
WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 14th January 2019

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

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

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

011/19 APOLOGIES - NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison)

012/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

013/19 LAST MEETING MINUTES - January 14th - were agreed and signed by Chair & Clerk.

014/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

015/19 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Road Safety: NSC thoughts re queries arising from the January meeting are: **Weight Restrictions:** on Walton Street and Moor would be possible, but there would always need to be a large vehicle exemption for access. An audit would be needed of vehicles using these roads without a genuine need, probably conducted via a diary of large vehicles using the road and their business names. NSC would then write to the companies to assess whether their use of the road was for access to property along it. If this evidences a significant number of vehicles that could use a more suitable alternative then a weight limit could be considered. **Single Track Road signs:** (which also say with passing places) on Walton Street and Moor lane would not be appropriate because, two vehicles can pass each other for the majority of the length of both roads and therefore does not meet the criteria. **Quiet Lanes:** There are none in North Somerset. They are quite involved and potentially costly to implement and need strong local support to succeed. While the purpose is to encourage use by walkers, horse riders and cyclists they are not a mechanism to restrict cars and therefore are probably not suitable in these locations. Minute 4093 plus attachment (September 11th 2017) references earlier consideration of the topic. The meeting noted these comments and will look to feed them into the Parish Council's developing strategy. Members thanked Colin Medus for taking the time to prepare to brief us with such clarity.

016/19 PLANNING

Decisions Due: 18/P/4021/FUL vary condition 21 of 17/P/1339/F. 18/P/4971/FUH Drovers Brook extension.

Withdrawn: 18/P/4346/FUH Nutshell fence.

017/19 PARISH MAINTENANCE

End Gully at Rear of Home Farm Cottage: Camera investigation done. Work plan awaited.

Village Gateway Preparation: Erection - ball park - £58 per gate. The meeting agreed that a single gate would be possible on the left at the from-Portishead end of the B3124 and two gates - a small one on the left and a full sized one on the right, of the from Clevedon entrance to the Village on the B3124. They further agreed to pursue earlier plans for village signage and gates along the Coast Road, to be included in the 2020-21 budget. **Clerk to seek quote for the first 3 gates.**

Somerset Stones in Walton Street: broken stone coned off pending replacement. Clerk to report raised stone.

Fly Tipping in Lay-by Opposite Signal Station: Reported. Clerk to confirm that this has been cleared.

018/19 OTHER MATTERS - none

019/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman: Reported a successful village clean-up day with a good turnout and much useful work done. He has received a suggestion that a speed bump could be placed on the highway between the Pill Box and the Cross Tree to force traffic to slow as it turned from Clevedon into Walton Street. Members feared this might prove dangerous given the abandon with which drivers approach the junction and agreed to seek advice from Colin Medus at the March meeting.

Cllr Cannell: Understands, via the Waze Mobile Traffic App, that there are two significant potholes along the Coast Road near the caravan park. Clerk to investigate.

020/19 FINANCE

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

Funding Request from St Paul's Church: The request was reviewed in the context of current policy and against payments made to the Church and the Hall in the past. It was decided unanimously that, in line with the explanation provided to the Social Club, the emerging pressures on funds resulting from responsibility transfer from NSC to parishes, did not leave room for the provision of a donations budget. Clerk to so relay to the applicant.

Standing Order: variation re Clerk's pay signed.

Cheques: 773 Hall Hire £6.00.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm