

## Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th April 1974, at the Village Hall.

PRESENT Messrs. A.J. Cole (Chairman), R. Knight, G.T. Russell, C. Dune and the clerk (Mrs. B.S. Gannell).

An apology for absence was received from Mr. K. Dilley.

MINUTES. The minutes were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS ARISING

1. Water supply and provision of fire hydrant in the lower part of the village.

The clerk read a letter dated 1.3.74. from the Divisional Commander of the Fire Brigade, in this connection, in which he offered to meet councillors again to discuss the matter further. It was proposed by Mr Cole and seconded by Mr Dune that Cndr. Hayman be invited to attend a meeting in the near future. It was also proposed by Mr. Cole, and seconded by Mr Russell that Mr. Brian Lewis, Avon County Councillor be invited to attend the said meeting in his capacity as member of the River Board. <sup>This was agreed and</sup> the clerk was instructed to write to Cndr. Hayman and Mr. Lewis accordingly.

Also in this connection the clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Hoy, of the Internal Drainage Board, regarding responsibility for the water from the spring and to request that the Bristol Waterworks Co. make available, to the Parish Council, a map showing the water supplies within the parish boundaries.

2. State of the Village.

A letter from the new County Surveyor (Mr. D. Penn) was read by the clerk. This was a reply to her letter of 28th February. The Chairman stated that



The necessary action had now been taken regarding the matter.

The following correspondence was also read by the clerk.

3. From the Chief Executive Officer of Woodspuing (Mr. R. H. Moay) 7.3.74. regarding the working relationship between the new Woodspuing District Council and the parishes.
4. Report of Special Meeting of Avon Local Councils Ass. 14.3.74.
5. Two letters from the Director of Planning (Mr. B. G. Huid) concerning Planning Applications 2.4.74 and 9.4.74.
6. Fair Play for Children - concerning play spaces. 22.3.74.
7. From Director of Publicity & Public Relations H. V. King
8. List of Planning Dates. 4.4.74.
9. List of Woodspuing District Meetings for 1974/5. 4.4.74.

### Any Other Business

1. It was proposed by Mr Cole and recorded by Mr. Russell that a request be sent to Woodspuing D.C. for a 'No Tipping' notice to be erected in an appropriate position in Moor Lane. This was agreed.
2. Mr. Duns raised the question of the provision of a Village Notice Board. Mr. Russell agreed to approach the church authorities regarding the possible erection of a noticeboard at St. Paul's church.
3. Mr Cole drew the Council's attention to the raising of a stile by Mr. Brodie. After some discussion it was agreed that, if this was necessary in order to retain cattle a suitable step be provided to enable parishioners to negotiate the stile. Mr Cole offered to approach Mr Brodie with regard to this matter.
4. Mr Cole also agreed to ensure that a notice concerning the Easter refuse collection be displayed in the village shop and that copies of the booklet



"Your handy guide to Council services," be made available to parishioners using the village shop.

5. Mr Cole reported that he had dealt with the matter of the C.P.O. work on the coast road.
6. The clerk was requested to establish whether or not Mr Dilley had managed to make any progress in the matter of the proposed use of the old 'pond' as a children's play area.

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PRECEPT.

The precept for £70 was signed by the Chairman and two other councillors. Cheques were signed, for S.W.E.B. and the clerk.

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The clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mr. Brian Lewis, the new Avon County Councillor, stating his wish to participate in any parish meetings in which it was thought he could play a useful part. He requested the clerk to send him notification and agenda of Parish Council meetings.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Monday 20th May at 7.30 p.m. The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

This was the first meeting held since the parish became part of the County of Avon and since Woodspine took over as the new District Council on 1st April 1974.

*A J Cole* Chairman.



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At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th May 1974, at the Village Hall.

### PRESENT

Messrs. A.J. Cole (Chairman) R. Knight, K. Dilley, G.H. Russell and C. Dunn and the clerk Mrs. B.S. Gannell. Mr. Hayman, Divisional Commander of the Fire Brigade was also present.

### MINUTES

The minutes were read, confirmed and signed, by the Chairman, Mr. A.J. Cole.

### DISCUSSION WITH FIRE OFFICER

Mr. Hayman answered questions put by councillors regarding the question of the possibility of a fire hydrant being installed in the lower part of the village.

There was considerable discussion regarding this matter, but the outcome was that, as far as the Fire Brigade is concerned the position is the same as in 1969. Mr. Hayman stated that the additional supplies referred to were connected to a 2" main. He noted two new sources of emergency water supply 1) Hackwood House - swimming pool 2) lower reservoir on golf course and agreed to supply councillors with copies of the amended map.

He also noted that during the summer months there is a considerably reduced flow of water in the pipe used for pumping on a previous occasion.

