
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 13th June 2016 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), A Brellisford, N Wilyman

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

Public Attendance: 1

3964 APOLOGIES: Cllr M Ralston, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

3965 COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR: An application is at hand from Rachel Dickinson; if there is no response to the Notice of Vacancy, it was agreed that it be considered at the next meeting.

3966 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3967 LAST MEETING MINUTES (May12th AGM & APM) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

3968 MATTERS ARISING: None.

3969 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No crimes showing on the police.uk site for April.

SpeedWatch: (consolidated from points raised at various stages of the meeting) Rachel Dickinson, coordinator, reported. There are now 12 volunteers. Police are awaiting the appointment of a new co-ordinator at their end. Rachel is waiting to hear from Jen Clarke on this, but hopes to hold an initial meeting of volunteers in the Village hall during June. She is also meeting Deb Tovey, Chair and Secretary of the Hall, to discuss equipment storage and access for SpeedWatch. The Parish Council has received an offer of SpeedWatch funding from The Social Club. As SpeedWatch will operate independently of the Council, the meeting agreed it to be more appropriate for this offer of funding to be direct to SpeedWatch via Rachel, once it has established a structure within which to receive and manage the funds. Rachel concurred with this approach and will contact Andrew Francis, of the Social Club, accordingly. **Clerk to respond to Andrew Francis with this outcome.**

Walton Bay Buses: Timetables to hand. Clerk to place in Walton Bay Newspaper box.

Clevedon Sprint Triathlon: has been notified via NSC. It will be on Sunday July 3rd and run along the B3124 - not up the Coast Road. Information in July Information Sheet entry.

3970 PLANNING

Granted: 16/P/1032/WT Church Farm gate; tree fell.

3971 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Sewage leak at Barton's: Ongoing plans for repair. **Clerk to chase progress.**

Potholes: Moor Lane repair due - it was noted that a lot of patching is in progress locally.

Signage - redundant 30mph repeater post at Plumtree to be removed. **Clerk to chase.**

Parish Recycling: NSC held an open session/exhibition in the Village Hall on May 25th. It was poorly attended and Floss could not be there. It is hoped it will be repeated at the Fete.

20 mph Speed Limit on Walton Street: Clerk has contacted Cllr Ashton to see if there is an analysis of the Clapton scheme and to ask what funding contribution NSC might make.

3972 OTHER MATTERS

Governance: Clerk will keep documents and website updated, but it was agreed to move the formal annual review from June to February/March each year, ahead of the financial year end and the annual financial and governance audit.

Walton Common: The Council was copied on an e-mail to Avon Wildlife Trust, from a Clevedon resident who has used the Common for 30 years and originally registered his concerns about new management plans with this Council. It appears from this e-mail that the 'traffic light' system for warning that cattle are on the common is not being clearly understood. Members will be watchful of the Trust's remedies in the light of this.

Village Hall: Deb Tovey, Chair and Secretary of the Hall committee has contacted the Clerk to seek Parish Council representation on it. With Cllr Morgan's departure there is no member of the Council on the Committee either in a representative or elected capacity. The Council presently has no-one to appoint, as all current councillors have 'done their stint' in that role over the years. Historically, and in terms of the small print on the Charity Commission Scheme, the Parish Council may be - and has proved to be in the past 'may be or not' - the 'last port of call' in terms of rescuing the Hall in the event of crisis. In the absence of a link via a representative Trustee, the Clerk has suggested that, as the Council's 'Responsible Officer', he be an informational link between the Village Hall Committee of Management and the Parish Council. In that context, he would need copies of agenda, minutes, accounts, and audits to keep the Council properly informed. The Clerk has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Hall Committee himself for 5 years until fairly recently. This new relationship would be an arms length one that would in no way involve him or the Council as Hall Trustees and will only pertain at times when the Council is unable to appoint the representative members (up to two) that the Hall 'Charity Commission Scheme' provides for.

3973 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

As well as looking for the repair of the pothole along Moor Lane, the open section of Walton Brook, highway weeds and overhanging hedges at Sunnybank and Orchard Lea have been reported to members as concerns. **Clerk to contact the relevant agencies and owners.**

Village Agent: Emma Edwards's resignation as Village Agent was noted and regretted. It is unlikely to be filled for three months. Cllr Cannell was unanimously supported in proposing that the **Clerk contact Emma on behalf of the Council to express its regret at her departure and to thank her for her significant contribution in the role.**

Cliff Path: Clle Brellisford said there are 'Spongy' planks on some wooden walkways along the Cliff Path that appear to be unsafe. **Clerk to alert Andy Carroll.**

3974 FINANCE

2016-17: Accounts to date were reviewed and noted. The monthly SO to the Clerk is 5p too much. It was agreed that this be adjusted via the Standing Order Variation in March 2017.

Cheques: 723 Village Hall hire £6.00.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm