

Walton - i - Gordano Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th June 1973, at the Village Hall.

Present

Messrs. G.R. Brodie (Chairman) A.T. Gole, K.J. Dilley, R. Knight, the retiring clerk Mr. G.T. Russell and the incoming clerk, Mrs. B.S. Gannell. Apologies from Sir William Miles Br.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

BUS SERVICES

The clerk (G.T.H. Russell) read a letter from the R.D.C. dated 14th May 1973 regarding the Rural Bus Service 360, Clevedon to Portishead. The Council noted that the improved timings related specifically to the needs of people travelling to Portishead and made no extra provision for those wishing to use the facilities at Clevedon.

It was proposed by Mr Gole and seconded by Mr. Dilley that the clerk be instructed to write a letter to the R.D.C. stating the dissatisfaction of the Parish Council with the proposed revision of timetables. Mr. Knight suggested that it should be put to the R.D.C. that an early morning bus could run to Clevedon instead of Portishead on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This was agreed.

PLANNING PERMISSION

Mr. Dilley drew attention to the fact that a planning application, concerning a Garden Centre, in the village had not been put before the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Mr Dilley and seconded by Mr Knight that the Parish Council should, in future, be informed of all matters relating to such planning applications. This was agreed.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was proposed by Mr. Dilley and seconded by Mr. Knight that the Parish Council should hold regular meetings and that the newly-elected Woodspring district councillors should be invited to attend such meetings. This was agreed.

STATE OF ROADS

Mr. Brodie stated that part of the main road, in the centre of the village was in a bad state of repair, after gas workings had taken place. He also stated that the Brian hedge, at the top of Moor Lane, was in urgent need of cutting.

It was proposed by Mr. Brodie and seconded by Mr. Dilley that the clerk be instructed to write to Somerset C.C. in this connection. (Mr. Naylor). This was agreed.

RETIREMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND CLERK

Mr. Dilley expressed the Council's appreciation and thanks to the Chairman Mr. G. R. Brodie and the clerk Mr. G. T. H. Russell on their retirement from office, after twenty one and twenty years of service respectively.

SIGNPOSTS

The clerk stated that the five public footpath signs had been delivered. A decision was made to erect the signs on Monday 18th June.

CHEQUES

Cheques were signed for S.W.E.B. and Supervise Ltd.

Chairman

Walton - i - Gordano Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th June 1973, at the Village Hall.

PRESENT Messrs. A.T. Gole, K.J. Dilley, R. Knight, G.T. H. Russell and the clerk Mrs. B. S. Garrell. Apologies from Sir William Miles Bt.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN It was proposed by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Knight that Mr. A.J. Gole be elected chairman. This motion was carried and Mr Gole was duly elected.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN It was proposed by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Knight that Mr. K.J. Dilley be elected vice-chairman. This motion was carried and Mr Dilley was duly elected.

MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE

BUS SERVICES The clerk stated that no reply had yet been received from the R.D.C. regarding this matter. It was proposed, by Mr. Dilley and seconded by Mr. Russell, that a further letter should be written by the clerk, requesting a reply to her letter of 9th June 1973 on this matter. This was agreed.

STATE OF ROADS The clerk read a letter from the County Surveyor, dated 14th June 1973 which was in reply to her letter of 9th June in this connection, in which he stated that he was unable to take any action regarding the state of the road in the village and the hedges in Moor Lane.

DATED

OTHER
CORRESPONDENCE
RECEIVED
AND NOTED.

- 1. A copy of the result of the Uncontested Election 8.6.73.
- 2. A copy of the Agenda for the first meeting of Woodspuing District Council 13.6.73.
- 3. A letter from the R.D.C. regarding Term of Office of Parish Councillors 20.6.73.
- 4. Report of Surveyor and Area Planning Officer 26.6.73.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

It was proposed by Mr. Dilley and recorded by Mr. Knight that the clerk be instructed to write a further letter to S.C.C. regarding the proposed weight restriction on the Coast Road, giving the alternative route a Valley Road. This was agreed.

It was proposed by Mr Dilley and recorded by Mr. Russell that similar arrangements be made for the holding of regular Council Meetings and that the two Woodspuing District Councillors (Mr H. Riddiford and Mr. G. Barker) be informed of the dates of proposed meetings and requested to attend as frequently as possible. Mr Knight suggested that these meetings should be held approximately every six weeks, on the first and third Mondays of the appropriate months alternately. This was agreed. These meetings are to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

BUSES

It was proposed by Mr. Dilley and recorded by Mr Russell that the clerk should write a ^{further} letter to the R.D.C. regarding the bus services. This was agreed.

MARINERS
PATH

It was proposed by Mr Gole and recorded by Mr Dilley that the clerk write a letter to the R.D.C. ^{requesting} that Maise's Path should be cut back as soon as possible as it could not be used in its present state. This was agreed.

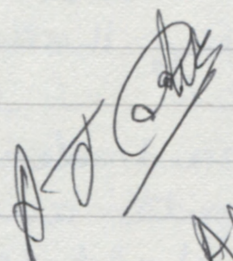
Mr Gole suggested that the R.D.C. should be asked to cut back the path in mid-June in future, instead of July.

It was stated that the paths for which the R.D.C. are responsible were generally in a bad state. A request was made that the R.D.C. be asked to consider the provision of hand rails at certain points on Maurice's Path, as it was thought there was some danger, particularly to children.

SIGN POSTS It was decided to order two further posts and four signs, when additional finance becomes available. Mr. Russell stated that the August precept will be £50.

VERGES It was proposed by Mr Gole and seconded by Mr Russell that a letter be sent to the S.C.C. Surveyor's Department requesting that the verges for which they are responsible be cut, and that a letter should also be sent to Sir William Miles requesting that his tenants be asked to cut back the briars and bracken growing through from the golf course to the roadway. This was agreed.

ERECTION OF SIGNS It was decided to erect signs on Tuesday 3rd July.


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Chairman

Walton-i-Gordons Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th August 1973, at the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Messrs. A.T. Gole, K.J. Dilley, R. Knight, G.T.H. Russell and the clerk Mrs B.S. Gannell. Also present Mr. H. Kiddiford in his capacity as Woodoping District Councillor. Apologies from Sir William Miles Bt. and Mr. G. Barker.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE

BUS SERVICES.

The clerk read two letters from the R.D.C. in this connection, dated 11.7.73 and 2.8.73. The first letter was a review of the circumstances leading up to the present proposed timetable of Service 360. The second letter stated that at a meeting of the Highways and Transport Committee held on it was resolved that no further action be taken at present.

It was decided that the clerk be instructed to write a further letter to the R.D.C. stating the dissatisfaction of the Parish Council regarding this matter. Reference to be made to the subsidy for the service by the S.C.C.

PATHS AND

HERDS

The clerk read a letter ^{dated 11.7.73.} from the County Divisional Surveyor regarding the cutting of Rights of Way. He stated that cutting of Maurice's Path had been in progress for some time, but that it was impossible to cut all the Rights of Way because of shortage of labour and other factors.

The Parish Council decided that whilst this was appreciated a further letter should be written in view of the potential danger. Mr Gole offered to 'walk the path' with the County Surveyor if he cared to see the state of the path for himself.

Briars and Bracken from Golf Course

The clerk read a letter from Sir William Miles Bt. dated 28th July 1973 explaining his position regarding this matter. As the result of a gift of the land in question by his father, Sir Charles Miles Bt., to the County Council, they are responsible, in perpetuity, for the repair and maintenance of the iron fence between the Golf Course and the road. In the view of Sir William Miles this responsibility also covers trimming back the undergrowth on the road side of the fence.

It was decided that a letter be written to the secretary of the Golf Club requesting them to cut back the overgrown briars and brambles.

