

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council.

At a meeting held in the Village Hall, on Tuesday
24th April 1979.

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

Minutes: of the previous meeting were read, approved & signed.

Matters Arising:- 1. Mr Russell reported, that the Beech Trees, had
been planted on the Common.

2. The Clerk informed the Council, that the Water
Board were now aware of the poor water supply
to Moor Lane, & would investigate.

3. It was proposed by Mr Rowles, that a strong
protest be sent to the appropriate Dept:
regarding the rapid deterioration of all services.

4. The Clerk was requested to contact the Dept:
regarding a blocked drain, in the vicinity of Mr Pott's
House.

5. Due to public feeling, within the Parish, regarding
a gift of a tree from Mrs Wills, (which had
been accepted on behalf of the Parish by the
Council on 6th March 1979.)

It was proposed by Mr K. Dilley (Vice Chairman)
& seconded by Mr R. Knight, that the decision
regarding the acceptance of the offer of the tree
be rescinded, this motion was duly carried.

6. Mrs Edith Roberts was appointed Clerk as from 1st June
1979. Cheques were signed for S.W.F.B £3.24p & £1.75p.
This meeting was closed, to be followed by
the A.G.M.

B. Adkins (Clerk)

Kenneth Dilley
V. Chairman.
23/5/79.

Annual Parish Meeting 24th April 1979.
Held at the Village Hall. Walton in Gordano.
 Present: Messrs. G. Russell (Chairman), K. Jolley
 (Vice Chairman), R. Knight & G. Rowles.
 Nineteen Parishioners attended the meeting.

The Villagers were welcomed by the chairman, and the minutes of the last General meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

A tribute to Mr G. Brodie who died recently was made by the Chairman, who said that Mr. Brodie had been a member of this Council for many years, and always kind and helpful. He would be much missed in the Village.

It was noted that Avon County Council had refused an appeal for a vehicle weight restriction on the Coast road. Mrs P. Wills suggested that a width restriction be asked for.

Footpaths are now being cleared by Mr J. Baldwin.

Five Beech trees, the gift of Mr. R. Archer, have been planted on the Common.

Much regret was shown that the old Cross Tree had been removed as unsafe, following its destruction by Dutch Elm disease. Mr G. Rowles pointed out that the P.C.C. and the Villagers were very reluctant to see it go, and questioned Mrs P. Wills regarding her action in reporting the tree to the Highway Authority, thus ignoring the Parish Council. Mr J. Flower stated that the old surrounding stones on the site

were sinking, and suggested that the Highway Authority be asked to inspect the site. After a lively discussion it was decided that the replacement tree should be one with a long life for the benefit of future generations. Mr K. Dilley suggested that an expert on trees should be asked to meet the Villagers and advise on the best tree to plant. Mr Wills suggested that this suggestion be adopted and Mr. Tucker seconded the proposal. Mrs G. Cooling asked the possibility of getting main drainage for the village, as Cess Pool clearance had become tiresome and expensive. The Chairman stated that there was no hope at present. Mr. G. Rowles said that the Goudano Drainage Scheme has been thrown to the winds. A question from Mr. Charleworth regarding water pressure in Moor Lane brought the comment from Mr. J. Flower that no proper main runs to this part of the village. Mrs Wills proposed that the Water Authority be asked to lay a proper water main through the village, seconded by Mr Charleworth.

The meeting noted with regret that the old signpost at the corner of Moor Lane had been broken off; another attempt is to be made to repair the arms.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the present Councillors would not be seeking re-election. The Clerk (Mrs B. Adkins) was also retiring.

The Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to all those who attended.

E. Roberts (Clerk).

B. J. Gannell.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Wed. 23rd May. 79.

An apology was received for the late arrival of Mr. G. Russell. Mr. K. Dillee chaired the meeting, attended by Mr. R. Knight, Mr. G. Rowles, Mrs B. Adkin (Clerk) and Mrs E. Roberts, (Clerk elect).

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

1. A reply had been received from the Water Board regarding the poor supply of water to Moor Lane. It is hoped to rectify the fault at an early date.
2. Mrs E. Roberts was welcomed on her appointment as Clerk to the Council.
3. Mr. Rowles spoke regarding the state of the Cliff path, and it was decided to write to Woodspring regarding this.
4. Mr. R. Baldwin has been appointed to cut the footpaths for the next twelve months.
5. It was decided to contact the Highway Authority regarding the blocked drains between 'The Gargoyles' and the phone box on the Down Road.
6. Also to note a pot-hole near Mrs Pugsley's house, and a loose stone over the brook near Church Farm.
7. Mrs B. Adkins was warmly thanked for her work as Clerk, which had been greatly appreciated.
8. Tribute was paid to the work of Mr. G. Russell, the Council Chairman, who was standing down from the Council after serving for a period of thirty years. His constant effort and loyalty to the village deserved sincere thanks from everyone.
9. Cheques were signed:-
 - Local Councils Association 60p.
 - Mrs. B. Adkin (Clerk) Hon. & Exp. from 1st Ap. to 31st May. £13.95.

The meeting closed with the dissolution of the Council, as all members had decided to retire and a new Council will be elected.

B. F. Gaskell
E. Roberts
 Clerk

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held at the Village Hall, on Wed. 25th July, 79, at 8.p.m.

Newly elected Councillors present:-

Mrs. B. Cannell, Mrs P. Willis, Messrs A. Barrow, M. Ross, and N. Wilyman, and the Clerk, Mrs. E. Roberts.

Mrs. P. Willis proposed that Mrs. B. Cannell be elected Chairman, and this was seconded by Mr. A. Barrow.

Mr. A. Barrow proposed Mrs P. Willis be appointed Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. N. Wilyman.

Forms of acceptance were signed.

The meeting started with a vote of thanks and appreciation proposed by Mrs Cannell and seconded by Mr. N. Wilyman to the previous Council for their dedication and faithful service to the village, and especially to the Chairman, Mr. G. Russell, for his devotion over many years.

Item 1. Precept. Information had been received from Woodspring D.C. that no additional precept could be asked for, until the end of the financial year, this brought queries regarding a suggested Loan from the D.C., to cover the cost of the election and other items. The Clerk was instructed to ask if the Loan would be interest free, and if a grant would be available to help pay for the election. Also to ask Woodspring to ratify the legality of the last precept, as this had been discussed under the heading "Any other business".

Item 2. Footpaths. A letter had been received from Mr. Baldwin asking for specification of work to be carried out on footpaths, as he was not willing to cut overhead branches. This was accepted and it was decided to write to him accordingly, and in the event of troublesome branches, to approach Sir William Miles for assistance. A letter will also be sent to Woodspring D.C. regarding the bad condition of the Coast path.

Item 3. Minutes of meetings. Minutes are to be duplicated and a copy sent to each member with notice of the next meeting. Mrs P. Willis kindly offered to carry out the duplication free of charge.

Item 4. Mr. Ross proposed and Mrs Willis seconded that the Council meetings should be held monthly, on a Monday evening, at 8.p.m. if the Village Hall is available. The Monday chosen to be ^{preceding} following the date of the monthly meeting of the Planning Committee, so that any relevant plans can be studied. The Hall to be booked for 2 hours.

Item 5. Planning. Mrs P. Willis drew attention to the fact that we have a responsibility to study plans in advance.

Item 6. Conservation. The Clerk was requested to ask Miss Brimacombe, the conservation officer, for information regarding conservation in the village.

Item 7. The Brook. It was decided to ask Woodspring at what time of the year the brook was cleaned, as any voluntary cleaning left the problem of rubbish to be removed.

Item 8. A letter was read from the Highway Authority refusing a Width restriction for vehicles using the Coast Road. Mrs P. Willis suggested that Councillors living adjacent to the Coast Road, should observe the flow of vehicles, using the road, and then the matter could be pursued further.

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Item 9. Water Supply in Moor Lane.

Further to the agreement of the Water Board to improve the supply of water to Moor Lane, an effort should now be made to find out what is causing the delay in starting the work.

Item 10. Mr. Ross proposed that enquiries should be pursued regarding Main Drainage for the Village, and this was approved, and seconded by the Chairman, Mrs Cannell.

Cheques were signed:-

Dept. of the Environment, for Audit Fee. \$12.65.

S.W.E.B. for Village light. \$3.38.

The meeting closed at 9.30.p.m.

D. S. Cannell
E. Roberts
Clerk

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 10th Sept. 79. at 8.0.p.m. attended by:-
 Mrs B.Cannell, Chairman, Mrs P. Wills, Vice-Chairman,
Messrs. A. Barrow, M. Ross, N. Wilyman, and Mrs.E.Roberts, Clerk.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
2. Matters arising from the minutes.
 Precept. Further enquiry to Woodspring Treasury showed that the Parish Council had been misinformed, and that an interim Precept could be made. It was resolved that Mrs Cannell, Wills and Roberts should meet to discuss the cash required.
Footpaths. That Mr. R, Baldwin be asked to reply to the letter sent to him. This was resolved.
3. That a letter be sent to the Commons Commissioners asking for further information on a communication received from them.
4. Public Information Points. That a letter be sent to Woodspring D.C. to support the maintenance of a P.I.P. in Clevedon, and a copy sent to our divisional member, Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith.
5. That a letter be sent to Mr. M. Russell, the tree expert, who advised on the choice of an Oak for the new Cross Tree, to thank him for so willingly giving his time and advice. The tree, a sapling, to be obtained and planted in November. Resolved.
6. The new water supply in Moor Lane is now connected and very successful. It was resolved to thank the Water Board and ask whether the pipe has been laid deep enough under the stream.
7. Satisfaction was expressed that the Gateway Foodmarket have forbidden their large vehicles to use the Coast Road, following complaints from the Parish Council.
8. A letter had been received from the Highways Committee setting out the Criteria for a speed limit through the village. Also a letter from the Technical Services Dept. stating that there is no possibility at present of Main Drainage being laid from the Village. It was resolved to raise this item periodically.
9. That a letter be sent to Mrs. J. Cole, expressing regret and sympathy on the recent death of her husband, paying tribute to his past work for the Parish as Councillor, Council Chairman and District Councillor. Resolved.
10. That a letter be sent to the Fire Officer, requesting further consideration of a Fire Hydrant in the lower part of the Village now that an improved water supply is available. Resolved.
11. That the Clerk Mrs. E. Roberts and the Chairman, Mrs. B. Cannell be reimbursed for the cost of their attendance at the L.A.C.A.

Parish training course held at Backwell F.E. Centre on Sat.
8th Sept. 79.

12. Booklets on standing orders were distributed to allow Members time for study before a discussion on the subject at the next Council meeting.
13. Mrs Cannell stated that a complaint had been received regarding the overgrown state of the Common, and particularly the large number of Sycamore Trees. It was resolved to investigate the rights of the Council regarding the Common.
14. Anxiety was expressed at the loss of trees from the Village, due to Dutch Elm disease, and natural wastage. It was resolved that Mr. R. Brodie be asked to allow a site meeting on his land between Moor Lane and the Portishead Road, to discuss tree planting next year. The money for this to be included in the Spring Precept. Consideration to be given to planting more trees elsewhere in the village.
15. That a letter be sent to Mrs B. Adkin, the former Clerk, asking that all mail received by her addressed to the Council should be promptly forwarded. This was resolved.
16. That the Public be invited to attend meetings of the Council, and that 15 minutes be set aside before the start of the meeting for discussion.

A Cheque was signed for the Avon Local Councils Assn.

£7.50. Annual subscription.

7.35. Books for the Council.

£14.85.

The meeting closed at 10.10.p.m.

B. J. Cannell

E. Roberts

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, at 8p.m. on Monday the 8th October, 1979.