Mr. Hayman was pressed by councillors to assure them that he felt confident that the water supply at his disposal would meet his requirements in the event of a fire in the village. This assurance was given, but Mr. Hayman offered to put his confidence to



the test by 'laying on' a further practical demonstration aimed to show that the slightly changed circumstances would not decrease the efficiency of an emergency fire-fighting operation. It was agreed to set a convenient date and location for the exercise at the Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 1st July 1974.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr. Knight asked if any further action had been taken regarding the matter of Mr Brodie's stile. Mr Cole stated that the action taken was not really satisfactory. It was proposed by Mr. Dune and seconded by Mr Cole that a letter be written to Mr. Brodie regarding this matter. This was agreed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS ARISING.

- 26.4.74. The clerk read a letter from Woodspring D.C. stating that planning applications will be available at Gleveland.
- 25.4.74. Two letters from Mr. Brown of the Gordano Valley Drainage Board were read. These were in connection with the matter of responsibility for different sections of the stream. It was stated that "the brook enters the Board's area, the drainage area, at the junction of grounds O.S. Nos. 245/195 - upstream of that is presumably the responsibility of the Somerset River Authority up to the 1st April last, and its successor after that date."
- 8.5.74.
- 23.4.74. A letter was received from the Fire Office, concerning his attendance at today's meeting.
- 16.5.74. A letter and supply of posters were received concerning the Spring Bank Holiday Refuse Collection Rear Office Service - a letter and booklet in this connection were made available.
- 23.4.74. The clerk read a letter from Mr. Pene, the County Divisional Surveyor, which stated that he was



investigating the Parish Council's request for a 'No Tipping' sign to be erected in Moa Lane.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

MARINERS' PATH The clerk drew the attention of the P.C. to the fact that the last letter regarding the investigation into the cost of providing fencing for the path was 17th Oct. 1973 and that the last letter concerning the proposed Weight Restriction Order was from Mr. Evans, dated 11th Jan. 1974.

Mr Dilley proposed and Mr Knight seconded that further letters be sent by the clerk in this connection. This was agreed.

AVON L.C. ASSOCIATION It was proposed by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr Russell that the Parish Council should seek membership of the Avon Local Councils Association. The motion was carried.

CLERK'S HONORARIUM It was proposed by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr Russell that the clerk's honorarium be increased from £5.25 per annum to £20 per annum. This motion was carried.

V.A.T. Mr. Cole pointed out that the P.C. was entitled to claim repayment of V.A.T. on certain items.

SOCIAL SERVICES Mr. Cole reported that Mr Bessant was now a recipient of £6.10s. a week as a result of the P. Council's efforts in co-operation with the Social Services department. This seemed very satisfactory.

### PROPOSED CHILDRENS PLAY SPACE

It was reported, by Mr Dilley, that Sir



William Miles was not in favour of the old 'pound' being used for this purpose. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of using a space at the rear of Mr. Blake's garden. It was proposed by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Durr that Mr. Dilley be asked to approach Sir William initially, to obtain his permission before any approach be made to Mr. Blake. This was agreed.

FOOTPATHS. Mr. Russell stated that Mr. Woodman had agreed to cut the footpaths as before at a fee of £20.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

It was agreed that a meeting be held at 8 pm at the Village Hall on Thursday 30th May 1974. (This was later amended to 29th May.) Mr. Dilley agreed to see that notices were printed to this effect and Mr. Cole agreed to see that they were displayed in a prominent position. (Seven days notice is statutorily required and the Parish Meeting must be held annually between 1st March and 1st June.) It was agreed that Mr. Brian Lewis, Avoor County Councillor, be invited to attend, with, if possible, Mr. Barnes the Woodopping District Treasurer. This was in view of the likelihood of there being considerable public concern over the massive increase in rates to be levied by Woodopping District Council for the year 1974/5.

PROTEST AT RATES LEVY The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Paul Dear M.P. and to Woodopping District and Avoor County Councils expressing

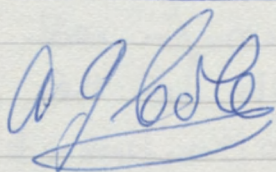


the Parish Council's extreme concern at the massive increase in the rates to be levied for the year 1974/5 and in particular to protest at the imposition of a water rate of 8.34p in the pound on behalf of the Wessex Water Authority. When there is no main drainage in the village and parishioners have to pay to have their cess pits emptied.

CHEQUE

A cheque was signed for S.W.E.B.  
 A cheque was signed for Avon Local Councils Assn.  
 It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting be held on Monday 1st July. The meeting closed at 10. pm

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Chairman.



## Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th June 1974, at the Village Hall.

PRESENT. Messrs. A.J. Cole (Chairman) K. Dilley, R. Knight and C. Dine and the clerk Mrs. B.S. Garsell.

MINUTES The minutes were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, Mr. A.J. Cole.

