

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council
At a meeting, held in the Village Hall, on Tuesday
4th April 1978.

Councillors

Present:- Messrs G. Russell (Chairman) R. Rowles, A. J. Cole. Apologies were received, from:- Mr N. Dilley (Vice Chairman) & Mr. R. Knight.

Matters under discussion:-

Item 1 The Coast Road. The Clerk informed the Council, that the Divisional Surveyors Dept: said that this matter, be reported to the County Dept. The Clerk informed the Council, that this has been done. Mr Rowles suggested, that if an answer, does not arrive soon from the Dept:, the Clerk should then forward further correspondence by Recorded Delivery Mail.

Item 2 It was reported to the Council, that the Golf Club, had had some work carried out, by a private Contractor. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Highways Dept, requesting that the Golf Club be contacted, & asked for the Grass verge to be reinstated as it was.

Item 3 The Clerk informed the Council, that, there were no applications, to the advertisement in the Mercury, for someone to clear the Footpaths. The Clerk had approached Mr. R. Baldwin, who would consider it.

Item 4 The Parish Notice Board:- Mr Rowles informed the Council, that it is quite unsuitable. The decision taken was, that Mr Rowles would approach Mr Dilley regarding designing a suitable weatherproof Board.

Item 5 The Clerk informed the Council, that Mr. H. Waygood, had not as yet, presented an account, for clearing the footpaths last year.

Item 6 The Annual General Meeting of the Council, & the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday May 23rd

Cheques signed:- Clevedon Printing £3.30p Clerks Hon: expenses £39.61p (14/3/78). 4/4/78. Local Councils Association £7.60p

G. J. U. Russell B.M. Adkins
Chairman 23.5.78

Annual Parish Council Meeting 23/5/78.

The above meeting was held in the Village Hall, Walton-in-Gordano on:- Tuesday May 23rd 1978.

Present:- Messrs G. Russell, K. Dilley, R. Knight & A. J. Cole.

Apologies were received from:- Mr J. Rowles & District Councillor H. Riddiford.

Mr G. Russell was reelected:- Chairman of the Council.

Mr K. Dilley was reelected:- Vice Chairman.

The Financial statement was inspected by B. M. Adkins (Clerk) the council & signed by the Chairman

An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council followed.

Matters

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under discussion:-
The Council were informed, that Mr R. Baldwin had agreed, to undertake the clearing of footpaths. This met with the Council's approval.

Annual Payment to Mr Baldwin would be £40.

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Trees:- It was suggested that something should be organized, to cover the ugliness of the village tree, in its present state. The clerk was instructed to contact Mr Hurdle, regarding the possibility of suitable plants etc. for this purpose.

Other trees under discussion, were, :- A Beech Tree near Mrs Pugsley's trees on the track leading to the Common. The Clerk was instructed to contact Sir William Miles, informing him that, these trees were dead, & should be felled.

3.
Notice Board

Mr Dilley will contact Mr Rowles, to discuss the re-designing & replacement of the existing board.

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 Mr. H. Waygood
 (Footpaths)

Mr Waygood had submitted a note to the Clerk, requesting a payment of £40 re: clearing footpaths for 1977. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Waygood, to request from him a statement in detail, regarding the work that he carried out. Payment was to be deferred until this was received.

Cheques were signed for:- S.W.E.B £2.87p Cornhill Ins.
 £4.40 B.M Adkins (Clerk)

This meeting was followed at 8 p.m, by the Annual Parish Meeting.

G.J.M. Russell
 CHAIRMAN.

Annual Parish Meeting, 23/5/78. 8/8/78

Parishioners Present:- Mrs B. Knight, Mr B. Tucker, Mr T Banow & Mr R. Archer.

The minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, were read & confirmed.

Council Chairman:- Mr. G. Russell, gave a resume of the past year's, actions of the Council, on behalf of the Parish.

Mr Russell stressed, that the Council, had been successful in some requests, to the County or District, unfortunately we constantly receive replies, stating 1/ Lack of finance, or 2/ Lack of work force.

Mr Russell stated that in spite of the petition presented, 2/ numerous requests sent to Avon & 3/ An appeal to Paul Dean M.P. Avon would not meet the urgent appeal for a Weight Restriction to the Coast Road. Mr Russell read a letter from Paul Dean, giving Avon County's reasons for refusal.

The meeting was informed that the Notice Board would be repaired or replaced as soon as possible.

C/ward.

Annual Parish Meeting 23/5/78.
The Village Tree was discussed. The Council proposed that some suitable evergreen be planted, to cover the bare trunk, thus making the spot more attractive. Enquiries were being made as to the most suitable plants, also Sir William Miles would be approached for permission to plant.