Present:- Mrs B. Cannell, Chairman, Mrs P. Wills, Vice-Chairman, Messrs T. Barrow, N. Wilyman, M. Ross and Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk.

1. The minutes of the preceeding meeting were approved and signed.

2. Clerks report:-

A letter had been received from the Chief Fire Officer stating that the main supply of water to the village had not been improved, and is still not large enough for a fire hydrant. It was resolved to draw attention to the 2½" pipe at the Manor House.

Mr. Penn, the County Engineer, has suggested that Mrs Wills should be asked to arrange the purchase of a guard rail for the new Cross Tree. Mrs Wills agreed to undertake this duty. The stones by the Brook will be repaired as soon as possible.

A reply had been received from the Water Board stating that the supply pipe under the stream in Moor Lane is protected by a steel duct and is quite safe from animals and dredging.

Mr. R. Brodie has agreed to allow a site meeting on his land, and it was resolved to meet in Moor Lane at 2.p.m. on Sunday next.

3. It was resolved ^{by a majority of 3 to 2} to support Woodspring D.C. in opposing the appeal of Sir W. Miles to the Ministry of the Environment to be allowed to keep a garden fence for which planning permission had been refused.

4. Several Gateway Food lorries have been noticed using the Coast Road and it was resolved to bring this to the notice of the Management.

5. Age Concern-Avon. It was ^{agreed} resolved to set up a notice asking for a volunteer from the Village to act as a link between "Age Concern-Avon County", and any Villager at risk in times of bad weather and other emergency.

6. It was ^{agreed} resolved to ask A.L.C.A. for a copy of the report on the possible extension of Lulsgate Airport for careful consideration.

7. Mrs P. Wills gave a report on the A.L.C.A. meeting held at Portbury Village Hall on Sept. 25th, with particular reference to the possible introduction to this Country of 40 Ton lorries. Any photographic evidence of damage to roads by lorries would be welcomed by those in opposition.

8. ^{It was resolved to} Precept for a further £90.00. ~~was made~~ to cover expenses.
Cheques were signed R. Baldwin, Footpaths, £42.00.
County of Avon,
Parish Councillors course. £5.00.
Coloprint £10.93.

9. It was ^{decided} resolved to ask the Police Officer in charge of the district his opinion of the traffic problem on the Coast Road.

10. A draft schedule of Standing Orders was considered and approved ~~for adoption~~ by the Council.
The meeting closed at 10.p.m.

B. J. Cannell
Edith J. Roberts
Clerk.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at
the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday the 12th November, 1979.

Present:-Mrs B. Cannell, Chairman, Mrs P. Wills, Vice Chairman,
Messrs T. Barrow, N. Wilyman, M. Ross and Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk.

11. Minutes of the preceeding meeting were approved and signed.

12. Mrs. P. Wills reported that the new cross tree will be delivered at the end of the month, and arrangements are in hand to provide a suitable guard.

13. Clerks report.

Fire Hydrant. A reply had been received from the chief Fire Officer re-affirming that the water pressure in the 2½" pipe at the Manor House is insufficient for a fire hydrant. It was decided to ask the Water Board to discuss the possibility of providing a new main supply.

Age Concern. No reply has been received for a volunteer to act as a link with Age Concern. It was felt that there was no need for a link in the village, but it was decided to tell the Secretary of the organisation that there might be people at risk at Walton Bay.

Lulsgate Airport. No copy of the report on the proposed extension of the Airport is available at present, a copy will be circulated as soon as possible.

Traffic. The local Police were approached regarding the traffic problem in the village, and said they had few complaints and did not feel it to be a problem.

14. It was discussed and agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Fox the traffic consultant of A.L.C.A. to ask for help and advice regarding the speed of traffic through the village.

15. A site meeting held in Moor Lane on Sunday the 14th October to consider tree planting was attended by Mrs M. Cannell, Messrs M. Ross and N. Wilyman and Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of a tree planting scheme for the village, with particular attention to the old railway line, and the area around the village hall, and the fencing of such trees.

