

**Minutes of Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, A Charlesworth, A Brellisford, F Morgan

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk).

**3818 APOLOGIES:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

**3819 DEPARTURES**

- i. **Ann Charlesworth:** Having joined this Council in May 1985 (see minute 235), this, Ann's last meeting attendance as a Councillor, marked the completion of 30 years serving the Parish in this capacity. What started off as a formal thank you and recognition of Ann's outstanding and devoted contribution, ended as a hubbub of enthusiastic and grateful exchanges combined with a dip into nostalgia. Those present had contributed to a small gift, organised and presented by Floss Morgan. Ann will be sorely missed.
- ii. **Claire Leandro:** Claire is moving to Cornwall. Her time as NSC's Parish Liaison Officer (an entirely voluntary role) has been given unstintingly, and with quiet, assured competence. There were many occasions when she was ahead of the Clerk in nudging NSC staff into getting things done for the Parish! News of her departure was greeted with a universal murmur of disappointment, but an equally universal voicing of good wishes for her future in such a wonderful county. Floss produced a card for signature and dispatch to support the individual messages Members had e-mailed to Claire.

**3820 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3821 LAST MEETING MINUTES** of March 9th 2015 were agreed, and signed by The Chairman and Clerk.

**3822 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**3823 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No reported crime. A burnt out trailer in the lay-by opposite the golf course was taped off as a crime scene but related to a crime registered in Portishead. The trailer has been moved but **Clerk to contact Jen Clarke/Chris Joannou to arrange for clearance of debris.**

**NSC Anti-Social-Behaviour Liaison:** Chris Joannou (based in Streets & Open Spaces) is WalG PC contact for the "civil" end of things, including fly-tipping etc.

### 3824 PLANNING

**New: 15/P/0675/WT** - Manor House 1 x Cypress - remove competing stem, west side. Members looked at the paperwork and were happy to note the application without comment.

**Enforcement:** 2014/10100 Hill Cottage. It is not known to Members how this matter came to the notice of enforcement officers but, according to the latest enforcement report, the issuing of an enforcement notice is imminent.

### 3825 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cliff Path:** Slippery wooden bridges. **Clerk to chase Andy Carroll.**

**Walton Bay Birch's/Two Acre junction onto highway:** NSC Highways assessment awaited. **Clerk to follow up post May.**

### 3826 OTHER MATTERS

**Cycling on Footpaths:** Cllr Brellisford is checking the legalities before pursuing this worry. He and Cllr Morgan will liaise re the possible replacement of damaged "No Cycling" signs - at the Springhead footpath entry - that Cllr Morgan has re the Cliff Path.

**Walton Bay Notice Board:** Clerk and Henry Baker, of Walton Bay, "forced entry" and unjammed the lock.

**Village Agent:** Emma Edwards has the Gordano+ group of Parishes as her area in a new role with West of England Rural Network (WERN). She will introduce her work at the May Annual Parish Meeting.

### 3827 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Ralston:** Gordano Greenway - considerable work is continuing behind the scenes, both via meetings with property owners and in seeking feasibility study funding from Clevedon and Portishead Town Councils. An ecological and environmental study has been done via NSC's David Fish, and a report in due soon.

**Cllr Cannell:** A power-line pole in Moor Lane is leaning over. It is known that Western Power react more promptly to private residential complaints than to "official" notifications, so Cllr Cannell agreed to report the matter to them himself.

### 3828 FINANCE

#### Accounts:

- i. **2014-15:** Internal Audit completed; paperwork approved, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. **Clerk to send to External Auditor.**
- ii. **2015-16:** Accounts to date reviewed and noted.
- iii. **Bank Mandate:** submitted.
- iv. **Revised SO re Clerks pay:** submitted.
- v. **Cheques:** 699 ALCA Subscription £51.74 700 Village Hall £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

**Minutes of The Parish Council Annual General Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall  
Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.00pm  
(The meeting started at 7.10pm)**

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, F Morgan

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk).

**Public Attendance:** Grahame & Alison Stott, Andy Brellisford, Nigel Wyliman

*The three members present were elected on May 7th last, via an uncontested election. Before the meeting proper commenced, each member completed a Declaration of Office form and a Register of Member's Interest from which was lodged with the Clerk.*

**3829 APOLOGIES:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

**3830 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FORMALITIES**

**Election Of Chairman And Vice Chairman:** Cllr Morgan was expected to be late, the meeting would not be quorate without her, and there was an Annual Parish Meeting immediately following this one: therefore, pre-discussion had taken place re the disposition of offices and representations. Cllr Cannell confirmed his willingness to continue as Chairman and this was agreed to unanimously without a vote. Cllr Cannell duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office that his position required of him. Cllr Cannell took the Chair. Cllr Ralston confirmed himself willing to continue in the role of Vice Chair and, this was unanimously confirmed without a vote.

**Appointment Of Representatives To Outside Bodies:** Cllr Ralston agreed to continue as representative to the Village Hall Committee of Management (a 2nd vacancy remains) and to the Gordano Greenway Steering Group (a second vacancy remains). Cllr Morgan (minute 3530, Sept 2012) agreed to continue as representative to NSC Standards sub-committee.

**3831 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3832 LAST MEETING MINUTES** of April 13th 2015 were agreed, and signed by The Chairman and Clerk.

**3833 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**3834 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No reported crime.

**3835 PLANNING**

**Granted:** 15/P/0675/WT - Manor House 1 x Cypress - remove competing stem.

**Enforcement:** 2014/10100 Hill Cottage: an enforcement notice is imminent.

### 3836 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cliff Path:** Slippery wooden bridges - Andy Carroll in investigating possible solutions.

**Birch's/Two Acre junction:** NSC Highways assessment awaited.

### 3837 OTHER MATTERS

**Cycling on Footpaths:** Andy Brellisford continues to check the legalities surrounding cycling within the woods above Springhead.

### 3838 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

#### Cllr Ralston:

- i. **Broadband:** Cable Broadband is delivered to homes via copper cables run from a traditional telephone "cabinet" at a speed of around 2-5mb. Fibre cabling is needed to carry true "fast" (*as opposed to superfast*) broadband speeds of around 15mb. To join a fast broadband service, a customer's in-coming cable has to be upgraded to fibre cable from the cabinet to their home (*and ideally they should get their home upgraded as well*). There is a fibre-upgraded BT cabinet near the Old Inn that supplies Walton-in-Gordano, but Walton only has a copper wire link to that cabinet. If a "fast" broadband signal was transmitted from the cabinet to Walton via the existing copper wires, it would provide a broadband speed of around 9mb. "Connecting Devon and Somerset" is an organisation set up to facilitate the rural provision of fibre broadband; however, they ducked out of the problem of fibre-cabling from the Old Inn to Cross Tree (where the central BT manhole is), and passed the problem to BT. BT does not want to commit to the expense either. It is technically possible to double or triple speeds to Walton to around 9mb via the existing wires, but BT's charging "system" does not allow for this as it cannot be legally described as fast broadband at this speed, but is faster than ordinary broadband. Cllr Ralston continues to put pressure on BT's Louise Wallace ([louise.wallace@bt.com](mailto:louise.wallace@bt.com)), and the ombudsman, to progress the possibility of getting a 9mb service. He urges those interested to e-mail Louise Wallace at [louise.wallace@bt.com](mailto:louise.wallace@bt.com) to press this cause. Cllr Ralston has also shared his efforts with NSC at Castlewood in Clevedon, who are looking at a possible privately provided wi-fi solution based on equipment that operates there.
- ii. **Gordano Greenway:** This project continues, but slowly. Whilst there is apparently no fixed route proposal, the Shoot and the Miles Estate continue to be the prime objectors within the parish to the presumed preferred route. Cllr Ralston has suggested, to other Steering Group members, that an idea of the route including a section of the Manor Drive from its entrance to the Church footpath is a non-starter and this was agreed with.
- iii. **The White Hart:** New tenants have been installed by Enterprise Inns (who are not selling the pub); Mr & Mrs Mike & Chris Yeatman also run Venga, a tapas bar and restaurant in Portishead.

### 3839 FINANCE

- i. **2014-15:** Accounts posted to external auditor.
- ii. **2015-16:** Accounts had been previously circulated and were noted.
- iii. **Cheques:** **701** Zurich Insurance, Annual Premium £212.00    **702** Village Hall £18 (includes APM)

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

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## WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of The Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 8th June 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, F Morgan, A Brellisford (after Minute 3843)

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk).

**Public Attendance:** Kevin Edwards

*Former Chairman, Ken Dilley died peacefully, in his sleep on 11th May 2015: he was 81. Ken served this Council throughout the 1970s, being variously Councillor, Chairman, and Vice-Chairman during that time: he also gave generously of his professional architectural skills over the years, in the service of the Village Hall. Ken recently moved from the parish - from Taggart, which he designed and built for himself - his strong, positive and kindly presence is missed, although his memory will long endure.*

**3839 APOLOGIES:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke Nigel Wilyman (cooption candidate)

**3840 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Ralston at Minute 3848 re supply of fast broadband.

**3841 LAST MEETING MINUTES** of May 13th 2015 were agreed. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of May 13th 2015 were circulated to all attendees for agreement prior to the meeting and were agreed. Both sets of Minutes were signed by The Chairman and Clerk.

**3842 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### **3843 CONSIDERATION/COOPTION OF TWO NEW MEMBERS**

Andy Brellisford and Nigel Wilyman put themselves forward for cooption. Andy was a member before the May elections but his re-nomination papers arrived at NSC - literally minutes - too late for inclusion in the election process. Nigel has lived in the Parish for some 40 years and, during the 1970s, was both a member of this Council and sometime Chairman. Both applicants were unanimously accepted as members without a vote. Andy signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, agreed his Register of Members Interest form, signed the Attendance Register, and became a participating member of this meeting. **Clerk to complete paperwork for both new members and post to NCS and Parish website.**

#### **3844 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No reported crime.

**Police & Crime Commissioner:** Received - the NS Police & Crime Plan 2015-17. Noted. Chairman took a copy.

#### **3845 PLANNING**

**New: 15/P/1175/F** Garden to Old Chapel Walton St - extension to domestic parking area for Old Chapel and Cross Tree Cottages. No objections.

**Enforcement: 2015/0208** Cross Tree Cottages - unauthorised skylights. These have already been removed. **2014/10100** Hill Cottage: the container has been removed.

#### **3846 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Cliff Path:** Slippery wooden bridges - Estimate out for insertion of alternate "non-slip" planks on one bridge. Probable job completion in October; if this works, the other bridges will be done.

**Bristol Water Contractors -tarmac repair outside Home Farm:** This was noted as having been very shoddy. Clerk reported it to Cllr Ashton and the pavement section was re-done the next day. The roadway section will not be accepted by NSC until it too has been re-done within the next month.

**Birch's/Two Acre Lane highway access:** NSC highways have responded to the problem here as follows:

*Part of the problem described is to do with the steep gradient and alignment of the access roads. However, they are not public highway and any changes would be a matter for the owners. Again, the council can't do anything about visibility as it would require land outside our control, and the cutting back of the hedge is the responsibility of the landowner.*

*As you know the speed limit here is 40mph and any further reduction would need to be supported by physical measures to have any real impact. However, there is no street lighting at this location so any traffic calming measure could itself constitute a hazard. Also, we don't have a large road safety budget and as there is not a particular accident problem here it would be difficult to justify high expenditure as opposed to other locations where there are accidents occurring.*

*We could install additional signs and road markings to highlight the accesses, although locating the signs might be difficult. It has also been suggested that we install edge of carriageway lines to make the road look narrower than it is, and therefore reduce speeds. However, there is a risk that we might "urbanise" the area detracting from its rural setting.*

Members felt the response was balanced and understandable. There are cases everywhere - more so in "special" locations - where "peep and creep" is the only way to gain access to the highway; the problems at this junction have been "coped with" by residents over the many years their dissatisfaction has been minuted by this Council. Given that access roadways to the point where they meet the highway, are the responsibility of the landowners, members agreed that improved signage might provide the most positive highways contribution to easing the problems. **Clerk to research past discussions on this and draw some possible signage for discussion at the July meeting.**

**Review of Governance Documents:** Clerk updated/corrected all documents as needed and included them with the pre-meeting paperwork. Members accepted them as definitive until the next review in June 2016 and the Chairman and Clerk signed the annual Risk Assessment Review as being accurate.

**ALCA AGM:** Information on this was shared with members. **Clerk to let them know that WalG PC will not be represented at the event.**

### **3847 OTHER MATTERS**

**Cycling on Footpaths:** This is proving to be a complex legal topic. Cllr Brellisford reports that enquiries via Avon & Somerset Police indicate that, unlike on pavements ("footways"), cycling on footpaths is not illegal, so long as there is no by-law to the contrary. However, he has established that this is not a universally held position (e.g. East Sussex) and is exploring the matter further with NSC.

### **3848 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Ralston - Gordano Greenway:** The feasibility study by NSC officers is completed and its publication is thought to be imminent. Funding is being sought - Portishead and Clevedon Town Councils have been approached - to enable the development of a planning document that Cllr Ralston presumes will form the basis for consultation.

**Fast Broadband:** There continues to be an impasse to fast broadband supply to the Parish via BT. Cllr Ralston reports that his software company has become agent for the supply of a new commercial satellite fast broadband service: he intends to trial this at his home for possible domestic application. At £30-£60 per month it is not a cheap option, but he will be happy to share his experience with those who feel it might be worthwhile for them.

**Cllr Morgan - Sewage leak onto Cliff Path:** outside 7 Skylark - having been checked by NSC and found ok, this leak has recurred. It is guessed that there is a leak in the higher regions of a tank that only shows as the tank fills. **Clerk to re-report to NSC.**

### **3849 FINANCE**

- i. **2015-16:** Accounts were circulated prior to the meeting and noted.
- ii. **Cheques: 703** HMRC re PAYE £82.20 **704** Village Hall £6.00

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

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### Minutes of The Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), F Morgan, N Wilyman

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

**Public Attendance:** Rachel Dickinson

**3850 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke, Cllr M Ralston, Cllr A Brellisford

**3851 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3852 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (June 8th 2015) the date was corrected, the minutes were agreed and were signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3853 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3854 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** No reported crime.

**Police & Crime Commissioner:** June Newsletter was received and circulated.

#### 3855 PLANNING

**Decision Due:** 15/P/1175/F Old Chapel car park.

#### 3856 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cliff Path:** Slippery bridges; "non-slip" planks due on one bridge in October, as a trial.

**Sewage leak onto Cliff Path:** temporary bridge over leak pending Barton's drainage repair.

**Birch's/Two Acre Lane highway access:** Clerk to discuss signage (attached) with NSC's Frank Cox.

**Walton Street:** Gully above Springhead Cottage renewed.

**Moor Lane:** Ann Charlesworth reported that reflectors at the bridge were overgrown. The Clerk cleared the overgrowth just before the meeting.

#### 3857 OTHER MATTERS

**Cycling on Footpaths:** Cllr Brellisford exploring further with NSC.

#### 3858 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Morgan. Cliff Path:** This was cut - far too early - in March. It has now become completely overgrown and the subject of complaints. Clerk to contact NSC's Andy Carroll to urge for it to be cut again.

**Cllr Wilyman. Entry to Walton Street from Clevedon:** A significant number of vehicles do not slow down enough as they turn into Walton Street - enough to be described as "an accident waiting to happen". Cllr Cannell outlined previously minuted discussions with NSC over the expense and complexity of putting a sign up (STOP on one side and NO ENTRY on the other). In accepting that there is not likely to be an early affordable solution, Clerk to relay this ongoing concern to NSC.

**Cllr Ralston (via Clerk). Broadband:** Anyone interested in fast satellite broadband could contact Avonline at <http://avonlinebroadband.com>: Clerk to publicise via August Information Sheet. **Gordano Greenway:** There is to be a meeting between Steering Group member and Portishead & Clevedon Town Councils during this week to discuss feasibility study funding.

#### 3859 FINANCE

i. **2015-16 Accounts:** had previously circulated, were reviewed and noted.

ii. **Audit:** Auditors now require that assets are not written down, but recorded at their purchase price ( or a reasonable approximation to it - e.g. the street light at £800, which was a guesstimate replacement cost the Clerk obtained from NSC some years ago).

iii. **Cheques:** 705 Village Hall £6.00

iv. **Mandate:** Clerk to get Cllr Wilyman's name added to bank mandate.

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm**



Walton in Gordano

## **WALTON BAY**

*You are entering a residential area  
beware of hidden junctions to your right  
(left)*



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### Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston (until 8.40), A Brellisford (from 7.40), F Morgan, N Wilyman

**In Attendance:** Seb Green (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk), Emma Edwards (Village Agent)

**3860 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

**3861 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3862 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (July 13th 2015) were agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3863 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### **3864 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE AGENT**

**West of England Rural Network (WERN)** works with rural communities in South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and Bristol. It runs the Village Agent programme that Emma works with. The EU and DEFRA are bringing together local rural stakeholders to promote “bottom-up” community delivery of Regional Development Programme grants via “Local Action Groups”. They do this through their LEADER programme (*Leader is a French acronym - liaison among actors in rural economic development*). WERN led a successful bid (£1,588,000) to DEFRA and is establishing a Local Action Group (LAG) to manage a LEADER programme for the West of England between 2015 - 2020 to deliver the approved bid - the **Local Development Strategy**. More details can be found on <https://westofenglandleader.wordpress.com/>. Later in the year, WERN will call for projects, against the eligibility criteria set out in the Local Development Strategy. Emma gave [jill@wern.org.uk](mailto:jill@wern.org.uk) as the contact point for more details. **Clerk to find out more about eligibility criteria prior to further discussion at the October meeting.**

*Emma Edwards left, and Cllr Brellisford arrived at the meeting at this point.*

#### **3865 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No reported crime. Cllr Cannell reported that travellers had attempted to squat on the Clevedon School playing fields that lie with in Parish, but were quickly ejected.

#### **3866 PLANNING**

**New:** 15/P/1978/F Cliff Cottage, Walton Down - erection of detached garage with loft room over. The application was discussed and no objections were raised. **Clerk to so notify NSC.**

**Granted:** 15/P/1175/F Old Chapel car park.

#### **3867 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Cliff Path:** Slippery bridges; “non-slip” planks due on one bridge in October, as a trial.

**Sewage leak onto Cliff Path:** Barton’s drainage repair still awaited. As it appears to be effecting home sales, the work may perhaps be progressed.

**Birch's/Two Acre highway access:** Design appended. Cost of £865.30 to be born by the Parish. Cllr Brellisford queried whether wooden signs might prove cheaper and more attractive. The Clerk referred to the costs of the note boards as an example of how expensive street furniture is, and Cllr Wilyman mentioned the cost of maintaining wooden signs. The signs are quoted at £322.54, the other costs being foundations and posts. The edges of the signs need to be 450mm away from the edge of the road - if this can be achieved by any attaching them to existing posts at the Squires Cottage Parish boundary and at the 40mph post between Walton Down and Walton Bay, this would save the foundation and post costs. **Members agreed to consider the project again, at the December meeting pre-budget discussion: Clerk to include it on the enquiry to WERN per the Village Agent's report above.**

*(Clerk's note - place signs are fixed by 2 posts each, not one)*

**Entry to Walton Street from Clevedon:** Per Cllr Wilyman's report at minute 3858, NSC has registered this renewed concern.

**Signage:** Police have reminded parishes, via NSC, that highway signage must be kept visible to motorists.

**Finger Post:** NSC collected from Kevin & Emma on August 27th. **Clerk to follow up with Liam Abercrombie.**

**Tea Room & Shops signs:** NSC have removed these following complaints from Crosstree Cottages at the number of "callers" they are getting.

