton Street 20mph proposal, the Parish Council is not best pleased about the proposal to 'tinker' with the hard-fought-for 30mph limits. The Council will be resisting any attempts by NSC to implement these proposals and is heartened only by the probability that there is not enough money to do so for the time being anyway. **Clerk to relay the concerns of the Council re the 30mph proposals to NSC along with its approval of those for 20mph.**

4084 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None

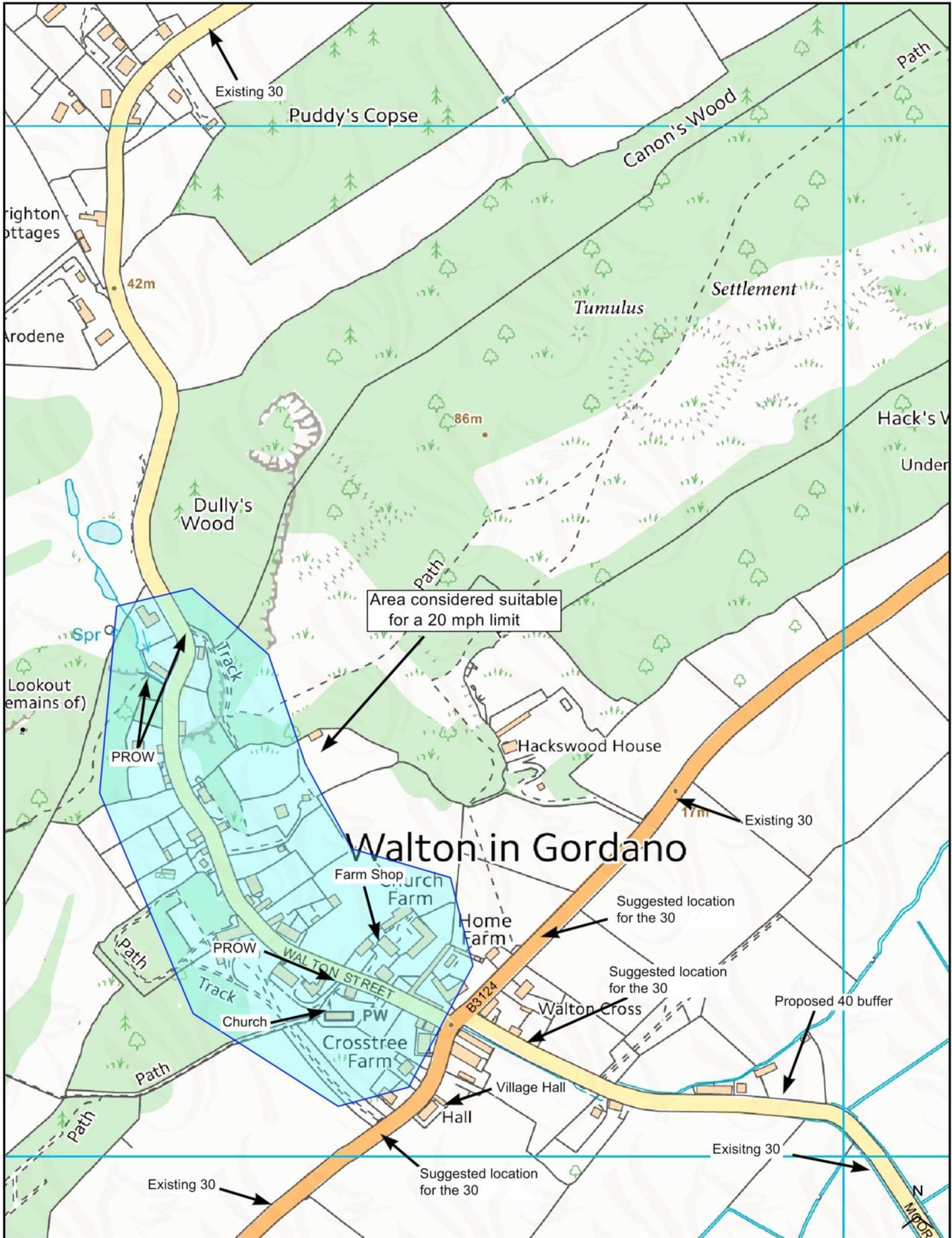
4085 FINANCE

2017-18: Accounts to date pre-circulated, reviewed and noted.

2016-17 Accounts: Still with external auditors.

Cheques: 744 HMRC re PAYE £86.40 **745** Hall Hire £9.00

The meeting closed at 8.50pm



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