

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

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

Public Attendance: 7

001/19 APOLOGIES NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton

002/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Cannell is the immediate next door neighbour re planning application 18/F/4971/FUH. Cllr Ralston's company Solsoft provides the Council's internet service.

003/19 LAST MEETING MINUTES - December 10th - were agreed and signed by Vice-Chair & Clerk.

004/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE none

005/19 BROADBAND

Truespeed Fibre-to-the-Home Service - A Presentation by Andy Moore

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Recent meeting papers have included a digest of the current problems at Gigaclear. There are continuing uncertainties in relation to a revised Gigaclear timetable. Given that Truespeed, uniquely, offer fibre to the home via leases on Western Power and BT poles rather than via underground excavation, they reckon to connect homes within about six months of work starting. There is no up front cost from the community, but TrueSpeed will not commit to starting a community installation until they have a sign-up of 30% of that community to the project. The consumer commitment is to an 18 month fixed price contract at £47.50 per month, which includes broadband at a full 200mb/s, up and down (potential for 1000mb/s), and a telephone line, which can carry the customer's existing telephone number. The school (if there is one) and Village Hall are provided with a free service. In the absence of a school, the possibility was raised of the Church being included instead.

In signing up, you commit to taking the Truespeed service, only so long as they provide that service within 6 months of your sign up. Their service will not reach us for another year to eighteen months, so nothing is lost by signing up! We need as many sign-ups as possible in order to get us on the Truespeed work schedule, and if the CDS/Gigaclear service does come through and is earlier, then, again, nothing is lost. Our neighbours in Kenn went through this sign up process and they are now likely to 'go live' by the end of the year - so the more people who sign up, the sooner we can expect to receive a genuinely fast broadband service.

TrueSpeed are a local company, based in Keynsham. They have some £75million of backing, which includes involvement from Aviva. Several surrounding parishes are signed up or fully operational. **Clerk will put a piece about this alternative broadband offer in the February Cross Tree Chronicle and on the website.**

006/19 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Road Safety: at the 'from Clevedon' Cross Tree junction, Cllr Wilyman and his dog were recently caught between the Cross Tree Farm wall and a car that came from the B3124 into Walton Street without slowing to observe the circumstances pertaining in the road being entered. Cllr Wilyman fell, blooded, and with broken glasses. The motorist stopped, verbally abused him, then drove off. For a third time, the recently installed 20mph sign at the junction has been hit and turned so as to be out of a drivers vision, presumably by large vehicles taking the corner too tightly. As a daily user of the

Village road system Cllr Wilyman was palpably exhausted by his frustration at neither highway regulations nor police enforcement being able to contribute any semblance of order to the ever increasing chaos that appears the norm of modern-day 'pre-occupied' driving. Several possible easements in favour of safety on this corner arose from discussion. Designation of Quiet Lane status to Walton Street : Extension of the raised pavement from the Cross Tree Farm gateway to the junction (this was substituted, during recent improvements, by road painting, which motorists tend to ignore) : installation of 'single track' signage to indicate the narrowness of Walton Street : 7.5 ton weight limit, which includes an 'only-for-access' caveat. *Colin Medus undertook to explore options and report back and to see if a secure solution to the movement of the 20mph sign can be implemented.*

007/19 PLANNING

New: 18/F/4971/FUH Drovers Brook, Moor Lane. Erection of single storey extension. This item was circulated to Members in December and the following passed to NSC planning: *"Comment; to support the application. Given that historical planning inconsistencies are too far back to attract enforcement, the present structure is a discreet and comfortable part of the local scene. The present application enhances the existing structure and is well screened from Moor Lane, the only point where there would be any visual impact. Members do not feel competent to offer opinions on those technical aspects of the proposal more properly the remit of the NSLIDB."* This was agreed as the minute re this application.

Decisions Due: Lorraine Field - 18/P/4021/FUL to vary condition 21 of 17/P/1339/F. **18/P/4346/FUH** Nutshell fence.

Granted: 18/P/4638/FUH & 18/P/4639/LBC Old Rectory House sun room. **18/P/4658/FUH** Castle View side extension.

008/19 PARISH MAINTENANCE

End Gully at Rear of Home Farm Cottage: Camera investigation done. Work plan awaited. *Colin undertook to follow up the job's status on the work programme.*

Village Gateway Preparation: *Clerk to seek quote for gate(s), and erection by Adrian Leonard.*

Somerset Stones in Walton Street: two broken. *Clerk to investigate and report to NSC.*

009/19 OTHER MATTERS

Bristol Airport: WalG is not directly impacted by the proposed expansion, except by noise from aircraft descents from the North. Parishes nearer airport will be pro-active in commenting on the increase of night flights and pressures on the road infrastructure, carbon footprints etc.

010/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS None

011/19 FINANCE

2018-19 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, review and noted.

2019-20 Budget: Draft was pre-circulated. It was reviewed, with Cllr Ralston explaining the charging structure underlying the (heavily subsidised) website costs, which include two domain names and five email addresses. Approval was proposed by Cllr Cannell, seconded by Cllr Ralston, and unanimously agreed. The approved budget is attached as part of these minutes.

Cheques: 770 R Kent sapling clearance re Village Gate **771** A C Harris Ground clearance re village gate £87.60 **772** Hall Hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET

1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020 Precept £4804

Expenses >>>	Clerk	Clrk/Clr	Hall	Public	Ins/Subs	Parish	Other	Web	
		Exp	Hire	Light	Audit/GDPR*	Maint	Costs	Site	
<i>2017-18 Actual Expenses</i>	<i>1,728.00</i>	<i>314.40</i>	<i>93.00</i>	<i>59.56</i>	<i>279.79</i>	<i>320.00</i>		<i>200.04</i>	<i>2,994.79</i>
2018-19 Estimated Expenses	1764.00	314.40	81.00	73.85	339.91	0.00	68.49	200.04	2841.69
2018-19 Budget	1,764.00	315.00	126.00	80.00	375.00	380.00	0.00	210.00	3,250.00
Election Provision									300.00
Capital Provision									800.00
2018-19 PRECEPT									4350.00
Hourly rate for 3 hours per week	£11.31 per Hr								
2019-20 Expenses Budget	2184.00	315.00	120.00	110.00	375.00	550.00	100.00	250.00	4004.00
Plus Election Provision									300.00
Plus Capital Provision									500.00
2019-20 PRECEPT									4804.00
% hourly rate increase over prior year	+ 6.1%								+ 3.3%
hours up from 3 p wk to 3.5 p wk	£12.00 per hr								
Operating Funds to c/f									2626.28
Add standing bal on Tr a/c									150.00
Add Election & Referenda									1722.24
Add Capital Provision									2600.00
Total Funds to c/f to 2019-20									7098.52