### 3868 OTHER MATTERS

**Cycling on Footpaths:** Cllr Brellisford exploring with NSC and will update Members at the next meeting.

**Gordano Greenway:** Cllr Ralston was recently misquoted (and his name also misspelt) in the North Somerset Times and Portishead Town Council August 9th Minutes. Walton-in-Gordano PC has not currently set aside any of its precept for the Greenway project. Applications for funding to Walton-in-Gordano PC are not to be considered until the December PC meeting. **The meeting asked the Clerk to put an explanatory piece in the October Information Sheet, to ask Portishead Town Council to record a correction to its minute (and a correction to Cllr Ralston's name), and to share this information with Catherine Dixon, Clerk at Weston-in-Gordano.**

### 3869 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Ralston:** A huge thank-you is due to Cllr Morgan for her work on the Scarecrow Festival, which he held to have been a great success.

*Cllr Ralston had to leave the meeting at this point.*

**Cllr Brellisford:** endorsed Cllr Ralston's thanks and agreed that, despite being smaller than in previous years, (it could not be held in its usual May time-slot) the Scarecrow Festival had been a definite success. He noted a concern that was emerging as to possible tensions in some activity groupings in the Parish. Cllr Cannell said that, sadly, this has happened from time to time over the years and agreed with Cllr Brellisford that, when it did happen, it was both distressing and damaging. Hopefully any current problems there may be, can be resolved. The meeting thanked Cllr Brellisford for surfacing his concerns.

**Cllr Wilyman:** Telephone Box - Cllr Wilyman cleared this out recently and asked what its present status was. The meeting was surprised to learn that it still appeared to be operational. The history of its offer of sale by BT was revised and the hearsay difficulties BT had in trying to "uproot" it recalled. The space it vacated would prove useful to Cross Tree Cottages residents for putting out waste bins etc. **Clerk to contact BT and Miles Estate (on whose land the box stands) to see if it can be removed.**

**Cllr Morgan:** Cliff Path Footbridge below Coast Caravan Park - this has 3 broken slats. **Clerk to report to Andy Carroll.**

**Cllr Wilyman:** asked if clearance work was done on footpaths other than the Cliff Path - particularly those going up to the Golf Course. **Clerk to ask Andy Carroll.**

**Cllr Cannell:** Moor Lane grips at open section of Walton Brook need re-making. As a resident living opposite the brook, Cllr Wilyman undertook to do these rather than relying on the uncertain timetables of NSC. **Tilting Utility Poles:** One next to the locked gate above the entrance to John Flower's yard (Western Power?/BT?) and the last one on the right going down Moor Lane (Western Power). Apparently there is a critical angle such poles must reach before utility companies will straighten them. **Clerk to report the state of these poles to the relevant utility.** **Shrubs overgrowing the pavements at Manor Cottages. Clerk to write to tenant, cc Miles Estate, to get them cut back.**

### 3870 FINANCE

- i. **2015-16 Accounts:** were circulated before the meeting and noted. Clerk confirmed that the bank statements had been received and reconciled and that the 2nd half precept had been paid by NSC.
- ii. **Transparency Code Grants:** Councils can claim for expenses incurred, post February 2015, relating to office equipment purchase, website provision and training in relation to complying with new smaller-council accounting publicity requirements that replace the need for an external audit. This Council was fully compliant before February and, notwithstanding that it relies on the Clerk using his own equipment, it was noted that does not "transparently", qualify for grants towards computer and scanner purchase from this fund.
- iii. **Crime Prevention presentation:** The Village Agent plans to organise a crime prevention presentation in the Village Hall in October, and would like to do so as a joint initiative with Parish Council. The presentation would be free, (provided by the senior citizen liaison team). Emma would provide the advertising and refreshments, and asks the parish council provide the twelve pounds to cover hall rent. She is keen to encourage a good working relationship between the Village Agent and the Parish Council in their mutual concerns for quality of life in the Parish. Members were happy with both the logic and the spirit of the Council's involvement and understood that, for the target audience, an event held during daylight hours would be ideal. Cllr Brellisford felt that other, working families, may be interested in such topics as crime prevention and wondered if an evening slot would not, therefore, be more ideal so that they also could attend. **Clerk to share this enquiry with the Village Agent, to confirm, notwithstanding the enquiry, the joint presentation of the immediately planned event, and to flag possible future events as a budget item.**
- iv. **Clerk's Expenses:** The Clerk proposed an update schedule to his Contract of Employment, within the Governance documentation of the Council. This update would be retrospective to April 1st 2015, and would present the computation of the 2015-16 £315 expenses budget in terms of current HMRC wording. It would, at the same time update the Clerk's address from the original Contract. The meeting agreed that the update schedule be adopted.
- v. **Social Club Marquee Donation To 2016 Fete Costs:** The meeting noted that a donation request has been received from the Social Club ahead of the December meeting pre-budget discussion.
- vi. **Cheques:** 706 HMRC re PAYE £82.20. 707 Audrey Hollingsworth re Information Sheet costs April-September 2015 £54.00 708 Village Hall hire £12.00
- vii. **Mandate:** New form prepared, signed by Cllr Wilyman, authorised under the signatures of Cllrs Cannell and Morgan, and left with Cllr Wilyman take to Lloyds re the completion of section 10.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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**Highways & Transport**  
Development and Environment



North Somerset Council  
Castlewood  
Tickenham Road  
Clevedon  
BS21 6FW

**Project Title**  
Village Name Plate  
**Drawing Title**  
Walton Bay Sign  
**Drawing No.**  
T631/VNP/2015

**Scale**  
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DRB  
**Date**  
Aug 15  
**OS Licence No.**  
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### Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 12th October 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), A Brellisford, F Morgan, N Wilyman  
**In Attendance:** P C Jen Clarke, Seb Green (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)  
**Public Attendance:** Rachel Dickinson

**3871 APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Ralston, Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC)

**3872 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3873 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (Sep 14th) corrected, agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

**3874 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

### 3875 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

#### Police:

- i. **Reported Crime:** none
- ii. **Community Response:** NSC's 3rd Newsletter indicated good progress with joint Police initiatives. **Jen to follow up with NSC's Chris Joannou, coordinator for Gordano.**
- iii. **Speedwatch:** PCSO Gary Lewis (PCSO Julie Lewis's husband) runs Speedwatch. Would need 5-6 volunteers. Under more relaxed criteria, Speedwatch may be possible: volunteers would not be a problem. **Jen to run the idea past Gary to see what might be done.**
- iv. **Slow Signs at Hackwood:** Some near misses have been reported at the "blind" Hackwood House drive, caused particularly by traffic speeding up as it comes out of the Village : could speed limit signs be moved? - no: could ground-painted "slow" signs be moved to somewhere more effective? Probably. **Clerk to check possibility at re-painting.**
- v. **Obscured Signs:** **Clerk to check and clear where possible.**
- vi. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Continuing uncertainty as to who does what and if residents can contact NW volunteers directly or if it is only a police initiated contact. The Kents are believed to be involved as volunteers, but **Jen to establish who the police have registered for the work.** Once this is clear, **Clerk to put piece in Information Sheet.**
- vii. **Speed Cameras:** NSC Gordano camera rota ceased a year or two ago, presumably due to cutbacks/lack of volunteers. There was a discussion as to how effective cameras (mobile and fixed) are now that they are so numerous. No conclusions were drawn.

### 3876 PLANNING

**Granted:** 15/P/1978/F Cliff Cottage, Walton Down - erection of garage.

### 3877 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cliff Path:** Bridge at CCP-3 broken slats. Yellow markings indicate that Cliff Path works are imminent.

**Cliff Path:** Slippery bridges; "non-slip" planks due.

**Cliff Path Sewage Leak:** Barton drainage repair; **Cllr Morgan to progress via new site manager.**

**Footpaths:** Query re clearance work to other footpaths is with Andy Carroll. **Clerk to chase.**

**Finger Post:** Work due to complete by month end.

**Waste - Parish Incentive Scheme:** Cllr Morgan to attend 15th October meeting. Cllr Brellisford highlighted his interest to NSC and expressed his concern that the notice of meetings was so short and that he could not attend daytime meetings. He said that any initiative encouraging improved re-cycling habits is to be applauded and should be supported: the meeting agreed. Launch details of the scheme will be shared after the present round of meetings with Parishes.

### 3878 OTHER MATTERS

**Cycling on Footpaths:** Chris Joannou said there is a £50 fine for cycling on footpaths, but PCSOs said no. Discussion clarified that the fine probably relates to pavements, not to rights of way over private land. Jen will check with PCSOs and Cllr Brellisford will keep members alert to any developments. Meanwhile Cllr Morgan asked for help in identifying positions, obtaining permissions and fixing the “No Cycling” signs she has received from NSC. *(Clerk’s note: This was being pursued with Cllr Wilyman after the meeting)*

**Telephone Box:** BT says: *This kiosk is not earmarked for removal so I have reported it to our engineers for a clean and have added it to the re-painting project for next year so it will look much nicer going forward, they still provide 999 access for people who either don’t have mobiles or perhaps have battery problems with their mobiles.*

**Moor Lane Poles:** Clerk could not identify problem with BT pole next to JF’s yard. Western Power pole opposite Becksides and Silverburn down for inspection this week.

**Shrubs:** overgrowing the pavements at Manor Cottages. Cleared.

**West of England Local Development Strategy (re Minute 3864):** WERN LEADER Policies - *West of England is a functioning economic area, with Bristol and Bath as the powerhouse drawing in people from towns and rural areas, and providing a demand for rural goods and services. Such a compact city region offers opportunities to develop approaches to rural/urban linkages, and to support the development of a thriving social enterprise sector underpinning the rural economy.*

*Policy 1 Support an expanding, future proofed food, farming and horticultural sector.*

*Policy 2 Work with rural micro/small businesses to optimise goods, services, diversity and richness of the rural landscape*

*Policy 3 Nurture a mature and successful tourism infrastructure based on the local distinctiveness.*

*Policy 4 Create well connected, healthy, active and resilient rural communities.*

*Policy 5 Support vibrant culture and heritage resources based on people, communities, traditions, properties, landscapes*

*Policy 6 Create an innovative and sustainable forestry sector in the West of England*

**Re possible grant aid to WalG PC projects WERN says:**

*There will be a handbook which will include details of all the eligibility criteria. In the meantime the draft handbook, which is not expected to change substantially, states that ‘access to broadband services’ are not eligible, unfortunately. The funding is generally aimed at rural growth and jobs (this can include village services if it benefits the rural economy). I don’t think speed signs would fit the criteria because it’s hard to find a link with rural growth and the local economy. Potential projects will be scored and prioritised according to how well they fit the criteria. Jill Baker - LEADER Programme Assistant - WERN*

### 3879 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

**Cllr Wilyman: Moor Lane Blackditch Bridge:** He has been alerted to overgrowth in the water. Clerk said that Natural England have visited about this before and indicated that it is not such as to cause a restriction of flow.

**Cllr Brellisford:** 1. Speed bumps - on a slope and in an unlit area - at Naish Hill. **Clerk to check with CIG PC Clerk to see how this was achieved, re possibilities for Walton Street.** 2. Somerset Stones in Walton Street - some are broken, several are weak; they are frequently driven over or dislodged by traffic, and replacement takes a long time. Can a more satisfactory method of covering Walton Brook - that does not restrict maintenance access - be found? **Clerk to ask NSC’s Frank Cox.** 3. Walton Brook overgrown at Springhead. **Clerk to ask Miles Estate to clear.** 4. Gordano Greenway - a steering group meeting is expected towards the end of October.

### 3880 FINANCE

- i. **2015-16 Accounts:** reviewed and noted.
- ii. **Transparency Code Grants:** the opportunity to obtain grants towards computer equipment was reviewed in the light of Clerk’s correspondence with ALCA. Given the grant conditions, set against the Parish’s already advanced digital provision, together with the increased administration and the minimal use revolving around ownership of such equipment, it was decided not to pursue a grant application.
- iii. **Crime Prevention presentation:** Clerk confirmed £12 hall hire contribution. Evening presentations will be possible if there is a demand; future events will be ad hoc.
- iv. **Cheques:** 709 Village Hall hire PC Mtg & WERN (£12) £21.00
- v. **Mandate:** with Cllr Wilyman re the completion of section 10.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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### Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, A Brellisford, F Morgan, N Wilyman

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

**Public Attendance:** Rachel Dickinson

**3881 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

**3882 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3883 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (Oct 12th) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

**3884 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

### 3885 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

#### Police:

- i. **Reported Crime:** none
- ii. **Speedwatch:** News re the feasibility of Speedwatch awaited.
- iii. **Slow Signs at Hackwood:** NSC advises that current practice is to place painted slow warnings at locations that have signs, that explain to motorists the reason to slow down. They are not positioned to act as alerts in connection to private accesses onto the public highway.
- iv. **Partially Obscured Junction Sign at Walton Bay:** Clerk or Cllr Morgan to clear.
- v. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Walton Bay: **Dave Rees** 3 Skylark Ave & **Linda Overbury** 3 Kingfisher Way (Covers Skylark Ave/Kingfisher Way etc.). Village: **Bob Baldwin**, Home Farm Cottage, Moor Lane 879268 (covers Clevedon Road) : **Elaine Kent**, Church Farm Walton Street 872476 - (covers Walton Street & Moor Lane). Clerk put piece in Information Sheet.
- vi. **Mountain Bikers:** There are reports of mountain biker clubs riding on the footpaths and Walton Common at night at speeds that could be dangerous to walkers and detrimental to sensitive flora and fauna. Miles Estate, Avon Wildlife, Natural England, police and NSC's Community Response team have been alerted. NSC's Chris Joannou has put 'No Cycling on Footpaths. Min £50 fine' signs at Walton St. Cllr Brellisford to seek a site meeting with Chris re cycling issues.

### 3886 PLANNING

**New: 15/P/2440/F** Willow Cottage, Walton St: Increase roof height to provide 1st floor, balcony and dormer windows following demolition of conservatory. The footprint is virtually unchanged and visually the plan seems fine. However, there are no dimensions against which to check height vis a vis neighbouring properties and no indication that the proposed additions do not breach the 50% guideline. Clerk to relay this to NSC.

### 3887 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cliff Path:** Bridge at CCP-3 broken slats. Done.

**Cliff Path:** Slippery bridges; "non-slip" planks due. Cllr Morgan to check if done.

**Cliff Path Sewage Leak:** Barton drainage repair; no progress.

#### **Public Footpath Maintenance (see attached map):**

NSC have 500 miles of public footpath. 25% of the £25k budget goes on the Cliff Path and its tributaries (up to the golf course, Coast Road, Blackstrip). By 2017-18 the National Coastal Footpath should be established and Cliff Path maintenance will be eligible for grant-support. Some footpaths - e.g. to schools - are maintained; but most are done on a needs-must basis, by landowners or volunteers. For Parish volunteers, Parish insurance covers authorised footpath



work. NSC will provide risk assessment and guidance on tooling-up, team management, first-aider support etc. In the longer term, footpath maintenance looks likely to fall to Parish Councils.

Public Footpaths in Walton-in-Gordano are:

1. The Cliff Path
2. Cliff Path tributary i, to the Golf Club at Ladye Bay
3. Cliff Path tributary ii, to Brighton Cottages
4. Cliff Path tributary iii, from Walton Bay to the Walton Bay bus stop
5. Cliff Path tributary iv, to Blackstrip
6. Brighton Cottages to Golf Clubhouse,
7. Golf Clubhouse to St Paul's Church
8. Golf Clubhouse to Springhead
9. Across Walton Common
10. Plumtree Cottage to Walton Common
11. Blackstrip to Togget's Stile on the B3124 (The Parish Boundary)
12. Togget's Stile to the drain past Blackditch - Parish boundary (thence on to Clapton Wick),
13. From the B3124 opposite West Wood, to Norton's Retreat in Norton's Wood Lane,
14. From the B3124 at the Electricity sub-station opposite Holly Lane, to Norton's Wood Lane.

**Finger Post:** Due for completion imminently.

**Waste - Parish Recycling Incentive Scheme:** Cllr Morgan represented one of 5 parishes attending a 15th October NSC preliminary meeting re encouraging residents to reduce food waste by awarding a weekly £50 voucher to a user of the food waste collection service. Cllr Morgan's starter notes are below; she volunteered to pursue ideas to put the Parish "ahead of the game" when the public version of the project is published. Cllr Cannell's sister has been involved with award-winning schemes in Mendip - he undertook to glean information relating to this.

**Communication channels:** info sheet, PC website, door stepping, road show, WI, residents' groups, getting together in Village Hall, information at local events (Fete, Scarecrow Festival etc)

**Volunteers:** recruiting volunteers to engage with residents - Parish Councillors, Village Agent, Neighbourhood Watch, Residents' Associations, members of Social Club, Church etc

**Spending the Winnings:** What could reward money be spent on - dog poo bins, litter picking, garden waste collection to recycle in to compost

**Other ideas:** ???

The scheme could involve recycling bins for Two Acres, Village Hall, Church. The Road Show would be hands on... bring something that you think can be recycled, put objects on can recycle/can't recycle table, what needs to make people recycle more - clearer labelling etc, If green bags replace green bins, there will be no collection charge. 2 weekly refuse collections to continue.

**Walton Bay Salt bin:** This is confirmed by WeIG PC as being theirs.

**Walton Street 20mph/Speed-bumps** - Cllr Ashton is monitoring the Clapton scheme, re improvements and complaints with a view to possible extensions to other parishes. CIG PC reports that they introduced 20mph/speed bump traffic calming on Clapton Lane to increase safety for non-vehicular road users. Residents asked for flashing signs but Highways, suggested that some drivers see them as a challenge. Some supportive residents were against more lighting - there was to be none - as it would intrude on their homes. Bump locations had not to impede residents' access to their drives, or affect the views from their windows. Gear-changing to negotiate the bumps would increase traffic noise. As a new scheme, there is no comment on ice. One needs to drive differently to accommodate the bumps and reduced speed, especially up hill; sticking to 20 downhill can be challenging. Emergency services were consulted by NSC. The only unexpected consequence is that the occasional horse has refused to cross the white lines around the bumps. Cllr Brellisford noted that the existing Walton Street highway paint has worn out; Cllr Cannell reminded the meeting that, given past experience with getting speed limits in place, it may be a considerable time before a re-paint that included 20mph roundels can be expected. Cllr Ralston raised the possibility of funding contributions for the Walton Street project coming from the Social Club and other sources. He also suggested that an element of the annual capital budget be ring fenced for the project to ensure that funds for the work will accumulate over the next few years. There was discussion as to when would be best to "press on" with the project; the consensus was

that news from Cllr Ashton about the effectiveness of the Clapton scheme should precede the next step, which will involve the spending of money on a plan. **Possible ring-fencing of capital will be looked at during the December meeting.**

**Village Signs at Walton Bay:** If signs are erected, the Gamekeeper has been assured that he will be consulted re positioning the one at the end of his drive as it could obstruct his visibility.

**Somerset Stones:** A slab was replaced from stock. There is no presently affordable alternative. Cllr Brellisford reported that there was gully overflow around the stones during heavy rainfall. **Clerk to relay this information to NSC.**

**Walton Brook:** Springhead overgrowth cleared.

### 3888 OTHER MATTERS

**Cycling on Footpaths:** Cllr Brellisford will keep members alert to any developments. Meanwhile Cllrs Morgan & Wilyman obtaining permissions and fixing "No Cycling" signs.

**Moor Lane Poles:** Western Power pole opposite Becks side straightened. Highway height clearance under the ash tree to be monitored.

**Local Council Award Scheme:** The latest information booklet circulated to members. Noted.

**Fracking:** Minute 3612 May 2013 refers to the group "Frack-Free Somerset" objecting to licences in Keynsham and Mendip. Now objecting to coastal licences south from Weston-s-Mare. Noted.