The clerk was instructed to ask the Hall committee for details of any plans for a car park, to avoid planting trees there, and to ask tree expert Mr. M. Russell for his advice and assistance.

16. A second hand filing cabinet has been purchased for the safe keeping of Council documents for the sum of £2. Mrs P. Wills proposed and Mrs B. Cannell seconded that the clerk be authorised to spend up to £20 for the necessary files, and that a letter be sent to Mr. R. Taylor thanking him for selling the cabinet to the Council.

17. The salary of the Clerk was discussed, and will be put on the Agenda of the December meeting for a decision.

The meeting closed at 9.30.p.m.

B. J. Cannell.

E. Roberts.

10.12.79

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, on Monday 10th December.

Present:- Mrs B. Cannell, Chairman, Mrs P. Wills, Vice Chairman, Messrs T. Barrow, N.Wilyman, M. Ross and Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk.

17. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

19. Mrs Wills asked permission to raise the subject of a car-park for the Village Hall, as she felt alarmed at the danger of car parking through the Village on Social occasions in the Hall. It was proposed by Mrs Wills and seconded by Mrs Cannell that an approach should be made by the Chairman to persons concerned, i.e. the land owner, Sir William Miles, the Tenant, Mr.J.Flower, the Hall Committee, and the Vicar, to investigate the possibility of proceeding with the construction of a car-park for the Hall.

20. Mrs Wills reported that delivery of the new Cross Tree was late due to lifting being delayed by a very late leaf fall. The tree guard has already been made.

21. It was resolved that the salary of the Clerk should be raised to £75 per annum, and the payment for use of a room as an office should be raised to £20. The increase to be back dated to 1st June, 1979.

22. It was decided that after Christmas an approach should be made to the C.P.R.E. to try to obtain a grant to help with tree planting in the Village.

23. A decision was made to ask the Highways Committee if they would be prepared to erect a sign 'Please drive slowly through the Village!'

24. A reply had been received from the Bristol Waterworks Co. setting out the reasons why a Fire Hydrant would not be successful on present water supplies. The Company has agreed to liase with the Fire Service to see what could be done to improve Fire Protection. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Fire Service to ask if the tank of water belonging to the Golf Club, situated behind 'Hill View' on the Down Road, would be available for use in case of emergency.

25 Mrs Wills proposed and Mrs Cannell seconded the proposal that an approach be made to the Conservation Officer with a view to making the Village, or at least a part of it, a Conservation Area.

26. Concern was expressed at the untidy state of the roads in the Village. The Clerk was instructed to find out the possibility of obtaining a litter bin to place by the Church, and also whether the present Insurance Policy would cover a sponsored clean-up by young people.

27. Outline planning application by Mr. C. Dum, to build a bungalow and cattle rearing unit at Nortons Wood was discussed, and it was decided by a majority that no action be taken.

Cheques were signed:-

Cornhill Insurance Premium	£4.70.
Wessex Office Equipment	
(Files)	£17.48.
S.W.E.B.	£3.59.
Mrs E.Roberts (Clerk)	
Hon.Payment.	
Expenses.	£93.49.
P.Cash.	

B J Cannell
E. Roberts
clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.30.p.m.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on February 4th, 1980 at 8.0.p.m.

Present:- Mrs B. Cannell, Chairman, Mrs P. Willis, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. A. Barrow, M. Ross, N. Wilyman, and Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs M. McEwen-Smith (our member to Woodspring D.C.) to the meeting.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were approved and signed.

28. The Chairman made a report concerning minute 19 (10th Dec.) Car Parking for the Village Hall. An approach to Sir W. Miles regarding land that would be required for the Park brought the comment that being the owner does not give any power over a tenant, and he referred the Chairman to the tenant, Mr. J. Flower. Mr. Flower felt unable to comment at present. The Chairman of the Hall Committee had recently resigned, and a new Chairman has not yet been elected. The Vicar, Father Jack Court, had already approached Sir W. Miles on this subject and felt there would be no objection to the proposed site if planning permission could be obtained. No suitable alternative site could be found. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Leisure Services Committee for a grant towards the project.