MATTERS ARISING With reference to the attendance of Mr. Hayman, at the Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 1974 and his offer to 'lay-on' a fire fighting demonstration in the village the clerk was instructed to request that this demonstration be held on/or near the first Monday in August, the location to be the old quarry in which there will be a supposed car fire. It was thought, by the Parish Council, that permission to hold such a demonstration should first be sought from Sir William Miles - The clerk was instructed accordingly.

WATER SUPPLY Mr. Dilley drew the Parish Council's attention to the present low level of water in Walton Brook, the main source of water for fire-fighting purposes. After some discussion regarding this matter the clerk was instructed to write to the Wessex Water Authority, at Bidgegate, to seek further information regarding responsibility for ~~water supplies~~ <sup>Walton Brook</sup> in the Parish.

MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 P.M. ON WED. 29TH MAY 1974.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

The clerk was instructed 1) to establish the position regarding possible expenditure by the Parish Council for the purpose of keeping the village tidy. This



matter had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Councillors felt that it should be pursued.  
 2) to establish whether or not the pathway from the shop to the church is defined as a 'pavement'. (This was in connection with the matter raised by Mr Adkins concerning parking on the pavement.)

CESS PITS. There was considerable discussion regarding this matter, both at the Ann. Parish Meeting and the Parish Council meeting. The clerk was instructed to request that further consideration be given to the question of cost of emptying cess pits in the village free of charge.

PLAY SPACE. Mr. Dilley reported that Sir William Miles had given further thought to this matter and had agreed to consider the space at the rear of Mr. Blake's being used for this purpose, subject to the agreement of Mr. Blake and the Church's approval of use of the access through the churchyard. It was made clear that there would be no access via the Manor Drive.

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A.O.B. It was stated that the footpath between ~~Green~~  
FOOTPATHS. ~~Free~~ ~~Farm~~ Mr. Aowles' house and the lower part of the common was very overgrown. It was agreed that the footpath be kept open and wide as it is the only right of way on to the common. It was decided that further action in this matter be left until the P. Council knew how much money would be available for this purpose.

Mr. Cole stated that, as an outcome of the Annual Parish Meeting, Mr Archer had offered to plant flowers, free of charge, beneath the tree in the centre of the village and around the tree opposite Rectory Farm.



After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Cole be asked to thank Mr. Anderson on behalf of the Parish Council, accepting his offer to plant flowers around the tree opposite Old Rectory Farm but delaying its decision regarding the Guss tree in order to seek permission to remove the sand <sup>or have it removed</sup> on the bank. The clerk was instructed to write to the District Council, in this connection.

\* CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS ARISING

- 31.5.74 Planning applications  
 31.5.74. In connection with letters of protest at the high increase in the rates set by the clerk replies were read from  
 1) Paul Dear M.P.  
 29.5.74 2) Mr. R. H. Moon, Solicitor, Chief Executive Woodspire  
 7.6.74. 3) D. G. Morgan, Avon County Treasurer.  
 13.5.74. Copy of letter sent to the Chief Executive Woodspire D.C. concerning the "Initial Review of Electoral Arrangements".  
 5.6.74. letter from Brian Lewis.  
 5.6.74. letter and copy of Woodspire Diar.  
 4.6.74. Acknowledgement of payment of fee of £5 to Avon Local Council's Association.

\*\* The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

As this meeting had been held earlier than arranged in order to discuss matters arising at the Annual Parish Meeting it was decided that the Parish Council meeting previously arranged for 1st July be cancelled. Councillors will endeavour to attend the fire-fighting demonstration and the next P. Council meeting which will be held on Monday August 19th.

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A. J. Cole

Chairman. 13th. Aug. 1974.



WALTON - IN - GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th August 1974.

PRESENT. Messrs. A.J. Cole (Chairman) K. Dilley, R. Knight, G.H. Russell and C. Dunn and the clerk Mrs. B.S. Gannell. Also present in an advisory capacity was Mr. G. Barker District Councillor.

MINUTES The minutes were read, confirmed and signed, by the Chairman Mr. A.J. Cole.

MATTERS ARISING Fire fighting demonstration. It was agreed that the demonstration had proved that the Fire Service could deal adequately with fires occurring in the upper part of the village, but some concern continued to be expressed regarding the use of water from the slope in the event of fires in the central area. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the Fire Office expressing the Parish Council's appreciation in respect of the demonstration.

Responsibility for Walton Brook The clerk stated that, apart from an acknowledgement of her letter dated 22.6.74, she had received no further communication from the Wessex Water Authority in this connection.

State of the Village

In connection with a letter to the Divisional Surveyor regarding this matter the clerk read a letter dated 3rd July 1974 in which the Divisional Surveyor explained that several Highway functions had now been passed to the District Council (Woodoping). Mr. Lee (Director of Technical Services) had written in answer to the question of funds for public footpath maintenance stating that no further funds could be made available this year. <sup>12.7.74.</sup>

Planting of Highway Verge. Mr. Penn 23.7.74 stated



that he had no objection to the planting of flowers and general tidying of the area. He also stated that whilst the grit had been removed in the summer period he insisted that it must be replaced in the interests of road safety during the winter. Footway The clerk had requested information regarding the official depiction of a pavement. Since it was considered that the answer was inadequate it was agreed that a further letter be sent regarding this matter.

In answer to a question concerning the proposed planting of flowers by Mr. Archer Mr. Cole stated that there had been no further development.

#### CESS PITS

A letter from Woodoping dated 25th June 1974 was read by the clerk. This explained that negotiations were in progress with a view to the Wessex Water Authority accepting responsibility for the cost of emptying cesspits. In the meanwhile, he explained, that the District Council is considering the rationalising of charges for this service.

Also in this connection and in reply to a letter from the Clerk passed to them by Avon C.C. a letter had been received from the Wessex Water Authority. This explained the basis of the "general service charge" and enclosed a photostat copy of a letter for discussion of the matter in the House of Commons on 2nd May 1974. Mr. Denis Howell (Sec. of State for Environment) stated that although no action could be taken this year efforts will, in future be made to "identify properties without main drainage and (can) make arrangements for limiting their charge accordingly."



There was some discussion about the current charge for cesspit emptying. Although it had been reported in the Press that it was proposed that the first emptying in each year should be free of charge Mr. Barber explained that this had not yet been ratified. The clerk was instructed to find out details of current charges.

PLAY SPACE Members of the Parish Council and the clerk had met at the proposed site for the play space to consider possible lay out, fencing etc. Mr. Cole welcomed Mr. Barber (District Councillor) who had agreed to give advice regarding possible financial help and procedures. He suggested that the best course was to precept for the required amount. Mr. Barber also recommended that the Parish Council should, in any case, precept for the full amount to which it was entitled. (Namely the amount which is the product of a penny rate.) It was decided that the first priority was to level the ground and provide fencing. Mr. Dilley agreed to approach Sir William Miles initially to ascertain the type of fencing and positioning which he would consider most suitable. The clerk was requested to obtain lists of equipment etc.

OTHER

CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS ARISING.

1. A letter was read by the clerk, from Supervisor dated 2nd July 1974, giving new prices and specifications of signs and posts which it was proposed to order. The clerk was instructed to proceed with the order for four sign assemblies at £8.90 each.



- and two posts at £6.90.00 (with no firm date of delivery for the latter). Total cost to be £49.40
2. A letter from the County Treasurer dated <sup>19th June 1974</sup> <sup>of the P.C.</sup> in acknowledgement of the formal protest at the increase in rates to be levied in this District for the year 1974/5. He stated that
    - (1) Aon has no reserves to call upon.
    - (2) Savings had resulted from cuts in existing services.
    - (3) Factors like inflation & revision of Rate Support Grant were outside his control. 5.7.74
  3. Letter received from Sir William Miles and the Chief Fire Officer in connection with the Fire-fighting Demonstration.
  4. Letter <sup>30.7.74</sup> enclosing S.W.E. Consult. Comm. Annual Report
  5. Letter from S.W.E.B. 24.6.74 concerning fuel costs for Public lighting.
  6. Letter from Mr. Risp (Public & Publ. Rel.) <sup>19.7.74</sup> regarding "Events and Organisations in Woodsping".
  7. Letter from Woodsping regarding Review of Electoral Arrangements. 11.6.74.
  8. Copy of letter to Woodsping from local Govt. Board Commission regarding Electoral Review. <sup>13.5.74</sup>
  9. Letter from local Govt. Boundary Commission <sup>31.7.74</sup>
  10. Copy of letter from Tickenham Parish Council <sup>20.7.74</sup> to Woodsping District Council in this connection.
  11. Letter from District of Woodsping 1.8.74 Review of Elect. Arrangements & etc. of sub-committees held on 16th and 19th July 1974.

Mr. Cole, Mr. Dilly and the clerk (Mrs B.S. Cassell) had attended an informal meeting at Weston-in-Ardans, called by Mr. A. Kiddiford on ~~Monday~~ Thursday 8th August regarding the proposal to include Tickenham with the Ardans Parishes in the proposed re-grouping.



\* Mr. Diller proposed  
 0 Mr. Russell second.  
 97.5 Motion carried that

After some discussion on this matter\* the clerk was instructed to write to the District Council stating that the Parish Council was not in favour of the inclusion of Tickenham under the new arrangements as it was thought that this would impose too heavy a burden on the two District Councillors who would then have to Parish Councils to deal with. However, in the event of the final decision being to include Tickenham the Parish Council wish it to be known that it feels, very strongly, that the six parishes thus combined should have three representatives on the District Council since they would be representing a population spread over a large area.

A.O.B.

ELM

TREES.

Mr. Diller raised the question of the possible damage to elm trees in the village particularly the central tree and landmark of the village (Cross Tree). The clerk was instructed to find out the cost of having the tree injected and the possibility of a Preservation Order being placed on the tree.

STILES

The clerk was instructed to notify Mr Brodie and Mr Tyler of the poor state of repair of (two) stiles for which they were separately responsible.

HORSES

FOOTPATHS.

The clerk was instructed to establish responsibility for injury by horses and on footpaths in general.

Weight Restriction Order. Mr Barker agreed to raise the matter of the proposed Weight Restriction Order with Mr. Penn (Divisional Surveyor)



CARAVAN

There was some discussion regarding the caravan at rest-off the highway near the Golf Course. Mr. Baker explained that there was no action which could be taken until the Planning Authority intervened.

Mr. Cole (Chairman) thanked Mr. Baker for attending the meeting and giving his advice on various matters.

The meeting closed at 9.15. p.m.

AVAILABLE Reports of Area Planning Committee (Norton)  
 31.5.74. 25.6.74 11.6.74 28.6.74. 3.7.74. 9.7.74. 23.7.74.  
 and 20.8.74.

A. G. Job ~~Chairman~~ 15.10.74.



WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 15th October 1974, at the Village Hall.

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

MINUTES The minutes were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING Walton Brook. The clerk read a letter from the Wessex Water Authority concerning responsibility for Walton Brook and the flow of water (15.8.74)

State of the Village FOOTPATHS The clerk read a letter, from the <sup>(6.9.74.)</sup> Divisional Surveyor giving definitions of 'pavement' and 'footway'. He stated that the question of brambles and briars was being investigated. The clerk was instructed to write again in this connection.

GULLEYS It was proposed by Mr. Dilley and seconded by Mr. Cole that a letter be sent <sup>to Woodopurty</sup> regarding two gulleys in the village. It was stated that two gulleys, on the Coast Road, twenty yards past Down Farm, on the opposite side of the road are completely blocked. This proposal was agreed.

The clerk was instructed to draw the <sup>Woodopurty</sup> Surveyor's attention to the ~~Director's~~ <sup>Director's</sup> facts that 1) Maurice's path had not been cut this year 2) there is a dangerous gap in the pavement directly opposite Ghund Farm 3) information is required concerning the proposed fencing of Maurice's Path and 4) that overgrown shrubs and hedges, from the end of old Keston Farm to the right of way at Sunnybank, continue to create a public nuisance.



CES PITS

The clerk read a letter from the Director of Technical Services, 10.9.74 stating that, although cess pit emptying charges were under review the current charge is still £1.00 per 1000 galls

THE ELM  
TREE IN THE  
CENTRE OF  
THE VILLAGE

The clerk read a letter from Wilks and Brown Trees Ltd giving details and fees for injection against Dutch elm disease. She also stated that she had received a telephone call, from Mr Hillier, of the Planning Dept. informing her that the tree in question was infected by Dutch elm disease. The Planning Dept. were attempting to establish ownership of the tree but thought it belonged to Sir William Miles. A letter dated 4.10.74 confirmed this telephone conversation and noted that the consideration of a Tree Preservation order was therefore inappropriate. The clerk stated that she had recently received a telephone call from Mr Travis (Parks Dept) concerning this matter. His department thought the tree belonged to the Parish Council and that no action could be taken until ownership had been established. He did not consider the tree to be a hazard in its present state.

It was proposed by Mr Cole and seconded by Mr Russell that a letter be sent to Sir William Miles asking if the elm tree in question belongs to him. This was agreed.

OTHER

1. The clerk stated that she had received notification that the signposts would be delivered to Mr Cole during October. (Supersive Ltd. 28.8.74)

2. Planning Reports for 20.8.74, 17.9.74, 1.10.74 and 7.10.74.
3. Joint Capital Allocation Committee Proposed Schemes.
4. Minutes of meeting of Avon L.C.A. 9.9.74. Winkford.
5. Report on Foundation of " " " "
6. Hor. Treasurer's Report. " " " "
7. Agenda for A.G.M. " " " "
8. National Association of Local Councils - Paper on Local Govt. Finance.
9. A letter from Miss Sawden 16.9.74 re meeting of Gordano Parish Councils



A.O.B.  
PLAY  
SPACE

Mr Dilley reported that Sir William Miles had agreed to let the proposed space to the Parish Council for an initial two year period. It was agreed that chain link fencing would have to be erected 1) along the Manor drive 2) behind Mr Blake's property and 3) along the church boundary. Mr Dilley stated that the cost of providing such fencing through a Building Contractor would be approx £3.00 per metre. Mr. Dilley agreed to provide a site plan for the Parish Council so that it could be presented to Sir William Miles.

COVERING  
OVER OF  
PART OF  
STREAM

Further enquiries to be made - Avon L.C.A. Mr Kiddiford ex. Mr Cole (Chairman) proposed that the stream running through the village, from Church Farm to Old Rectory House be covered over as he considered that it presented a hazard to pedestrians in its present state. Mr Dune recorded the motion. As Messrs. Dilley and Knight strongly objected to the motion it was put to the vote. The voting was 3 in favour two against with the Chairman giving the casting vote, therefore the motion was carried and the clerk was instructed to write to the Highways Board accordingly.

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WEIGHT  
RESTRICTION

It was agreed that the clerk should contact the appropriate dept. to establish the position regarding the processing of the proposed Weight Restriction Order on the Coar Road.

G.P.O.

The clerk was instructed to write to the G.P.O. regarding the state of the roadway in front of Brighton Cottages. It was stated that there has been considerable sinkage here as the result of cable laying by the G.P.O. A similar hump in the road, outside Sandstone Cottage on the main road was also to be drawn to the G.P.O.'s attention.



CHEQUES

Cheques were signed in the Electoral Registration Office (25p) and the Nat. Ass. of Local Councils (20p) in respect of an Electoral Register for 1974 and a copy of "Powers and Constitutions of Local Councils".

CARAVAN

Concern was expressed at the continuing presence of the caravan on the Great Road. Since it would appear that the male occupant of the caravan may be in need of <sup>medical</sup> welfare help it was agreed that the clerk contact the Social Service Dept in order to discover the best course of action.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

A. J. Cole  
Chairman

26th Nov. 1974.



Walton in Gordano Parish Council

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

MINUTES The minutes were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman (Mr. A. J. Cole)

RESIGNATION OF CLERK The clerk stated that, owing to the pressure of work in other spheres, she had regrettably submitted her resignation to the Chairman. This was accepted and thanks were expressed to the clerk for her work for the P.C.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK. It was proposed by Mr Cole and seconded by Mr Dunn that Mrs. B. Adkins be asked to take over the work of the clerk. This motion was carried and it was agreed that Mrs Adkins be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council. Mrs. Bannell agreed to carry on for the time being and to give Mrs. Adkins all possible assistance

Matters arising from Minutes.

PROPOSED COVERING OF STREAM The clerk informed the Parish Council of her receipt of a petition against this proposal, which had been organised by Mrs. G. Gooding. (Mrs Gooding was present at the meeting in her capacity as a member of the public). The petition contained 83 signatures.

The clerk stated that she had received two letters from the Avon C.C. Divisional Surveyor regarding this matter. In reply to the Parish Council's letter the Surveyor stated that he would be prepared to cover over a pipe in the stream, but that as it belonged to Sir William



Miles his permission would have to be sought. In a subsequent letter he stated that Sir William was not in favour of the proposal and requested confirmation that the majority of the villagers were also opposed to the scheme.

After considerable discussion regarding this matter it was agreed by the P.C. that, in accord with the obvious wishes of parishioners the proposal should now be dropped.

CARAVAN

The clerk reported a telephone conversation with the Social Services Department regarding the caravan at rest on the Coast Road. The outcome of this conversation was very unsatisfactory. After some considerable discussion it was agreed that this matter and

WEIGHT RESTRICTION ORDER

the lack of action over the processing of the Weight Restriction Order on the Coast Road be referred to Mr. Brian Lewis, Avon County Councillor prior to placing both matters in the hands of Mr Paul Dear M.P.

WATER SUPPLY RE FIRE SERVICES

Mr. Dunn raised <sup>again</sup> the question of the provision of water in the event of fire. It was agreed that this appeared to be inadequate in the lower part of the village and it was decided that the authorities be pressed to investigate the matter further.

ELM TREE

The clerk reported a Telephone conversation with Sir William Miles concerning ownership of the tree in question. Although Sir William was of the opinion that his father, Sir Charles Miles, had owned the tree and had, in fact, had the tree filled with concrete, he stated that there was nothing in writing to establish ownership. The clerk was instructed to write to



Woodspring to state that the P.C. is most anxious that the tree be left untouched, at least until the spring, in order that it may have a chance to recover. It wished it to be stated quite clearly that it did not wish any braced to be removed.

GULLIES  
AND  
MARINE'S  
PATH

Councillors were agreed that the blocked gullies had not been cleared out and that Marine's Path was not in a fit state to be walked. Mr Cole proposed and Mr. Dilley seconded that a letter be sent to the Director of Technical Services inviting him to inspect the gullies and walk the path with Mr. Cole (Chairman) and/or Mr. Russell.

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A.O.B.  
BROOK

It was stated that although the brook between the village shops and Old Rectory Farm had been cut back the bed of the stream needed clearing out to prevent flooding.

GRATINGS

Mr Knight stated that he was concerned that there was no upright grating opposite the church as there could be danger to a child. He said that the opening was approx. 2ft. square. Mr Dilley drew the P.C.'s attention to a hole possibly dangerous opening by Mrs. Purostepo. The clerk was instructed to write to the appropriate authorities concerning these matters. It was appreciated that if gratings were to be provided they could easily become blocked and thereby create a nuisance.

STREAM  
RESPONSIBILITY

In connection with these matters the



clerk was instructed to attempt to secure detailed information regarding responsibility for the various sections of the street throughout its course through the village.

NOTICE BOARD

Mr. Dilley raised the question of the notice board. After some discussion it was agreed that Sir William be informed that the P.C. consider that the provision of a village notice board is desirable and wished to ask his opinion regarding siting etc.

SEWERAGE RATE

In connection with a question by Mr. Dun the clerk was instructed to write to the Treasurer to ask if the owners of unoccupied properties have to and will have to pay sewerage rates and if so how much. The Treasurer was to be asked if there is any reason why an elderly person not occupying her own house should pay such rates. When person occupying an old property does not pay such rates.

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Date

From

Subject

CORRESPONDENCE I A 23.10.74. C.P.O. Acknowledgement regarding Re-statement of carriageway

not already referred to II

31.10.74 Director of Tech.

Services Woodoping stating

- 1) Gullies to be cleared as requested
- 2) Mainie's Path has been cut
- 3) No knowledge of proposed fencing of path.
- 4) Pavement & ledge responsibility of Area CC. Divisional Surveyor.



- iii) Clerk read letter sent to Mr Welton, Sec. Avon L.C.A. with regard to proposed Play Space. She reported his reply dated 20.11.74. in which he stated that he would raise the question of possible financial help at the meeting to be held in Jan of the Avon Playing Fields Association.
- iv) 20.11.74. County Divisional Surveyors regarding gaps in ledges pavement and overgrown shrubs and ledges. Maurice Palt not now his responsibility.
- v) 14.11.74. Review of District Electrical Arrangements from Mr. Read Portbury P.C. Walton P.C. agreed to ask Mr. Read to inc. Walton in representation National Ass. of Local Councils.
- vi) Report on Local Govt Finance - Sept 1974.
- vii) Woodspine Digest Oct. 1974.
- viii) letter from S.W.E.B re Public Lighting Route Maintenance Contract, 33½% inc. charges. Acceptance letter required.
- ix) Avon L.C.A. Minutes of 1st A.G.M. Avon L.C.A. Hon Treasurers Report. Details of subscriptions.
- x) Agenda of Woodspine L.C. Area Group Meeting to be held at Yatton 2.12.74.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING This was provisionally arranged for Monday 9th Dec but subsequently postponed to the original date 7.1.75.

Cheques were signed on 4.11.74 for S.W.E.B and 9.12.74 for Superintend Utd.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.  
 W of Bob Channon



Walter - in - Jordans. Parish Council.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, held at The Village Hall, on Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 1975.

Present:- Messrs A. J. Cole (Chairman) M. Dilley, R. Knight, C. Dunn, G. T. Russell and the Clerk Mrs. B. Cannell. Mr B. Lewis also attended the meeting.

An apology was received from Mr Barker.

Mr Cole expressed appreciation & thanks on behalf of the Council, to Mrs B. Cannell (retiring Clerk) & welcomed succeeding Clerk:- Mrs B. M. Adkins, who was present at the meeting.

MINUTES:- of the previous meeting, were read by Mrs B. Cannell, confirmed & signed by Chairman i.e. Mr A. J. Cole.

Correspondence Read.

MATTERS ARISING:- Mr Cole proposed a review of Clerk's Honorarium. This was deferred, until enquiries were made to other Parish Councils. Mr Cole undertook to make the necessary enquiries.

Recreation Area:- This was thoroughly discussed. It was estimated that the cost of erecting the necessary Chain fencing around the Area would be in the region of £300. Mr B. Lewis pointed out that it would be advisable & necessary to take out an insurance against accidents etc. Mr C. Dunn offered his assistance to clear the proposed area. Mr Cole offered a swing. It was proposed that once everything appertaining to the Play Area had been agreed & finalised, that a swing & Climbing Frame be installed, & eventually other items. Also seats for the elderly residents etc. But due to the high cost of this venture, it would be a gradual process. Mr Lewis suggested the possibility of approaching The Avon Playing Fields Association & The National Playing Fields Association for possible assistance towards the expense. As the proposed lease on the Play Area (at the present, had been determined



to a 2 year lease. It was pointed out, that if Sir William Miles, did not wish to renew the lease after the two years, all fixtures, would have to be left, as any fixtures becomes the property of the owner of the land. Having taken into consideration the cost of supplying & maintaining a recreation area. It was suggested, ~~that~~ possibility of Fund Raising Functions be organised in the Village. It was proposed by Mr. K. Dilley & seconded by Mr. G. Russell, that a Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>, for discussion with Parishioners.

PRECEPT:- It was proposed to apply for an additional Precept for this year. An amount of £130 to be paid into LLOYDS BANK on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1945 & A Precept of £250 to be applied for the following year. This motion was proposed by MR. K. Dilley & Seconded by Mr G. Russell. The Precept application was duly signed by Mr A. J. Cole (Chairman) R. Knight & C. W. Dunn (Councillors) & countersigned by B. M. Adkins (Clerk)

Weight Restrictions.

Once again the question was raised, regarding Weight Restriction on the Coast Road. As applications have been sent regarding this problem since the Spring of 1943 & there has been no action to date. Mr Lewis agreed that it would appear that Parishes have been overlooked in the 1945-46 programme. He explained that this was due, 1 There are many other applications to be dealt with. 2 The Lack of Legal & Highway Staff, to implement the necessary proceedings.

Mr Dilley:- Asked Mr Lewis if there was anything at all, that could be done to hasten this matter. Mr Lewis said it was just a question of waiting one's turn.

Mr Cole:- Requested that a letter be written to the department, to ask why we have had to wait so long & when can we expect some action.



Caravan:- Mr Cole reported that the Caravan that had been parked by the side of the Coast Road, was taken away. The Occupant was now at Bayow Hospital.  
 2 Mariners Path is to be cut back & fenced by Woodspring in May. 3 Mr Cole reported to the Council, that rubbish from the Caravan Site, is being tipped over the side of the Cliff. A letter regarding this matter, was to be sent to Mr R. Smith.

Mr Cole:- 4 Also reported that he had arranged for some signs, to be painted & erected. These were coming from The Clevedon Council. 4 A request that Walton be included in <sup>Green Belt</sup> ~~Green Belt~~. The Clerk was also requested to write to The Clevedon Town Council regarding a Venue re: Discussion on The Green Belt. 2 A letter to the appropriate Department, stressing the urgency of clearing the Brook & Drains. 3 A request for urgent attention to the road outside of Sandstone Cottage.

Miss Cannell:- Read a letter, regarding the question of Sewerage Rates, for unoccupied properties. This was in answer, to a question that Mr Dunn had raised at the previous Council Meeting. Mr Lewis suggested that Mr Dunn, write as a private individual, & explain the situation & may well receive some consideration.

Notice Board:- Regarding a Village Notice Board. Sir William Miles had suggested, it be erected near the entrance to The Village Hall. The Councillors did not feel that, this would be a suitable site for it. Other suggestions put forward were by the Tree 2 By Cross Trees Farm. Mr Dilley agreed to design the Board & submit the Drawing to Sir William for his approval. Meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.

4/1/45:- Cheques were signed for Supersine £40.16p. B.S. Cannell £23.69. 28/1/45 IE. S.W.E.B. £1.64 Shaw & Sons 55p. Rent £10.  
 The Meeting Closed at 9.15 p.m. A. J. Cole  
 Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Chairman



February 18<sup>th</sup> 1975Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council.

At a meeting of the Parish Council, <sup>HELD</sup> at The Village Hall, on Tuesday **FEBRUARY 18** 1975.

Present: Messrs A. J. Cole (Chairman), H. Dilley, R. Knight, C. Dunn, G. T. Russell, the Clerk Mrs B. M. Adkins.

Minutes: - Of the previous meeting, were read by the Clerk. Confirmed & signed by Council Chairman.

Matters arising from Minutes: -

NOTICE BOARD: - The Siting of the Notice Board, could not be determined at this meeting. Mr Dilley reported that Sir William Miles, was quite adamant, that the most appropriate site would be by The Village Hall. The Councillors feel that this site is not suitable, as there is so much fast traffic on the main road, which is a definite Hazard to Pedestrians. It was also felt, that it is not prominent enough for all villagers to see. Mr Dilley said that he would approach Sir William Miles again, regarding a more suitable site for the Board.

"Brook"

A Letter was read from the Divisional Surveyor, His comments were, that the cleaning of the the Ditch, was the responsibility of the Land Owner i.e. Sir William Miles. The Culvert within the Highway is the Divisional Surveyors Responsibility. Major work will be necessary, & this matter must receive high priority in the coming financial year. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter of thanks to the Divisional Surveyor.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Diver i.e. Woodspring Council Chairman, regarding the problem of the Brook overflowing. The fact that there were five gulleys completely blocked, & that Mr A. Cole was willing to take someone around from the Department, to verify this.



Once again The Weight Restriction on the Coast Road was under discussion. The Clerk was instructed to write about this, once again. Other matters under discussion were 1 The Proposed Recreation Area. As we had not received any replies to correspondence sent, to date. The Clerk was requested to write to the various Associations again.

2 It was brought to the notice of the Council, that the bus that travels from Portishead, via Walton-in-Gordano, The Coast Road, & Redcliffe Bay, is not being used enough to warrant, the service to be continued. It was decided, that due to the present economic situation, this service should be withdrawn. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter pointing out the observations made & the ~~suggestion~~ proposal of the Council of withdrawing the service. Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. Date of next meeting will be Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Cheques have been signed for Clevedon Painting Ltd. £4.32p

A J Gobb  
Chairman