**Local Government Devolution:** The latest update from ALCA includes proposals from the West of England. It was distributed to Members on 26th October. Noted.

### 3889 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllrs Morgan and Cannell:** Overgrowth at Manor Cottages is returning and the lower part of the hedge at Cross Tree Farm also needs taking back to the wall to avoid the already narrow pavement width being further restricted. **Clerk to contact the residents.**

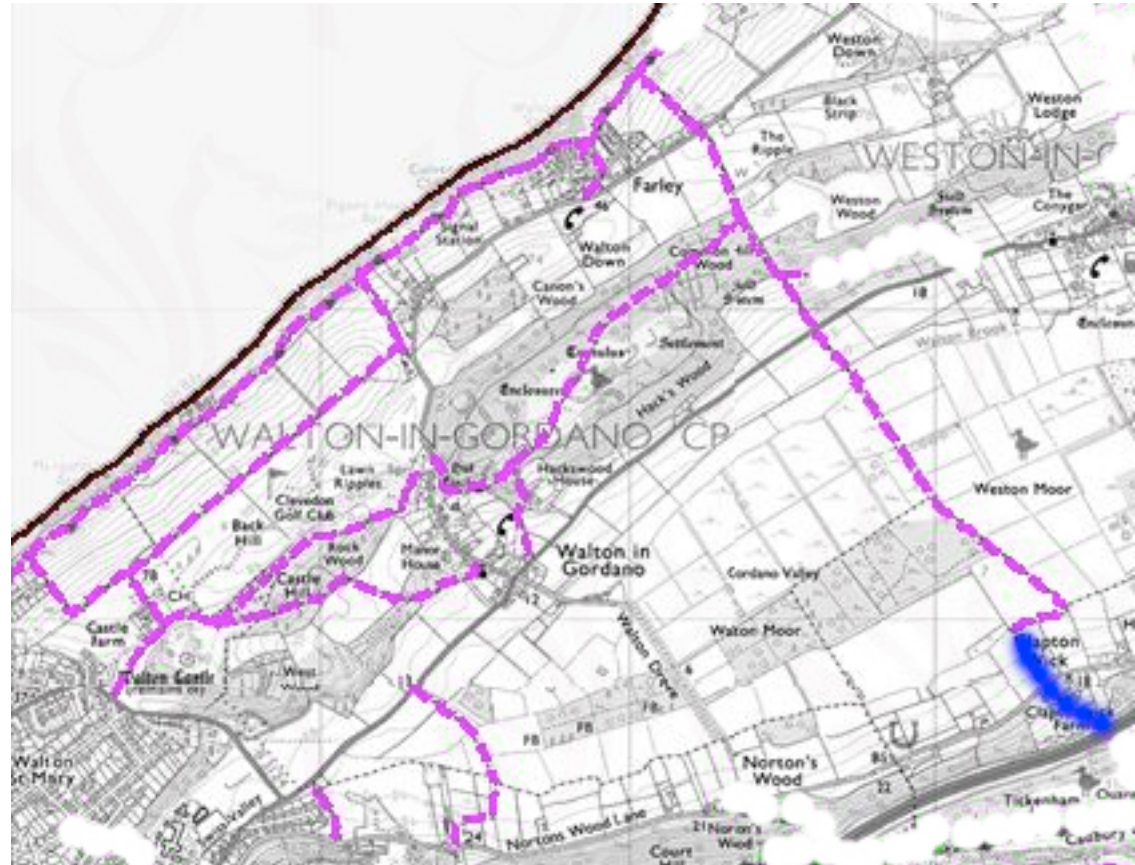
**Cllr Ralston:** The White Hart is re-opening this week. There are delays in putting Dexter cattle on the Common due to water supply problems. Gordano Greenway Steering Group meetings continue with Clevedon and Portishead Town Councils re possible financial support for the £70-100K Gordano Greenway feasibility study.

### 3890 FINANCE

- i. **2015-16 Accounts:** reviewed and noted.
- ii. **Cheques: 710** Village Hall hire £12.00
- iii. **Mandate:** completed.

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm**

**Budget Items for December Discussion:** Walton Street 20mph signs - Walton Bay Village signs - Greenway feasibility study - Social Club donation request - Village Agent event contingency - Footpath & Roadsigns maintenance, litter picking - grant-aid re Walton Street 20mph project



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### **Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk), Bernadette D'Arcy & David Horlick (Avon Wildlife Trust)

**Public Attendance:** Rachel Dickinson, Kevin Edwards, Adrian & Margot Mohide

**3891 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ralston, Cllr Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke, Seb Green (NSC Liaison)

**3892 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Brellisford who is a member of Avon Wildlife Trust.

**3893 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (Nov 9th) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

**3894 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**3895 WALTON COMMON:** (Bernadette - Bernie - D'Arcy, Avon Wildlife Conservation Advisor & Reserve Manager for Walton Common and Dave Horlick, Volunteer Warden, explained current activities and future plans . They left after this session).

#### **Background**

Walton Common is managed as a Nature Reserve (it is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI). It is owned by The Miles Estate. It is not a "common" but an area of private land over which five properties in the Parish have "commoner's rights" (to graze animals etc). Public footpaths run from Walton Street and from Plumtree Cottage, to the Keeper's Drive (which tracks part of another public footpath running from the Cliff Path to Clapton Wick). For several decades the Common has not been formally managed and has become an ever popular area for free-roaming family and dog walking. During this time commoners' rights have not been exercised. "The Village", for some years in the second half of the twentieth century, exercised a right to use the Common by holding annual festivities there.

#### **The Problem**

The Common is owned by the Miles Estate and is leased to Avon Wildlife Trust (AWT) with arms-length oversight from Natural England. Over the past ten years this group have sought a compromise over how to best manage the Common within the context of its SSI status. The SSI status revolves around the core area in its historical role as one of natural grassland; home to birds butterflies moths and rare plants. This grassland is interspersed and surrounded by elements of scrub and woodland that form shelter and nurture as part of the supportive infrastructure to the natural plant and animal life of the Common. The past forty years have seen the grassland areas of the Common become largely overgrown by scrub (see the "then" and "now" photographs attached). The management objective is to restore the original grassland areas, together with the supportive scrub and woodland - within a currently appropriate context - that complies with the demands of the SSI status.

#### **The "Solution"**

Primarily, grassland restoration is to be via grazing by the breed of small cattle called Dexters. Water troughs have been provided for the cattle. Their containment within the grassland zone will be via an "invisible" (below ground) electric fence - already installed. The cattle will wear special collars to warn them that they are approaching the boundaries of their territory. The farmer currently holds Dexters in Weston Big Wood and relies on Natural England experience with this type of restorative conservation in Epping Forest and Burnham Beeches. Cattle grazing will be supported by contractors and volunteers thinning out scrub in a way that will leave enough appropriate areas for breeding birds and cattle shelter. This restorative programme will take ten years (see project plan attached) and is expected to start at the start of 2016.

#### **The Public Relations Needs**

Historically there has been such a lack of communication with the Parish Council, residents and the user population, that AWT has gained a distinctly negative reputation: this can only be worsened by the current fait accompli presented here. However, today's initiative will hopefully start to improve that reputation.

Users need to be informed via notices/Information boards at the three entrances to the Common (via Walton Street, the footpath from Plumtree Cottage and the entrance via the Keeper's drive).

Residents will need to be informed via notices on the Parish and Website noticeboards and via the Information Sheet.

Incoming visitors will need to be informed via local club, press and broadcast outlets.

### **Anticipated Problems**

**Forty years of "freedom to roam"** will be hard to change. Notwithstanding "rules", practice over the period has resulted in an expectation of complete freedom that now draws families and dog walkers from far and wide. The lack of any consultation or PR means this population will arrive to be disappointed, angry and disaffected with AWT.

**TB** exists in the Gordano Valley. AWT assured the meeting that the initial five Dexters to be introduced to the Common will come from Weston Big Wood, so will not be importing risk into the area.

**Commoners Rights** may not be overtly exercised as grazing rights, but residents with those rights live adjacent to the Common and do exercise freedoms to roam with their families and animals (including dog training). Commoners have not been consulted at any stage and have had to endure contractors trespassing on their property completely unannounced and unexplained during the restoration process to date.

### **Stock Management**

A cattle management plan would be instructive and useful. Clearly cattle cannot have free range of such a wide area without the grassland having recuperative phases. Such a plan would provide reassurance as to rigorous stock/land control. It would also give an indication as to what periods the Common might be more accessible to the public.

AWT ask that dogs be kept under close control. Dogs and cattle do not mix. If cattle are on the common members feel it will be unwise to take a dog up there. If off the lead a dog may be attacked; if on the lead, a dog plus its owner may be attacked (the BBC's Farming Today has recently been featuring some actual horrors of this problem).

Users from far and wide will arrive to find their expectations of a happy few hours inhibited by the unpublicised limitations of use they will be confronted with.

### **Proposal**

Cllr Brellisford (who is presently a member of AWT) **proposed that implementation of the AWT plan be postponed until they have conducted an adequate programme of consultation among the Walton-in-Gordano residents, the wider existing user population and those with Commoners Rights.** This proposal was carried by 3 votes, with Cllr Morgan abstaining.

### **Next moves**

The Clerk to share the draft minute and proposal with AWT.

AWT will e-mail Clerk the 3 photos/maps referred to above.

Bernie will report back to her colleagues at AWT and liaise with the Clerk.

### **3896 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** At 6.30pm pm November 23rd a male was reportedly acting suspiciously in a driveway in Walton Street. The person was shouted at and walked away. If people are out during these dark evenings it is important that lights are left on and curtains are drawn, to hide valuables. This information is in the January Information Sheet entry.

**Speedwatch:** News re the feasibility of Speedwatch awaited.

**Cycling on Footpaths/Mountain Bikers:** Cllr Brellisford's meeting with NSC's Chris Joannou re cycling issues due in new year. Cllrs Morgan & Wilyman have erected "No Cycling" signs.

**Number recognition camera:** This has been put up experimentally on the NSC lamp post outside the Village Hall. It is not expected to be a permanent fixture.