29. Clerk's Report. The Highways Committee had replied that it is illegal to erect a 'Please Drive Slowly' notice. Fire Precautions. The Fire Service have now contacted the Golf Club and made sure that they have access to the tank of water behind Hill View Cottage in emergency. Two Fire Hydrants are available at Swiss Valley within one mile of the Village, and the Fire Service are confident that they could deal effectively with any outbreak. Mrs Willis proposed and Mr A. Barrow seconded a vote of thanks to the Clerk for her research in this matter. No reply has yet been received from the Conservation Officer. Another litter bin will be provided by the Technical Services Department, the site to be agreed. An additional Insurance Premium of £2.50. would cover a group of young people doing a sponsored clean-up of the village. It was decided to pay for the cover.

30. Precept. The Council decided that £420 would be required for 1980-81.

31. Trees. Gentlemen of the Council decided to erect the tree guard for the new Cross Tree at the earliest possible date, in anticipation of the arrival of the tree. The Clerk was instructed to make an appointment with Mrs. Ellis of the C.P.R.E. to visit the village to discuss tree planting.

32. Planning. The only planning application was for Spring Cottage, Walton Bay, to demolish an old single garage and build a double garage. No objection was made.

33. Frequency of Council meetings was discussed, and it was decided to continue to meet once a month, for the time being.

34. A Cheque was signed for Cornhill Insurance Co. £2.50.

The meeting closed at 9.30.p.m.

B. P. Cannell
E. Roberts
Clerk

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall,
on Monday, 8th March, 1980, at 8.p.m.

Present:- Mrs B. Cannell, Chairman, Mrs. P. Wills, Vice-Chairman,
Messrs M. Ross and A. Barrow, and Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk.
An apology for absence was received from Mr. N. Wilyman.
Mrs McEwen-Smith also attended.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved and signed.

35. After the Clerk had reported that no progress had been made with traffic problems in the village, it was decided to ask the Highway Authority for the Criteria for a Width and Weight restriction.

36. A reply had been received from the Conservation Officer setting out the preliminary work that could be done towards making the village a Conservation area.

37. A reply had been received from the Leisure Services committee stating that a Grant of 12½% might be obtained towards a Car Park for the Village Hall.

38. A Planning application for Woodbine Cottage, Walton Bay, was considered and no objection raised except regarding the proposed erection of garage and workshop. The Clerk was instructed to suggest that a clause be included in the approval that this construction should at all times remain a single storey.

39. The Cross Tree was planted by the Chairman of the P.C., Mrs B. Cannell, on March the 8th. Mrs P. Wills apologised for the poor quality of the tree. It was agreed that the Parish Council should pay for the tree, and also a small plaque to commemorate the planting. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. D. Penn regarding the subsidence around the tree. Mrs B. Cannell expressed grateful thanks to Mrs. P. Wills for all her hard work in obtaining the tree, and doing much of the preparation of the site. Mr. M. Ross and Mr A. Barrow had erected the guard.

40. Due to illness, Mrs D. Ellis of the C.P.R.E. had been unable to reply regarding trees for the village. The Planning Committee had said that a grant of 50% might be available towards the scheme, and it was decided to ask the Parks Superintendent to come to the village to discuss the matter. (Woodspring Planning Committee)

41. It was agreed to support wholeheartedly a move by Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council to obtain a circular bus service to run from Clevedon through the Gordano Valley to Bristol.

42. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter of protest to Woodspring D.C. over the proposed charges for car parking in Clevedon and Portishead.

43. Apprehension was expressed at the possible closure of village Post Offices, and it was decided to write to Mr. Paul Dean, MP, and give the views of the Council.

44. Complaints had been received at the misuse of the Common for Motor Cycling. Sir William Miles has agreed to provide a notice forbidding Motor Cycling on the Common. Further action to be taken if the notice is not complied with.

45. Arrangements were discussed for the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April.

The meeting closed at 9.30.p.m.