

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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

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

Public Attendance: 0

4124 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mike Ralston, Cllr Nigel Ashton

4125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4126 LAST MEETING MINUTES: (Dec 11th) agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4127 MATTERS ARISING: None

4128. EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No report as Jen Clarke on holiday.

SpeedWatch: Kevin Edwards reports that, with a 15% discount a SWACO Mobile Radar Speed Sign, with a 4 week battery, is £2409 inc VAT. Enquiry out to check availability of NSC radar kit. The meeting felt that the NSC kit was the most appropriate option to utilise, at least until the SpeedWatch exercise has gained more momentum and consistency of volunteering.

4129. PLANNING

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. 17/P/2579/F Castle View, Coast Rd. extension.

4130. PARISH MAINTENANCE

- * **Gully Behind Home Farm Cottage:** In hand via Area Officer. This recently added "special" gully, drains to Walton Brook. It is probably the pipe to the Brook that is blocked, rather than the gully.
- * **Walton Brook: Walton St open section:** clearance in hand via Area Engineer.
- * **Walton Brook Moor Lane:** Silt up of Rivendell Culvert reported to Area Officer.
- * **Colin Medus undertook to check for progress on these issues via the Area Engineer & Adam Wood.**

4131. OTHER MATTERS

Highway Issues: - Colin Medus provided valuable insight on various options in Cllr Dickinson's report (attached to these minutes). **Clerk to prepare, for members, a draft strategy for further development.**

Telephone Box: Miles Estate is in touch with BT re removal of the box.

Village Gateway - This item was discussed at length and was appended to Cllr Dickinson's report for follow-up.

Shooting - has been too close to Moor Lane. Clerk has reported to Gamekeeper, who has the matter in hand.

4132. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman: His PC e-mail account cannot be accessed. **Clerk to contact supplier for resolution.**

Cllr Cannell: The Moor Lane Ash Tree has been cutback by HighLine on behalf of Western Power.

4133. FINANCE

2017-18 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

2018-19: Draft budget, as discussed in December, was approved. **Clerk to request precept from NSC.**

Cheques: 753 Hall Hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Road Safety In The Parish - Report of a Meeting between Cllr Dickinson and David Bailey (NSC)

WALTON BAY

The speed limits in Walton Bay were discussed. The Parish Council should ask the Clerk to write to NSC to review the speed limits especially in light of the 13 new park homes due to be built in the Bay and the higher numbers of accesses onto the road. It was agreed that Walton Bay should be treated separately from Walton in Gordano, even though they are both the same Parish.

WALTON IN GORDANO

20mph Speed Limit - The 20mph on Walton Street between the B3124 and Taggart was approved and was to be implemented during the current financial year.

Gateway Structures - In principle the Council is supportive of gateway structures at the entrances to villages to remind drivers that they are entering a village. The Council will require to approve any proposals before they are implemented. To facilitate the installation of structures the hedge at each location would need to be cut back the standard 2m. Planters and other features would also be considered.

Moor Lane - Visibility is poor leaving Moor Lane at the junction with the B3124. Due to the location of the buildings and the minimum required road width there was no further signage which could be installed to increase visibility. It was recommended that a mirror be installed opposite the end of Moor Lane, on private land, so drivers could see more clearly especially traffic coming from Portishead along the B3124.

The Tree at Cross Tree - It was noted that the extent of the highway stopped at the boundary stones around the Cross Tree. NSC are not responsible inside the stones. NSC are in principle supportive of the Village having planters and other decorative features included within the boundary of the tree, subject to confirmation of approval by NSC of the specific items. A bench seat would not be appropriate. NSC is supportive of villages installing such features to remind drivers of their location and the need to reduce speed.

Flashing Speed Signs - The mobile flashing speed sign was available to all villages and would be circulated between those who have signed up to the scheme. It was agreed that Walton in Gordano would be added onto the scheme (Volunteers needed) so that the village would have its own turn at having the sign in the village. It was noted that to purchase the village its own sign this would cost approximately £4-5K.

SPECIFIC PROPERTIES

Manor House - It was noted that it was unsafe to turn right out of the Manor House Drive especially in the summer months due to lack of visibility and the sheer volume of traffic. As the wall of the neighbouring property was the main cause of the visibility issues nothing could be done to increase visibility on the Manor House side. In the short term NSC would not be averse to a mirror being installed opposite the end of the drive, on private land, to allow drivers a better view. In the long term it was noted that the Village Hall was hoping to use the land opposite the Manor House drive for a car park. This would require some restructuring of the visibility splay on the Village Hall side and as a result the bend in the road may be adapted as part of the project to both facilitate access to and egress from the new car park and egress from the Manor House drive.

Cross Tree Farm - It was noted during the visit how many drivers cut the corner round past the Cross Tree into Walton Street thus making it almost impossible for the owners of Cross Tree Farm to leave their property. Similarly making it more dangerous for those walking down the Somerset Stones in Walton Street. NSC would recommend extending the pavement from its current location on the B3124 further towards Walton Street. This would need to adapt the current drainage arrangement. The end of the pavement would need to slope as it does now but nearer to the driveway of Cross Tree Farm. The total extent would not be further than the existing white lines but would encourage drivers to drive the correct wider route to make it safer for other road users and prevent the current driving within the lines. It was noted that although this was the ideal solution there was not any current funding to carry out such work.

Hackswood House - It was noted that visibility leaving the Hackswood House drive was poor. It was also noted that the hedge on either side of the drive was only 0.5 metres back from the highway rather than the standard 2m required. If the hedge could be cut back for the extent from the Hackswood House to the bend in the road near the village this would increase visibility leaving the Hackswood House drive and for drivers leaving the village. If the hedge was to be cut back highways would be able to locate a 30mph repeater sign at the crown of the bend. It was also noted that if the hedge was cut back to the required 2m from the highway on the side following Hackswood House it would enable the proposed gateway features to be installed on both sides accessing the village from Portishead. It was noted that there would be sufficient hedge remaining if the required 2m was cut back.