### **3897 PLANNING**

**Decision Due: 15/P/2440/F** Willow Cottage, Walton Down

### 3898 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cliff Path:** Slippery bridges; "non-slip" planks due. Not done. **Clerk to chase Andy Carroll.**

**Cliff Path Sewage Leak:** Barton drainage repair - appears to be done. Cllr Morgan will check.

**Finger Post:** Done. Thanks to Kevin and Emma Edwards for rescuing the bits and to Cllr Ashton and NSC's Liam Abercrombie for arranging the repair.

**Waste - Parish Recycling Incentive Scheme:** Cllr Morgan is progressing possible recycling schemes for the home park sites, Church and Hall. A flyer is planned to go out with a future Information Sheet.

**Green Bags/Green Bins:** Queries have been raised re the plan to move from bags to bins. Most authorities use bins and charge for collection. NSC plan to charge for the bin but not for the collection. Residents can have more than one bin. Consultation is ongoing prior to implementing the scheme in 2017.

**Walton Street 20mph/Speed-bumps** - Follow up April 1st.

**Somerset Stones:** Gully overflow around stones during heavy rainfall reported to NSC. **Clerk to follow up via Frank Cox/Ann-Marie Wood.**

**Overgrown Hedges - Cross Tree to Manor Drive:** The higher areas have now been cut back.

**Partially Obscured Junction Sign at Walton Bay:** Clerk has cleared so that it is visible for some way back.

**Night Closure of Coast Road:** North Somerset District Council will temporarily close the Coast Road to vehicles, from Cross Tree to Lorraine Field, from February 2nd, for a period of 2 weeks. This is for work by BT Openreach for cabling and jointing purposes. The closure will be between the hours of 2100hrs and 0600hrs. The exact dates may need to be later than February 2nd if there are adverse weather or operating issues. Alternative routes are via Valley Road and Clevedon Road (B3124) and vice versa. Piece prepared of January Information Sheet.

### 3899 OTHER MATTERS

**Governance:** Cllr Ralston has resigned from the Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council now does not have a representative on that committee, although two councillors are on it as elected members. The reference to Cllr Ralston's representation has been removed from the website. No action until the May AGM.

### 3900 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Morgan:** The Coast Road edge is breaking up opposite Brighton Cottages - one driver has damaged their vehicle (the Clerk nearly has) and is believed to be pursuing a claim with NSC. **Clerk to report.**

**Cllr Wilyman:** a) Moor Lane/Harley Hill pothole repairs are breaking up. **Clerk to report.** b) Mud is collecting in the road near the entrance to Clevedon Riding Stables. This used to be kept clear by Richard, but now he has moved away this seems to be neglected. This site is in Clapton - **Clerk to share with CIG Clerk.**

### 3901 FINANCE

i. **2015-16 Accounts:** attached

ii. **Transparency Code upgrade grants:** ALCA are still seeking applications, stressing that it is continuity for the Council, rather than convenience for the Clerk, that should be at the heart of the application. Possible problems for a new Clerk to such a small council might be the need to accommodate a 2nd set of equipment, of keeping little used printer heads unclogged and of being Clerk to more than one parish - ergo, having several sets of little used equipment to house. The meeting agreed to stand by its October decision at Minute 3880 ii.

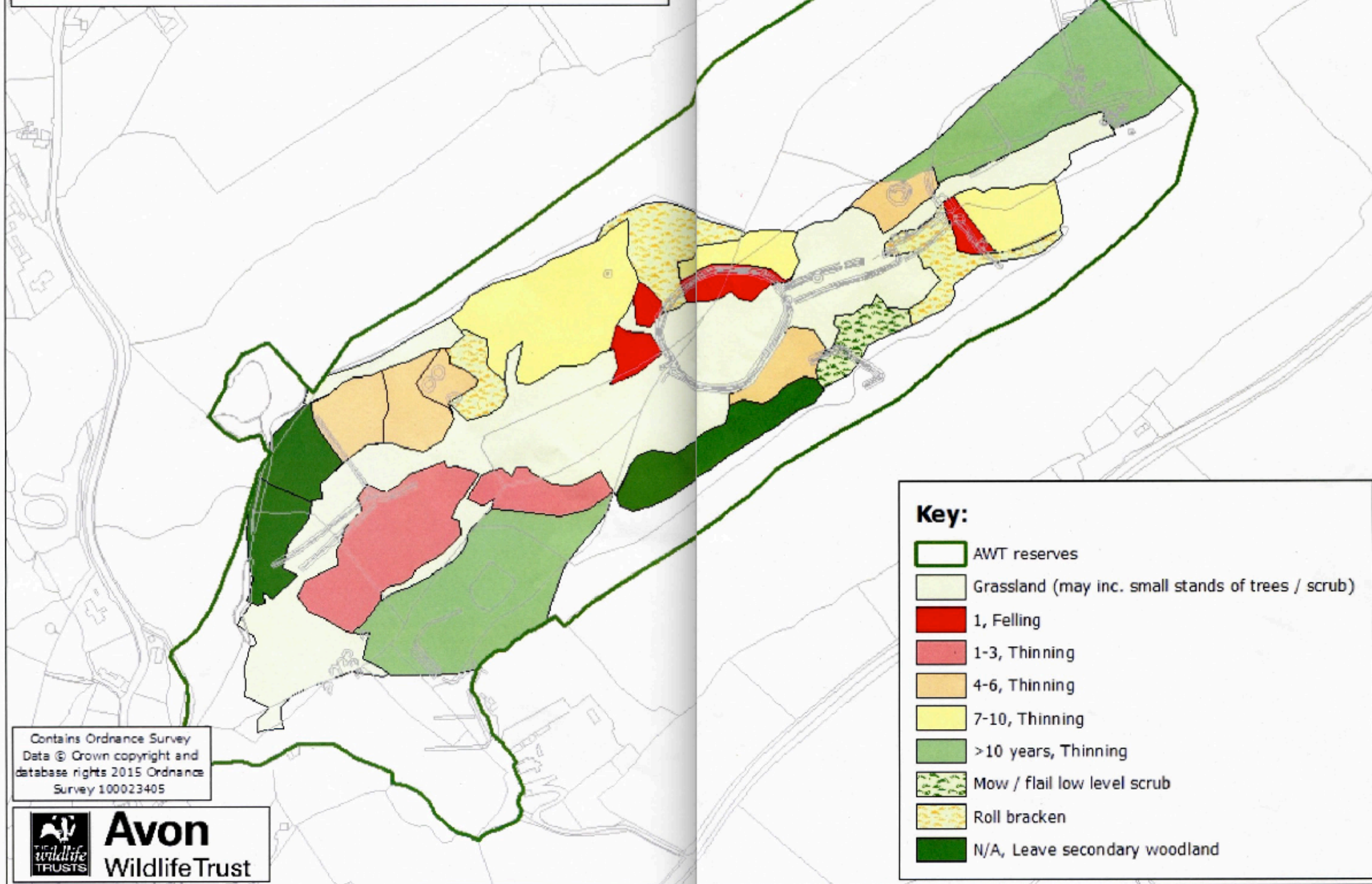
iii. **Automatic Enrolment Pensions:** Minute 3797 of January 2015 refers - it indicates that correct procedures are being followed. Clerk will need to complete the online recording of this Council's position during the 1st quarter of 2016. It is in the diary for January 6th.

iv. **2016-17 Budget:** Preliminary budget figures were noted and are to be discussed at the January meeting. Possible capital budget items were listed: Walton Street 20mph signs (£5k) - Walton Bay Village signs (£850) - Greenway feasibility study (some £100k in total) - Social Club donation request - Village Agent event contingency - Footpath & Roadsigns maintenance, litter picking - grant-aid re Walton Street 20mph project. The object of ongoing review will be to develop a prioritised, timetabled "wish list" as the starting point for development of a Capital Plan.

v. **Cheques:** 711 Audrey Hollingsworth re Information Sheets Oct-Dec £27.00. 712 HMRC £82.20. 713 Village Hall hire £12.00

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

# Walton Common Scrub and Tree Management 2015-2019



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**Key:**

- AWT reserves
- Grassland (may inc. small stands of trees / scrub)
- 1, Felling
- 1-3, Thinning
- 4-6, Thinning
- 7-10, Thinning
- >10 years, Thinning
- Mow / flail low level scrub
- Roll bracken
- N/A, Leave secondary woodland

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### Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, F Morgan, N Wilyman

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

**Public Attendance:** Rachel Dickinson, Kevin Edwards, Emma Edwards

**3902 APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Brellisford, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

**3903 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Ralston, to whose property attaches "Commoners' Rights" on Walton Common. Cllr Cannell re Minute 3910 Cllrs Reports.

**3904 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (Dec 14th) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

**3905 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3906 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** No reported crime.

**Speedwatch:** News re the feasibility of Speedwatch awaited.

**Cycling on Footpaths/Mountain Bikers:** Cllr Brellisford's meeting with NSC's Chris Joannou due.

**M5 Roadworks:** on the M5 northbound between junctions 20-19 - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for four weeks - to involve repairs to drainage system and resurfacing of the carriageway to rectify issues with standing water. The work itself will be carried out under lane closures during the day for the first two weeks and under narrow lanes during the day for the last two weeks. However, **some of the works will need to be undertaken during full night time closures between the hours of 20:00 – 06:00 over a number of nights. The full closures are currently programmed in for 9 nights from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (excluding weekends).** Unforeseen circumstances may mean slight changes to the programme, of which we should be notified. Clerk reported that the official diversions would take traffic off on the WsM junctions to the A38 and A370, returning them to the M5 at Avonmouth. Cllr Cannell noted that night closures would coincide with those for work on Walton Street; "locals" using the B3124 during this period are likely to make it busier than usual. **A notice of this work will appear in the February Information Sheet.**

#### 3907 PLANNING

**New: 15/P/2805/F** Cliff Cottage, Walton Down - 2 story rear extension on site of existing and secluded location. Extensive paperwork was available, re the application and on the surrounding site. The meeting found no objection to the proposal and commended it as a worthy contribution to the maintenance and updating of the parish fabric. **Clerk to so notify NSC Planning.**

**Granted: 15/P/2440/F** Willow Cottage, Walton Down

#### 3908 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cliff Path:** Slippery bridges; "non-slip" planks due. Contractor sourcing correct timber; job in hand.