Lowies and the Environment

The clerk read two letters from the R.D.C. dated 10th July and 15th August regarding a proposed weight restriction order on the Coast Road. Their most recent letter stated that the Council's Highway and Transport Committee resolved to support a recommendation that a 3 ton Weight Restriction Order, except for access, be made for the Coast Road from Walton Gurns Tree to the junction with Valley Road.

It was decided that a letter of thanks should be sent to the R.D.C. in this connection, expressing the hope that they will endeavour to obtain ratification of this resolution by the Council as soon as possible.

Other correspondence received and noted.

1. letter from Lloyds Bank to acknowledge receipt of precept
2. letter from R.D.C. regarding Tree Planting for £50
3. letter from R.S.P.C.A.
4. Reports of Surveyor and Area Planning Office.

Any Other Business The clerk referred to a telephone conversation with Miss Sanden (Clerk of Weston-in-G. and North Weston Parish Councils) with regard to a Consultative Committee set up ^{jointly} by several Parish Councils concerned with the Environment (with special reference to tipping)

Committee for the Environment It was proposed by Mr Dillely and seconded by Mr Russell that Mr Cole and Mr Knight should attend meetings in this connection on behalf of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

Brook Moor Lane It was stated by Mr Knight that the R.D.C. had cut back the brook banks, opposite 'Brookside', in Moor Lane, and that the cuttings had been left to fall into the brook, thereby giving rise to possible danger of flooding.

It was decided that a letter be sent to the Highways Department concerning this matter.

Drains and gulleys Mr Cole drew attention to the fact that many of the drains and gulleys in the village are blocked. It was decided that this matter should ^{also} be brought to the attention of the Highways Department.

Provision of receptacle for stones It was decided that the Highways Department be asked to provide a receptacle for the salted stones which are usually provided in preparation for winter use. It was thought that this would save wastage and avoid littering the road, which has happened in the past. The clerk was instructed to write a letter to this effect.

Dissatisfaction with state of village. The clerk was instructed to inform the Highways Department of the dissatisfaction of the Parish Council with regard to the general state of the village and to state that unless some action is taken they will have to refer the matter to the S.C.C. representative for the Gordano Valley.

Parish
Councils
Association

After some discussion it was decided that a letter be sent to the Parish Councils Association requesting information regarding the future place of Parish Councils under the reorganisation of local authorities. The clerk was also instructed to request their advice concerning the use, by riders, of the pavements in the village and the consequent soiling of these pavements by the horse.

Attendance

Mr. Riddiford attended the meeting in his capacity of Mr. H. Riddiford, as Woodsping District Council and was able to clarify a number of matters of interest to the Parish Council.

Kenneth Dillay. 8/10/73.
Vice-Chairman

Walton - i - Gordano Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 8th October 1973, at the Village Hall.

Present

Mr. R. J. Dilley, Mr. R. Knight, Mr. G. T. Russell and the clerk Mrs. B. S. Gannell. Also present, in their capacity as Woodspring District Councillors, Mr. H. Riddiford and Mr. G. Barker. Apologies were received from Mr. A. J. Cole and Sir William Miles.

MINUTES

The minutes were read, confirmed and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk read a letter from the County Surveyor in reply to several matters raised by the Parish Council. The contents were noted and after some discussion it was

GUTTING

decided to refer the matter of the gutting of roads to the next meeting of the Gordano Parish Council.

OF ROADS

MARINERS

PATH

The clerk was instructed to seek an early reply to the ^{Parish} Council's letter in this connection and to express its concern at the lack of action. The Parish Council appreciate that the expense ^{of providing handrails} may be high but wish the County Surveyor to be aware that there ^{is a} possibility of public outcry over this matter. The clerk was instructed to send a copy of both Parish Council and S.C.C. letters to Mr. K. Hardwick, the County Councillor for the area.

HORSES

FOULING

THE PAVEMENTS

The clerk read two letters from the Somerset Association of Parish Councils in this connection. After some discussion the matter was referred to the next meeting.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

A letter of resignation from the Parish Council was received from Sir William Miles. The clerk was instructed to write a letter, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanking Sir William for his past services to the Council.

