
WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 11th March 2019

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

Present: Cllrs Mike Ralston (Vice Chair & Meeting Chair), Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wilyman

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

Public Attendance: 0

We were sad to learn that Ray Redmore has passed away. Ray was a kind man, a man of ideas, and, as its Chair, a key contributor to the maintenance and improvement of the Village Hall. Our sympathy goes out to Debbie.

021/19 APOLOGIES - Cllr Brian Cannell, NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton

022/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

023/19 LAST MEETING MINUTES - February 11th - were agreed and signed by Chair & Clerk.

024/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

025/19 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Walton Street Junction: A suggestion was received that a speed bump be placed on the highway between the Pill Box and the Cross Tree to force traffic to slow from Clevedon into Walton Street. Advice indicates that there are three issues that militate against the idea: i) there must be street lighting; ii) there must be a series of 'bumps' - not just one iii) there must be a separate indicator that a motorist is approaching the 'bumps'; the bumps enforce the warning, they are not the warning itself. Ergo, as a device for slowing traffic through the junction it would not be practical and probably would not be safe, given that a corrective measure by a driver might put their vehicle through the shop window (*at one stage the daily office seat of the Clerk for nearly 12 years!*).

Weight Restrictions: The possibility of weight restrictions being applied to various sections of highway in the Gordano Valley has prompted NSC officers to review the implications. Their report is awaited in due course.

026/19 PLANNING

Withdrawn: 19/P/0334/NMA Nutshell Fence - (*withdrawn as the minutes were being prepared*).

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

027/19 PARISH MAINTENANCE

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

Village Gateway Preparation: A site meeting involving Adrian Leonard, Cllrs Dickinson & Wilyman and the Clerk was agreed. The objective will be to decide on size and location of three gates and liaise with NSC as needed to progress the plan to completion. **Clerk to arrange site meeting.**

Coast Road Potholes: 1 before Brighton Cottages & 1 near Coast Caravan, marked up for repair.

028/19 OTHER MATTERS

Annual Governance Document Review: pre-circulated for review, agreed per the attached schedule, and Risk Assessment form signed by Chair and Clerk.

029/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman: Complaints are received periodically (including recently) about septic tank odours in the lower part of Walton Street. These may arise when electricity power cuts prevent the proper functioning of bio-disc pumps - more of a problem in a coombe than in more open areas. Everyone is urged to remain acutely aware of the condition of their domestic drainage systems as we are in an area that is not on mains drainage.

Cllr Ralston: Our faster broadband prospects remain as they were... all chasing of 'those in the know' comes back to the probability that if Gigaclear does reschedule their offer to the satisfaction of 'Connecting Devon & Somerset' we are, realistically, unlikely to see a service in place before 2022. In the meantime, our most viable option, a fibre-to-the-home overhead cable service from Truespeed, is suffering from a lack of signups (*consumer fatigue?*). **Cllr Ralston agreed to supply the Clerk with copy for a poster-type entry in the April edition of The Cross Tree Chronicle.**

Colin Medus left the meeting.

030/19 FINANCE

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

Standing Oder: New SO completed re uplift in Microsoft monthly bill (*this is paid by Solsoft as Microsoft take the amount monthly but only via a credit card*). Balance of Feb & March bills paid to Solsoft by cheque as under.

Cheques: 774 HMRC re PAYE £88.20. 775 Solsoft - balance of invoices as above £4.62.
776 WalG Village Hall - Hall Hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.30pm