**Cliff Path Sewage Leak:** NSC Environmental Health monitoring. Tank has been emptied. Cllr Morgan reports that a full repair is "work in progress".

**Somerset Stones:** Gully overflows - NSC's Frank Cox has delegated someone to look into this and to evaluate the possible need for concern re future resilience of the acknowledgedly constricted Somerset Stones conduits.

**Night Closure of Coast Road:** Closure from Cross Tree to Lorraine Field, from Feb 2nd, for 2 weeks between 2100hrs and 0600hrs. A-Plant are handling the work for BT. There will be engineers on site who will guide residents through the closure and access will be maintained. Anyone with concerns can ring 0370 050 0792 – then select option 3; or e-mail Nicola Ranson at [nicolalranson@aplant.com](mailto:nicolalranson@aplant.com). **A notice will appear in the February Information Sheet.**

**The Coast Road** edge breaking up opposite Brighton Cottages. Reported. Not deemed immediately dangerous. Clerk explained some specific incidences of drivers (including himself and a vehicle reportedly sustaining damage) having to pull left in the face of fast oncoming vehicles and being forced into these "overruns" as they were described. **Mike Brown to investigate on his return from leave.**

**Moor Lane/Harley Hill:** Recent pothole repairs breaking up. **A 28 day order is out for their re-repair.**



**Fly-tipping:** via Ann Charlesworth - mattresses at field gate, and ash track. NSC cleared with 24 hrs.  
**Clevedon Lane:** Mud at Clevedon Riding Stables. Clerk passed to CIG Clerk.

### 3909 OTHER MATTERS

**Walton Common:** Clerk shared minute with AWT. Awaiting 2 AWT photos to append. Clerk had correspondence from Brook Cottage - which has Commoners Rights. He replied that, whilst the Parish Council has an interest in overall user access - including that of Commoners - as it has grown to be understood over the past 40 years, legalities relating to Commoners Rights are matters between Commoners and the Miles Estate. Cllr Ralston queried whether 40 years of **uninterrupted** use of the pathway network now existing on the Common meant that they had become public rights of way.

### 3910 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Morgan:** Pothole outside Highly Sprung. Clerk to investigate and report to NSC.

**Cllr Cannell:** Shot from a recent shoot "invaded" his property recently. The gamekeeper rectified the problem immediately and there have been no other reports of problems.

### 3911 FINANCE

- i. **2015-16 Accounts:** were circulated with the meeting papers, were reviewed, and noted.
- ii. **2016-17 Budget:** A draft budget was presented by the Chairman, discussed, adjusted and agreed by the meeting as attached. Clerk to submit precept request for £3800.
- iii. **Possible capital/activity budget items:** Walton Street 20mph signs (£5k) - Walton Bay Village signs (£850) - Greenway feasibility study contribution - Footpath & Roadsigns maintenance - litter picking. Ongoing review will be the basis of developing a Capital Plan. Clerk to update the original "example" Capital Plan for future discussions
- iv. **Village Agent:** a provision for village hall hire costs for the Agent was discussed. It may or may not be needed, but the meeting agreed to include a £50 provision within its hall hire budget.
- v. **Social Club Donation Request:** The Chairman read out the request from the Club Secretary:

*From: Andrew Francis <ralf.789@sky.com> Subject: Walton-in-Gordano Social Club Date: 30 August 2015 at 08:44:58 BST*

*To: Brian Cannell <council@brcannell.co.uk>, Don Hill <donaill@btinternet.com>, Mike Ralston <Mike@ralston.tv> Cc: Graham & Brenda Matthews <g.matthews1@hotmail.com>*

*To the Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council,*

*On behalf of the WiG Social Club I am requesting that the Parish Council considers making a donation to the Social Club for the purposes of supporting the 2016 village fete.*

*As you will no doubt be aware the 2016 fete will be the 80th Anniversary of the Walton-in-Gordano fete and as such we are planning some additional elements to the fete including a luncheon on the Sunday.*

*In the past the Parish Council has made a grant to support the hire of the marquee in the sum of £500 on condition that the profits from the fete were split 50/50 between the hall and church.*

*In 2015 the Parish Council declined to make a grant or donation due to the fact that the funds from the 2014 fete had yet to be so dispersed, this was done shortly afterwards as you are no doubt aware.*

*This year the Social Club were under no such obligation however we have donated £1000 to the Church and a similar sum to the Hall from the profits of the 2015 fete - we are currently awaiting a response from both bodies in respect of a suitable date for us to hand the money over.*

*We would ask that the Parish Council considers supporting the village fete for 2016 by making a donation **without conditions**. For 2016 the cost of the marquee has risen to £650 and we would request a donation towards this cost.*

*Many thanks,*

*Andrew Francis,*

*Secretary Walton-in-Gordano Social Club*

The application was discussed and was unanimously felt to be critically different to those received for contributions to fete marquee funding in previous years. The Chairman summarised the discussion in terms of a proposal that: "**The Council thanks the Club for their application but, in view of other challenges to the budget, and a lack of control as to where the profits are to go, the application be declined.**" This proposal was unanimously agreed to without a vote. Clerk to so inform the Social Club.

- vi. **Cheques:** 714 NSC re May non-contested election costs £77.76. 715 Village Hall hire £9.00.

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET APRIL 2016 - MARCH 2017**

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual 2014-15</b>	<b>Budget 2015-16</b>	<b>Estimate 2015-16</b>		<b>Budget 2016-17</b>
Clerk's Pay	1614.00	1644.00	1644.00	+1.8%	1674.00
Net =	0.00	0.00	0.00	1339.20	
HMRC =	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.80	
Pensions	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Expenses	314.40	315.00	315.00		315.00
Audit	0.00	50.00	0.00		50.00
Capital Project Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Donations	500.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Election Costs	0.00	1200.00	100.00		0.00
Hall Hire	99.00	108.00	117.00		180.00
Information Sheet	108.00	120.00	108.00		120.00
Insurance	212.00	250.00	212.00		250.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Street Light	54.31	65.00	65.00		65.00
Subscriptions	51.68	55.00	51.74		60.00
Website	182.40	500.00	187.20		200.00
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>3135.79</b>	<b>4307.00</b>	<b>2799.94</b>		<b>2914.00</b>
Transfer to Capital Provision		500.00	500.00		500.00
Transfer to Election Provision		0.00	600.00		600.00
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Provisions</b>		<b>4807.00</b>	<b>3899.94</b>		<b>4014.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>					
NSC Precept			4107.00		3800.00
Council Tax Supplement			111.78		136.00
Bank Interest			1.35		1.00
Other Income			0.00		0.00
Total Income			4220.13		3937.00
<b>Opening Business a/c Balance</b>			<b>1459.04</b>		<b>1779.23</b>
add income			4220.13		3937.00
deduct expenses & transfers to provisions			-3899.94		-4014.00
<b>Equals Balance of Expenses (General) Fund</b>			<b>1779.23</b>		<b>1702.23</b>
Add Balance of Treasurer's Account			150.00		150.00
Add Balance on Election Provision			600.00		1200.00
Add Balance on Capital Provision			500.00		1000.00
<b>Total Balances Carried Forward</b>			<b>3029.23</b>		<b>4052.23</b>

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## 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 8th February 2016 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, F Morgan, N Wilyman

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** Rachel Dickinson

**3913 APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Brellisford, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke, Seb Greene (NSC Liaison)

**3914 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Ralston as a holder of Commoners Rights on Walton Common.

**3915 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (Jan 11th) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

**3916 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3917 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** Garden power tools were stolen from a Manor outhouse. Both sheds (Rosemary's and Tony's) in the Chapel garden were broken into and a generator taken from Rosemary's. Police report that it was an isolated incident rather than part of pattern of thefts.

**Speedwatch:** Only location is the Village Hall, where a speed gun can be operated in either direction. PCSO Gary Lewis needs a co-ordinator (and 5 other volunteers) to get the ball rolling. A speed gun will cost around £160 (and high-vis jackets may be needed). This is not in the immediate budget. An application can be made to the PCC Road Safety fund retrospectively to get the money back but it might take 12 months. Would it be possible to share equipment currently in use at WeIG or CIG? **Clerk to canvas for volunteers via the Information Sheet; to find out about the PCC fund; and to contact WeIG & CIG PCs re possible collaboration.**

**Cycling on Footpaths/Mountain Bikers:** Cllr Brellisford's meeting with NSC's Chris Joannou due.

#### 3918 PLANNING

**Decision Due:** 15/P/2805/F Cliff Cottage, Walton Down - 2 story rear extension on site of existing.

#### 3919 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cliff Path:** Slippery bridges; "non-slip" planks are a huge success. **Clerk to thank Andy Carroll.**

**Somerset Stones:** Gully overflows - NSC's Frank Cox has delegated someone, Clerk does not know who, to look into this, but Clerk has heard no more. There have been no problems during the current heavy rains. **Clerk, anyway, to follow up via Frank Cox again.**

**The Coast Road** The edge breaking up opposite Brighton Cottages is significantly worse. When it rains the holes become filled and invisible making matters worse. The significance of this as a real problem for motorists, can only be appreciated by those who use the road on a very regular basis. There is a real pinch point at Brighton Cottages, where fast cars coming up round the bend from Walton Street meet traffic coming from Portishead at a point where there is barely room for two vehicles to pass in any event. **Clerk to press NSC for an urgent repair.**

**Moor Lane/Harley Hill:** Recent pothole repairs re-repaired.

**Coast Road:** Pothole outside Highly Sprung is repaired.

### 3920 OTHER MATTERS

**Walton Common:** Avon Wildlife Trust (AWT) sent the Clerk an information circular detailing their plans for the Common. It has been a matter of long public concern that AWT, having held a lease on Walton Common for more than a decade, have let the area go to rack and ruin. The meeting noted the circular, with grave disappointment at its lack of empathy to the traditional users (notwithstanding the concerns of the 5 properties with Commoners' Rights), who have excised complete freedom of movement over the area for many decades. With cattle permanently up there, even the public footpath effectively becomes a 'no-go' area. Against this background, the legality of what AWT are doing is seriously questioned. Members are eager to seek the opinions of both locals and the wider user population. Distributing the AWT circular with the Information Sheet was proposed, as well as contacting the North Somerset Times to try for a wider canvass of opinion from users outside the Parish. It was also proposed that AWT be invited to attend the May Annual Parish Meeting in the hope that, by then, some more positive report on their plans might be presented. **These proposals were unanimously agreed to and the Clerk was instructed to progress them.**

**Defibrillator:** A suggestion was made of installing one, possibly outside the Village Hall or by the telephone box. This possibility has been investigated in the past. The majority of the population live on private home parks, where the owners/residents would be the drivers of possible site-based installations and their associated upkeep. Unlike concentrated population zones - Weston-in-Gordano and Kenn, for example - there are relatively low population numbers in the Parish off the home parks, and they are largely strung out along the Coast Road. The meeting felt a single installation, that was effectively only available to a small number of the population was not currently viable.