CO-OPTION It was proposed by Mr. K. Dilley and seconded by
OF COUNCILLOR Mr. G. Russell that Mr. C. Dune be co-opted to
TO FILL VACANCY the Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the
 resignation of Sir William Miles. It was stated that
 Mr. Dune was willing to fill the vacancy. This was
 agreed.

STREET Mr. Riddiford drew the attention of the Council to the
LIGHTING need to ensure that the village light was in working
 order. He suggested that the clerk should contact
 the Manager of Public Lighting S.W.E.B. for a supply of
 pre-paid cards for notification of street lighting faults.

NATIONAL The clerk drew the attention of the Parish Council to the
CIRCULAR circular, which enables a parish council and its chairman
 308 to be re-designated Town Council and Town Mayor. For
 obvious reasons it was decided that no action be taken.

NATIONAL The clerk drew the attention of the Parish Council to the
CIRCULAR circular, which requires that the District Council be
 307 informed, in writing, of the Parish Council's wish to be
 notified of all future planning applications, whether or
 not these arrangements already exist. The clerk was
 instructed to take the necessary action.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND NOTED

1. Reports of Surveyor and Area Planning Officer
2. Local Council Review Autumn 1973
3. National Association of Local Councils Circulars 307 and 308 see above.
4. Department of the Environment Circular 77/73 Public Expenditure
5. National Association of Local Councils:
 - Constitution of Somerset Association of Local Councils
 - Constitution of the Avon Local Councils Association
6. Somerset Association of Parish Councils Minutes 1972 AGM. Agenda 1973 AGM
7. " " " " North Area Committee
8. " " " " Local Councils Bye-laws. (Increased)
9. S.W.E.B. 1) Consultative Council 2) Electricity Charges.
10. Annual Report of Somerset Association of Parish Councils

CHEQUES

Cheques were signed for Mr. J. Woodman, Shaw and Sons & cheque book.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Knight drew the attention of the Council to the fact that the hedge, on the right hand side of Moor Lane, is so high that it obstructs the light from shining into the road. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. R. Flower about this matter.

With reference to the Council's previous letter regarding the state of the village, the clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor informing him that the employee sent to clear the roadsides allowed the debris to remain, ^{uncollected} for an unnecessarily long period.

GARDEN CENTRE

Mr. Kiddiford drew the Council's attention to the fact that a planning application for a Garden Centre in the village had been refused. He stated that there had been trading on the site in contravention of the order. After some discussion it was decided that no action could be taken by the Council.

ATTENDANCE

OF MR BARKER

AND MR. KIDDIFORD

Mr. Dilley expressed the thanks of the Council to Mr. Barker and Mr. Kiddiford for their attendance at the meeting. Their comments were appreciated.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

A. J. Hole

19.11.73.

Chairman

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 19th November 1973, at the Village Hall

Present Mr. A. J. Cole (Chairman), Mr. K. Dilley, Mr. C. Dune and the clerk Mrs B. S. Gannell. Apologies were received from Messrs. R. Knight and A. Russell.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence The clerk read a letter from the County ^{Divisional} Surveyor to the effect that an estimate for the cost of fencing certain sections of Maiseis Path is being considered by the County Surveyor.

Gordano Valley Parish Councils: The clerk stated that a letter had been received from Miss Sawyer inviting members of the Council to attend a meeting on Monday 12th Nov. 1973. Three members, Messrs. A. J. Cole, R. Knight and C. Dune had in fact attended the meeting.

Planning Applications An acknowledgement was received, from the Director of Planning, of the Parish Council's request for notification of planning applications in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Schedule 16 of the Local Government Act, 1972. Mr Cole, as Chairman had already received an invitation to attend a meeting, in this connection, later this month.

The clerk stated that Mr R. Flower had replied verbally to the letter sent back of hedge to him in this connection. He stated that he in Maiseis would deal with this matter at the right time

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Reports on Planning Applications Details of such applications were dated 18th October and 8th Nov.

Applications

Refuse Disposal: Minutes of meeting held on 17th Oct. 1973 were available.

A.O.B. Mr. Dillely requested that a further letter be sent to the R.D.C. regarding the matter of the Weight Restriction Order on the Great Road. Mr. Cole stated that the matter was in hand, but agreed that a letter be sent to ^{the} R.D.C.

GARDEN CENTRE

After considerable discussion on this question the clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Alan Vanstone, the Area Planning Officer, at Weston Super Mare, stating that the Parish Council was very concerned over the evident development of such a centre, especially since it understands that planning permission has been refused. The members of the Parish Council are concerned that if the project is allowed to proceed it could change the nature of the village.

CONSERVATION

Arising out of the previous question, the clerk was also instructed to seek further information regarding the definition of a conservation area and the standing of Walton in Gordano in the connection.

GORDANO

PARISH COUNCILS

MEETING

Mr. Cole reported on the proceedings at the meeting held at Redcliffe Bay on Monday 12th November. After some discussion it was decided to decline the proposal to combine the four parish councils and to have one clerk, but instead to propose the holding of quarterly meetings of representatives of all the Parish Councils. The clerk was instructed to write to Miss Sander to inform her of this decision.

Parish Mr. C. June requested that a Parish Boundary Map
Boundary Map showing all footpaths be available, and if
a footpaths possible on public display. Mr. Gole agreed
to provide the necessary maps

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

A. Gole 14.1.74.
Chairman.

Walton - u - Gordano Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 14th January 1974, at the Village Hall.

Present. Messrs. A. J. Cole (Chairman), K. Dilley, R. Knight, C. Dunn and G. T. H. Russell and the clerk Mrs. B. S. Gaskell.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed, by the Chairman.

Correspondence The clerk read a letter from the Somerset Association of Parish Councils re. Affiliation Fees.

Somerset Association of Parish Councils It was decided that the fee of £4.25, for the year 1973-4 should be paid.

There was some discussion of the Association's arrangements for a course for Parish Council Clerks. In view of the size of the Parish it was decided that there was insufficient justification for the expenditure of £15 for attendance at such a course.

The Fuel Crisis Letters had been received, from L.A. RDC dated 30th November and the Dept. of the Environment dated 6th Dec. 1973 regarding the conservation of electricity supplies on highways. It was decided that there was no action to be taken by the Parish Council.

Proposed Gorder Bemie A letter was read, by the clerk, in reply to the Council's letter of 21st November 1973, in this connection. The letter confirmed that planning permission for the use of the land in question, as a Gorder Bemie, had been refused, but stated that the land may be used on the basis of its previous use, in growing crops. However such use may not

include "development as a retail centre for the sale of sundry garden items---which are not specifically related to the growing of crops on that particular area of land."

Public Paths

A letter from the Ramblers' Association was read by the clerk. This led to some discussion regarding the local signposting and waymarking programme. It was decided to purchase one post and two signs in addition to those already erected. The clerk was instructed to order these from Surpreine, as before, when the next precept has been paid.

It was brought to the notice of the Parish Council, that one of the posts, erected adjacent to the property of Mr Young, had been removed and re-erected in another position. It was thought that the new position would, in any case, be near that the sign would be overgrown during the summer months. It was decided that Sir William Miles be approached regarding this matter. Mr. Gole agreed to deal with the matter.

Conservation Areas The clerk read a letter from Somerset County Council, dated 17th December 1973, in this connection. It stated that Walton-in-Gordano is on the list for future consideration by the new County or District Council. It was regretted that it was unlikely that any further action would be taken by S.C.C.

Somerset Social Service Dept.

A letter was read, from this dept, in connection with co-ordinating the help of members of the community who may be at risk during the fuel crisis.

There was considerable discussion regarding this matter. The Council reached the conclusion that most members of the village community were catered for, as they were in regular touch with family or neighbours. However it was decided that this was a good opportunity to check that all the old folk were receiving all the help and allowances to which they are entitled. The clerk was instructed to write to the Social Service Department to seek its help in this connection.

Planning Applications The clerk read a letter from the Director of Planning, Woodspire, requesting information regarding the wishes of the Parish Council with regard to the nature of the planning application details it wished to receive. It was decided that the Parish Council required details of all planning applications in the village and a general list of applications in the Gordano Valley Area.

Amalgamation of the Gordano Parish Councils The clerk read a letter from Miss of the Sausden (North Weston Parish Council) in the Gordano connection, in which the Council was requested to nominate a delegate to attend a meeting to consider the possible amalgamation of the Gordano Valley Parish Councils. The Parish Council was unanimously opposed to the idea, but Mr Cole agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Council, "as an observer, not as a member of the working party".

Precept The clerk was instructed to request a

Receipt of £70.00 for the financial year ending 31st March 1975.

Rural Bus Services A letter from Paul Dean (M.P.) was read. This was concerned with the supplementing of public services by locally organised private service. This is made possible because of the removal of restrictions regarding payment from passengers.

Local Govt. Boundary Commission Report. No. 6. A letter and copy of the report was made available.

Planning Applications The Reports of the Surveyor and Area Planning Office for the following dates were available for inspection:
21th Nov. 1973, 18th Dec 1973, 8th Jan 1974.

Any Other Business

Mr. Dilley stated that Sir. William Miles had drawn his attention to the dumping of rubbish in Moor Lane. (possibly electrical goods) Other Councillors had also noticed this and the clerk was instructed to write to the R.D.C. in this connection.

Mr. Dilley also stated that there had been many complaints from villagers about the scattering of stones over the road, by the tree. The clerk was instructed to write to the R.D.C. regarding this matter and to request that the stones be placed in the "pill box", which it is understood is owned by the Council (R.D.C.). The clerk was also instructed to inform

the RDC that water is not draining away, fifty yards from Mr Watts Farm (Dove Farm) on the left hand side of the road going towards Portishead.


Mr Knight drew the attention of the Council to the state of the ditch opposite "Brookside", in Moor Lane. A request for the ditch to be cleared was to be included in the clerk's letter.

After some discussion it was decided to request the R.D.C. to provide a fire hydrant in the lower part of the village. The Parish Council instructed the clerk to write to the RDC in this connection, pointing out that a four inch main had been laid to property in the village.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

CHEQUES.	Somerset Association of Parish Councils	18.1.74.
	Village Hall.	18.1.74.
	SWEB.	24.11.73.
	Acorn Press	29.12.73

Addendum After general discussion it was agreed that some effort be made to provide a Parish Notice Board and that a copy of the Parish map be prominently displayed.


25.2.74.
Chairman

Walton-in-Cordans Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 25th February 1974, at the Village Hall.

PRESENT. Messrs. A.J. Gole (Chairman), K. Alley, R. Knight, C. Dune and the clerk Mrs B.S. Garrell.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. G.T. Russell.

MINUTES The minutes were read, confirmed and signed

CORRESPONDENCE Lorries and the Environment

AND MATTERS ARISING The clerk (Mrs B.S. Garrell) read a letter from L.A.R.D.C. dated 11th January 1974 which stated that delay was being experienced in the processing of restrictions, but that progress would be made as soon as possible.

National Energy Crisis - Disconnection of Street lighting. 17.1.74.
A letter from the R.D.C. (read by the clerk) stated that all remaining lighting on County roads was to be switched off. This had in fact been done.

State of the Village.

A letter from the County Surveyor, dated 24th January 1974 was read by the clerk, concerning several matters raised by councillors at their last meeting.

He stated that if rubbish is being tipped in the village it should be reported to the police.

2) it would not be practical to place the grit in the old pill box as requested, as it would be difficult to use from there when required.

3) he would have the gully inspected and remedial action taken.

4) he stated that the Highway Authority have no responsibility for maintaining this section of the ditch, but that he is investigating the matter. The clerk was instructed to ensure that these investigations were underway.
Avon Local Councils Association - a letter was read by

The clerk giving details of a Special Meeting to be held at Wellsway School, Keynsham on Thursday 14th March 1976. It was decided that it was not necessary to send a representative to this meeting, but that it would be in the interest of the Parish Council to become affiliated in due course.

Working Party for the proposed Gordano Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting, ^{held on 4.2.74.} were read by the clerk. After some considerable discussion of the matter it was decided that since the W-u-G. Parish Council was not in favour of such an amalgamation there was no point in the Chairman (Mr. A.T. Gole) attending any further meetings. It was agreed that consideration of any such proposals be put to parishioners at a Parish Meeting later in the year.

Audit A letter from Woodspuir District Council stated that the District Auditor had been appointed as the Council's Auditor and will audit the accounts of our Parish Council.

The clerk stated that she had replied to letters requesting information regarding Parish Recreation and Sports facilities and the circulation of local magazines.

Woodspuir District Council - Planning Applications.

Public Participation

The clerk read a letter dated 25th January in this connection and stated that, with the Chairman's authority she had written to request that plans be put on deposit at the Clevedon Council Offices.

S.C.C. Social Services Department.

A letter from Mr. J. Le Gue, Social Worker at the (Clevedon) Divisional Office stated that he had visited Mrs Gunston and her mother Mr Bessant

and found them in a very poor financial position. He had arranged for them to obtain an Attendance Allowance and was intending to give any further assistance which may be required. The clerk ^{stated that she} had written a letter of Thanks to Mr. Le Gue. Somerset Association of Parish Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Naussea on 7th Dec. 1973 had been made available to P. Gouillon. Restoration of Street lights on Polling Day, 28.2.74.

A letter from the Dept. of the Environment was forwarded by the R.P.C. in view of the charges being levied by SWEB in this connection it was decided to take no action.

Correspondence made available to councillors at the meeting.

Letter from SWEB regarding payment of accounts. Details of concert by Bousenoult Sibonietta. Planning applications and details of Planning Committee Meetings 29.1.74. 19.2.74.

Any Other Business

G.P.O. Mr Dilley stated that the filling in of trenching after work by the G.P.O. was not completed satisfactorily. The clerk was instructed to contact the G.P.O. regarding this matter.

SIGNPOSTS Mr Cole reported that he had dealt with this matter and ^{that} the signpost would be re-erected on the wall of "Anrodere".

FLOODING IN THE VILLAGE There was considerable discussion regarding the recent flooding of certain areas in the village. The clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor stating that the paving at hook is evidently blocked from Church Farm to Cross Tree causing serious flooding and to request that the paving stones be lifted in order that the hook may be cleared. Mr Dilley drew the

attention of councillors to the fact that little assistance had been given to Mr and Mrs. Hart when their shops was flooded.

DAMAGE BY LORRY.

The clerk was instructed to inform the R.D.C. that damage had been caused by a lorry outside Rectory Farm. This had resulted in part of the roof of the book carrying in.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

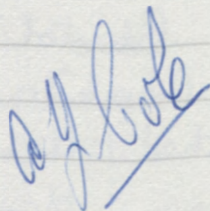
Mr Dilleys drew attention once again to the poor state of the village. He wondered if it would be desirable to make efforts to improve this state without the help of the R.D.C. It was decided that if this was done the R.D.C. would probably abrogate responsibility for such work in the future.

PROPOSED PLAY AREA

At the request of Mr. Gaskell it was proposed by Mr. R. Knight that some consideration be given to the provision of a play area in the village. Mr Cole seconded this proposal which was also greeted with enthusiasm by others in attendance.

There was some considerable discussion regarding the matter and Mr ~~Cole~~ ^{Dilleys} agreed to approach Sir William Miles regarding the possible use of the old 'pond' for this purpose. Councillors ^{stated} decided that they would be prepared to make suitable equipment for such a play area themselves.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Monday 8th April. The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.



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Chairman