The meeting was informed that Mr R. Baldwin had undertaken the clearing of the Parish Footpaths. Mr Archer offered the Parish 5 Beech Trees, the possible site for planting would be on The Common. Mr Archer also informed the meeting, that any refuse, Garden or otherwise, can be collected free of charge. He also proposed, that if some parishioners were to note where any rubbish had been dumped, then inform him, he would arrange for a lorry to collect.

The Chairman thanked those who had attended the meeting. The meeting then closed.

G. J. M. PEARSON
CHAIRMAN. 24.4.78

Walton - 17 - Parish Council :- 8/8/78.

At a meeting held at the Village Hall on Aug. 8th 1978.

Present:- Messrs:- G Russell (Chairman) A. J. Cole, G. Rowles & R. Knight. An apology was received from Mr K. Dilley. Items discussed were 1. The Village Tree. It was decided that, an "Joy Climbing Plant" (Canariensis "Variegata" would be the most suitable, for improving the appearance of the Tree. A letter was to be forwarded to Sir William Miles for his approval & comments.

Item 2 - The Parish Notice Board:-

It was decided that the present Board was useless, & must be replaced by a more stalwart Board. Councillor G. Rowles was asked to contact Councillor K. Dilley, to discuss & decide the design etc. of the Board. Mr H. Riddiford (District Councillor) suggested that the Notice Board at Nath Weston be inspected, Mr Riddiford had made & erected this Board. The Council's decision regarding this was :- if Messrs G. Rowles & K. Dilley decided that the design of this Board was suitable, Mr H. Riddiford be approached to make a Board for Walton - 17 - Gordano.

Item 3 - Gullies & Drains. A letter was to be sent to Woodspring, requesting that these require cleaning, as it appeared that only two were not blocked.

Item 4 - Mrs Wills had requested that the Parish Council consider an application, for a conservation order on parts of the Parish. Mr Riddiford said this was not necessary as the area of already forms ~~the~~ its own conservation.

Item 5 - The Clerk informed the Council that the Parish accounts had been audited. The Auditor had suggested that an application be made to Woodspring, for a grant towards the upkeep of the footpaths etc.

Item 5.

Main Drainage :- A Letter was to be forwarded to the Wessex Water Board Authorities, requesting information as to when, action will be taken to bring the main sewer drainage, through the valley. Councillor Rowles suggested that other Parishes be contacted regarding this matter.

Cheques were signed for H. Waygood (re Clearance of footpaths 1977 - March 1978. (£40.00.

S.W.E.B. £2.99p. Audit Fee £10.80p.

26/9/78. Cheque signed for Clerk's Hon: expenses £41.79p. B.M. Adkins (Clerk)

The meeting arranged for 26/9/78 was postponed due to lack of a Quorum.

G. J. W. Russell
CHAIRMAN. 21.11.78

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council:- 21/11/48.
 At a meeting held at the Village Hall on 21st November 1948.

Present:- Messrs G. Russell (Chairman) N. Dilly (Vice Chairman)
 R. Knight. An apology was received from Mr A.J. Coole. Items on the agenda.

Item 1
 The Tree:- A letter was read from Sir William Miles, regarding the Council's proposal, to plant some Climbing Ivy to improve the appearance of the existing remains of the tree. Sir William did not approve.

The Clerk read a letter to the Council, which had been received from Mr Penn (The Divisional Surveyor). He had received a telephone call, suggesting that the tree may be unsafe. A Mr R. Cooke has inspected it & has advised that the tree be removed.

The Clerk on receipt of this letter, immediately wrote to Sir William Miles, enclosing a copy of Mr Penn's letter. 2 A letter was also sent to Mr Penn suggesting he contacted Sir William regarding the tree 3 A letter to Mr Moon seeking advice on behalf of The Parish Council.

Item 2
 The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Penn once again, regarding the area of the Brook, from Mr J. Banows to Church Farm. The Clerk was also to ask Mr R. Baldwin for an estimate for clearing this part of the Brook, twice a year, if the district would not do so.

Item 3
 The Notice Board:- Mr Riddiford had carried out the wishes of the Council, i.e. the making & erecting a new notice board. Mr Riddiford was asked if it was possible to adapt the old board, so that it was possible to erect it in the Walton Bay area of the Parish.

The Councillors agreed that the new notice board, was well made & more suitable than the previous one. Mr Riddiford submitted the receipts for materials purchased. The Council in the absence of Mr Riddiford, voted that payment should be made for the number of hours & travelling etc. involved.

Cheques were signed for:- R. Baldwin £42 re: clearing of Footpaths between May & September 1978.
H. Riddiford :- £60.

It has been proposed that Walton-in-Gordano, B.M. Adkins (Clerk)
Weston-in-Gordano & North Weston Parish Councils,
invite the L.C.A. to hold their March meeting
at North Weston. The cost of refreshments etc
be shared between the three parishes. The
Clerk was instructed to contact North Weston,
stating that the Council were in agreement,
but any payment must be based on the
rateable value.

G.J.M. Russell
CHAIRMAN.
23. 1. 1979

B.M. Adkins

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council :- 23/1/79.
 At a meeting, held in the Village Hall, on
 Tuesday :- January 23rd 1979.

Present:- Messrs:- G. Russell (Chairman) K. Dilley (Vice Chairman
 & R. Knight. Apologies were received from A.J. Cole, &
 H. Riddiford (District Councillor).

Minutes:- of the previous meeting, were read & confirmed.

Matters

- Arising:-
1. The Brook:- A letter had been received, from Mr Penn, stating, that Woodspring would undertake, the clearance etc; of the stretch of Brook, in the vicinity of Church Farm. A letter was to be sent to Mr Penn, as the bank ^{requires} attention.
 2. L.C.F. Meeting:- 14th March. It was confirmed that the Council, will be sharing the cost of refreshments for this meeting. Cost will be based on the rateable value, of Walton-in-Gordano, Weston-in-Gordano & North Weston.
 3. A letter was read from:- The Mendip Society, regarding the proposal of Woodspring District Council, to increase, the number of times, that grass verges are cut. The council agreed, with the Society, that if the verges on the minor roads, are cut too frequently, the beauty of the countryside could be spoiled. A letter was to be sent, to the Society, & a copy of same to the District Council.
 4. Precept:- The Council decided that £210, would be required
 5. The Clerk was instructed, to contact the owner of "Moaside", to acquire the information, regarding the trench, that had been dug in the road, but leading to this property.
 6. The Chairman informed the Council, that Mr R. Archer, had approached him, regarding the five Beech Trees, that he had offered, to the Parish. The proposed site for planting, was the Common.

Mr Russell said, he would approach Sir William Miles, regarding this proposal.

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1 A Letter was read, from Mrs Wills, regarding, the number of times, Parish Councils should meet.

2 Notices to the press etc.

It was agreed, as the Parish Council, hold their meetings, every six weeks, unless any urgent matter arises, this was quite in order.

Agendas were to be sent to the Mercury again, although a reporter has only attended once in four years, & requested, that if anything of interest arose, to phone in the information.

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The Clerk informed the Council, that she would be resigning, at the termination of the present Council. The Clerk was instructed to advertise the vacancy.

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The Village Tree; - Mr Russell reported, the result of the meeting, held on Site, with Mr Penn, Mrs Wills, & the tree expert & himself: -

1 The Tree must be removed, this will be carried out by the Highway Authority.

2 Mrs Wills had generously offered a replacement tree.

3 The new tree, would be maintained by the Parish Council.

The Council proposed, that as Mrs Wills was present, Mrs Wills be consulted, as to the most suitable.

Mrs Wills recommended, the British Cherry tree, as the most suitable. This could be planted in the Autumn.

Mr R. Knight questioned, the height & spread of this tree. Mrs Wills said, that the tree could be well controlled, by regular pruning. It was proposed that the tree be accepted, on behalf of the Parish.

A Letter to be sent to Mrs Wills, thanking her for her generous offer.

Cheques were signed for S.W.E.B.

B. M. Adkins (Clerk)

G. G. M. Russell
CHAIRMAN.
6/3/79

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council
At a meeting held in the Village Hall, on
Tuesday 6th March 1979.

Present:-

Messrs:- G. Russell (Chairman) K. Dilley (Vice Chairman)
R. Knight & G. Rowles.

Minutes:-

of the previous meeting were read, approved &
signed.

Matters

Arising:-

A letter had been received from the District Surveyors
office, stating that the wall in the vicinity of
the Brook, would receive attention.

Mr Russell stated that he had approached Sir William
regarding the planting of the Beech Trees, given
by Mr R. Archer. A provisional date was made
to plant these on the Common.

The Clerk reported that Mr Hughes of "Moorside",
had not replied to correspondence sent, regarding
the ditch in the road.

The Clerk reported that Moor Lane, had ~~one~~ one
particular day, been without water. Plus the
fact that many times the pressure is very low.
The Water Board had been informed of this, &
residents in the area advised to contact the
Water Board individually.

The Applications for the post of Clerk were reconsidered.
The Clerk was instructed to make appointments,
for interviews, on March 28th.

The Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for
24th April 1979.

Cheques were signed for ~~£13.00~~ Clevedon Printing
£8.50p. Show & Sons £1.36p. Village Hall £13.
Clerks Hon & Expenses.

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£41.69p.

B.M. Atkins (Clerk)

G.J. U. Russell
CHAIRMAN

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