### 3921 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Wilyman:** Notes that mud remains outside Clevedon Riding Stables, but is aware that the matter is with Clapton PC. Rubbish has accumulated in Walton Brook at its highway section in Moor Lane, which he has undertaken to clear.

**Cllr Morgan:** Sewage leak at Barton's is back under NSC's 'bridge' again; it is not only smelly but 'squidgy'. **Clerk alert Andy Carroll to the ongoing saga at Barton's, which must be a public health hazard.**

### 3922 FINANCE

- i. **2015-16 Accounts:** previously circulate, were reviewed and noted.
- ii. **Capital/Activity budget:** The summary Capital Plan attached to these minutes had been previously circulated and it was agreed that it should be adopted as the basis for ongoing review of the Parish capital needs and implementation.
- iii. **Cheques: 716** Village Hall hire £6.00

**The meeting closed at 8.05pm**

## WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL -CASH FLOW

### FUNDING PARISH GENERAL, CAPITAL & ELECTION NEEDS

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>Business Account Opening Balance</b>	<b>3029</b>	<b>4052</b>	<b>5422</b>	<b>5925</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>2593</b>	<b>4817</b>	<b>5537</b>	<b>6842</b>	<b>9773</b>
Plus Income	3800	4372	4594	4831	5156	5422	5704	6004	6396	6734	7092
Plus Council Tax Supplement & Interest	137										
Minus Capital Spend	0	0	-1000	-5000	-1200	-1300	0	0	-1400	0	0
Minus Election Spend	0	0	0	-1400	0	0	0	-1700	0	0	0
Minus General Spend	-2914	-3001	-3091	-3184	-3280	-3378	-3479	-3584	-3691	-3802	-3916
<b>Business Account Closing Balance</b>	<b>4052</b>	<b>5422</b>	<b>5925</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>2593</b>	<b>4817</b>	<b>5537</b>	<b>6842</b>	<b>9773</b>	<b>12949</b>
<b>Capital Precept + 3%</b>	600	1200	1296	1400	1512	1633	1763	1904	2057	2221	2399
<b>Election Precept</b>	500	350	350	350	425	425	425	425	500	500	500
<b>General Precept @ +4.5% pa from 2017</b>	2700	2822	2948	3081	3220	3365	3516	3674	3840	4012	4193
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> (excluding CT Supp & interest)	<b>3800</b>	<b>4372</b>	<b>4594</b>	<b>4831</b>	<b>5156</b>	<b>5422</b>	<b>5704</b>	<b>6004</b>	<b>6396</b>	<b>6734</b>	<b>7092</b>

<b>Capital Provision Opening Balance</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>2596</b>	<b>-1004</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>2140</b>	<b>2703</b>	<b>3307</b>	<b>5364</b>	<b>6185</b>
<b>From Income To Capital Provision</b>	600	1200	1296	1400	1512	1633	1763	1904	2057	2221	2399
<b>Deduct Capital Spend</b>			-1000	-5000			-1200	-1300		-1400	
<b>Capital Provision Closing Balance</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>2596</b>	<b>-1004</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>2140</b>	<b>2703</b>	<b>3307</b>	<b>5364</b>	<b>6185</b>	<b>8584</b>
<b>Election Provision Opening Balance</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>1722</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>1522</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1672</b>
<b>From Income To Election Provision</b>	500	350	350	350	425	425	425	425	500	500	500
<b>Deduct Election Spend</b>				-1400				-1700			
<b>Election Provision Closing Balance</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>1722</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>1522</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1672</b>	<b>2172</b>
<b>General Spend Opening Balance</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>1793</b>	<b>1613</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>1307</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>1421</b>	<b>1569</b>	<b>1779</b>
<b>From Income to To General Spend</b>	2700	2822	2948	3081	3220	3365	3516	3674	3840	4012	4193
<b>General Spend @ +3%pa</b>	-2914	-3001	-3091	-3184	-3280	-3378	-3479	-3584	-3691	-3802	-3916
<b>General Spend Closing Balance</b>	<b>1793</b>	<b>1613</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>1307</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>1421</b>	<b>1569</b>	<b>1779</b>	<b>2056</b>
<b>Capital costs amortised over 10years - Subject to annual review</b>											
Noticeboard 1 Cross Tree	£1300	Replace 2023-24									
Noticeboard 2 Walton Bay	£1200	Replace 2022-23									
Cross Tree Street Light	£1400	Replace 2025-26									
Walton Street 20mph	£5000	Instal 2019-20									
Walton Bay Signage	£1000	Erect 2018-19									

Ave number of Band D equivalent properties in 2016-17 is 139  
The 2016-17 precept is £3800  
This equates to £27.16 per Band D equivalent property.

**Additional capital/activity budget items:**

Greenway feasibility study contribution  
Footpath & Roadsigns maintenance - litter picking - Village Keeper

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## WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, A Brellisford, F Morgan, N Wilyman

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

**Public Attendance:** 3

**3923 APOLOGIES:** Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

**3924 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Ralston; Commoners Rights on Walton Common, owner of Sunnybank.

**3925 LAST MEETING MINUTES** ( ) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.  
Feb 8th

**3926 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3927 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** no reported crime.

**SpeedWatch:** Clerk canvased for volunteers via the Information Sheet. Re funding; the PCC Community Fund is closed pending the May 2016 PCC elections. CIG abandoned SpeedWatch when the equipment failed. Rachel Dickinson offered to be coordinator and her parents volunteers: Rachel has been put in touch with PCSO Gary Lewis. **Clerk to put on May APM agenda.**

**Cycling on Footpaths/Mountain Bikers:** Cllr Brellisford has contacted Chris Joannou. There is continuing track evidence of use across Manor Drive, and the Common. Cllr Brellisford will explore enforcement possibilities with Chris via NSC's custodianship of the footpaths.

#### 3928 PLANNING

**Granted: 15/P/2805/F** Cliff Cottage, Walton Down - 2 story rear extension on site of existing.

#### 3929 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Somerset Stones:** Walton Street gullies were cleared and a Somerset stone has been replaced.

**The Coast Road:** edge break up opposite Brighton Cottages: done, Feb 11th.

**Sewage leak at Barton's:** This is currently dry but with ample 'sludge' evidence around the path. Raw sewage is seeping down the cliff onto the beach. With the Barton Mobile Home portfolio for sale it is suspected that any expensive repair might be avoided if possible. In view of this proving an intractable problem, **Clerk to press for NSC enforcement.**

#### 3930 OTHER MATTERS

**Broadband:** BT have prepared for super fast broadband in Walton Bay - which comes from Portishead. But not for Walton Down/Walton Street - which comes from Clevedon.

**Walton Common:** Piece in NS Times elicited one published letter, one e-mail to Chair, and a call to the Clerk re possible Village Green (not an option as it is private property). AWT invited to attend the May Annual Parish Meeting; no response. AWT flyer attached to March Information Sheet raised no response. There are some 22 hectares of open "grazing" land and 4 hectares of woods.

The Dexter cattle currently graze in Weston Big Wood and on Tickenham Ridge; being mature, they tend to be less frisky and are used to contact with humans and dogs. Once the fencing problems are resolved a Natural England guesstimate, given the quality of grass, is for a maximum of 25 cattle to be on the Common. Apparently an "Open Week" has been mooted by AWT once the cattle have been settled: whilst a good idea in itself, the meeting felt it did little to mitigate the AWT lack of earlier consultation. Progress of the scheme will be kept under observation.

### **3931 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Wilyman: Potholes** - 1 at the bottom of Harley Hill, a 2nd one opposite Highly Sprung at Walton Bay and the breaking up of the recently renewed gully north of the sub-station opposite the school sports field on the B3124. **Clerk to report.**

**Cllr Morgan: Signage** - 40mph sign coast-side at Walton Down needs re-fitting. **Clerk to report.**

**Bus Stop opposite Severnleigh** (via public complaint) is not useable. The slab is too small in area, too high and often too overgrown to enable access by older users. It was expected to have been modified for disabled users by now. As the Carmel service is hail and ride, could the bus stop away from the existing bus stop? **Clerk to follow up with NSC Transport.**

**Reflector Post outside Sunnybank:** (via public complaint). This is deep within a hedge that NSC were going to cut back and never did. An earlier minuted view of the Council was that the bulk of the hedge acted as traffic calming.

**Cllr Cannell: Signage** - a redundant 30mph repeater post is leaning into the highway near Plumtree Cottage. **Clerk to report and request its removal.**

### **3932 FINANCE**

**2015-16 Accounts:** were circulated before the meeting and noted.

**Standing Order:** Variation re Clerk's pay signed.

**Cheques:** 717 HMRC re PAYE £82.20 718 Village Hall hire £9.00

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm**