

Walton in Gordano Parish Council.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall, on Monday the 14th April, 1980.

Present, Mrs. B. Cannell, Chairman, Messrs A. Barrow, M. Ross, and N. Wilyman, and Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs P. Wills, and Mrs M. McEwen-Smith (Our District Councillor).

Fourteen parishioners attended the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and paying a warm tribute to the previous council, especially the Chairman, Mr. G. Russell for his long and untiring service, and with special mention of his very successful effort towards the Jubilee celebrations.

The minutes of the previous Parish meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Chairman referred to the election of the new Council and Clerk, and gave a brief resume of the work carried out by the Council over the past year.

1. Planting of New Cross Tree.
2. Further attempts to secure width or weight restrictions on the Coast road, and the co-operation of Gateway Foodmarkets in rerouting lorries.
3. New water-pipe laid in Moor Lane.
4. Outcome of correspondence with the Fire Authority.
5. Cess-pit emptying, No change likely as Walton is no longer included in the Gordano Valley Drainage Scheme.
6. Request for part of the Village to become a Conservation Area.
7. Co-operation with Age-Concern.
8. Expression of regret at the death of Mr. J. Cole.

Matters of General Interest.

1. Motor Cycling on the Common.
2. Establishment of P.I.P.'s following Council move to Weston S.M.
3. Possible charges for Car Parking at Clevedon and Portishead, and improved bus service.
4. The forthcoming Public Enquiry on Lulsgate Airport.
5. To obstruct by all means possible the suggested closure of Village Post Offices.
6. Accounts to be available for inspection before the Audit in May, comments invited.

Topics for general discussion.Tree Planting.

The Chairman introduced the topic and explained that the P.C. were at this stage exploring various possibilities before drawing up any specific proposals. Messrs. Charlesworth, Baldwin, Dilley and Bessant spoke on the subject and the Clerk noted their comments.

Grants for the Village Hall and Car Park.

The Chairman gave the details of possible grants. Messrs. Russell,

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Adkins, Knight and Mesdames Knight and Barrow contributed to a lively discussion on matters related to the use, repairs and upkeep of the Village Hall, and the desirability or otherwise of adjacent car parking facilities. The Chairman said the P.C. would continue to communicate with the various interested parties.

Village Clean-up.

The Chairman announced there would be a voluntary 'Clean-up' operation in the Village on Saturday 19th April, when parishioners were asked to help tidy up the Village. A skip would be provided by Avon County Council, and sited in Moor Lane.

Several parishioners complained that the newly provided litter-bin is unsightly. It was agreed that efforts be made to provide a slatted wooden frame.

Recycling of Waste.

This matter was considered but it was agreed that lack of storage space and transport would prevent any further action.

Walking the Footpaths.

The Chairman wondered if anyone would be interested in such an activity, and read a letter from the Rambler's Association with special reference to Footpath Heritage 80 Week, June 14th to 22nd.

Any other business.

Parishioners requested that attention be given to the following matters:-

1. Cutting back of branches on the tree opposite "Brookside" in Moor Lane.
2. Gully below Mrs Long's house, and opposite the Village Hall.
3. The dirty state of the telephone kiosk.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30.p.m. when refreshments were served. This was followed by films of village activities shown by Mr. R.S. Cannell which were greatly appreciated.

M. P. Ross
D. W. Langham

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 8.0.p.m. on Monday the 12th May 1980.

Present Mrs B. Cannell, Mrs P. Wills, Messrs. A. Barrow and M. Ross, Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk and Mrs McEwen-Smith, Woodspring Councillor.

The Clerk opened the meeting by reading a letter from Mr. N. Wilyman apologising for absence, and proposing that Mrs B. Cannell be re-elected Chairman, and Mrs P. Wills, Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Mr. A. Barrow and Mr. M. Ross respectively. Forms of acceptance were signed.

Clerks Report. A letter had been received from Weston-in-Gordano P.C. suggesting co-operation regarding traffic and bus services. The Clerk was instructed to thank them for the letter and suggest:-

1. That the two Chairmen should meet.
2. That a comprehensive count of traffic be taken now, and in one years time.
3. To avoid agravating the traffic problem in Weston-in-Gordano our Council would not pursue the application for a width or weight restriction on the Coast Road at present.

The Clerk was instructed to order a small plaque to commemorate the planting of the New Cross Tree at a cost of approximately £23.00. plus V.A.T. Also to ask the District Surveyor if it would be possible to erect a lower chain link fence around the tree.

Mrs E. Roberts had given notice of resignation to the Council, and was thanked for her work during the past year. Advertisement to be placed in the press for replacement.

Trees. It was decided that a letter be sent to Sir W. Miles requesting him to meet the Council to discuss the possibility of planting a small number of trees in the Village (10-20).

Hall Car Park. Members now feel that this project should be left mainly with the Trustees and Committee of the Village Hall, though still willing to give any assistance requested. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Hall Committee suggesting that it might be made a condition of 'Letting', that cars should be parked in Moor Lane, as recently a Council Member was called to the Hall to have cars moved during a function.

A voluntary 'Clean-up' of the Village on April 19th was a great success. Favoured with a beautiful day a small group of Parishioners picked up quantities of rubbish from streets and hedges, for which a Skip had been provided in Moor Lane. Others willingly cleaned the frontages of their homes, and the appearance of the Village was much improved. The Chairman thanked everyone for a great effort. The Clerk to thank Avon C.C. for providing a Skip, and ask that Refuse Lorries secure their loads when driving along.

It was decided to enter the best kept village competition.

On request Mrs McEwen-Smith agreed to obtain the latest information on the Gordano Valley Drainage Scheme.

Payments were made:- Insurance ~~£~~4.70. Electricity ~~£~~3.75. Cement ~~£~~2.60.

B. J. Garrell
E. Roberts

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday the 9th June, 1980.

Present:- Mrs B. Cannell, Chairman, Mrs P. Wills, V.Chairman, Mr.A.Barrow and Mrs E. Roberts, Clerk.

Mrs McEwen-Smith was also present.

An apology for absence had been received from Mr. M. Ross.

Clerks report.

The small plaque to mark the planting of the new cross tree was received with approval. The District Surveyor had replied to a request for a chain link fence, that he regretted he could not expend money on an amenity.

Trees. Sir William Miles had replied to an invitation to meet the Council noting that he would prefer first to meet the Chairman alone. An appointment to be made.

Village Hall.

The Hall Secretary had replied to our letter enclosing a copy of the 'Hire Agreement' showing the recommendation that cars should always be parked in Moor Lane.

Anxiety was expressed about the future of the Village Hall, and the Clerk was instructed to approach Mrs P. Court, the Rector's wife, for information regarding Solicitors and Trustees.

Mrs McEwen-Smith was invited to speak on the question of Main Drainage. Information was given that the Gordano villages may later be included in a sewage scheme at the Portbury Dock, but it was thought that smaller individual schemes would be better when the money is available. There is no immediate prospect of Main Drainage for the village.

Finance. A Precept was made for £420.

Cheques were signed:-

Village Hall	£19.00.
Clevedon Printing Co.	£5.00.
Dept. of the Environment	
(Audit Fee)	£12.65.
Signet Signs Ltd.	£25.58.
Mrs. E. Roberts (Clerk)	£91.80.
(Hon. £37.50. Room rent	£10.00.
Phone & Calls	£10.00. P. Cash
Private mileage 108 miles @ 25.4p per ml.	£27.43.)

As the Village had been entered for the Best Kept Village competition everyone was asked to ensure tidiness and cleanliness in the village. Mr. Barrow's offer to cut the grass around the Hall was gratefully accepted.

Traffic. The Council had not had prior warning of the closure of the B3124 at Weston-in-Gordano diverting all traffic via the Coast Road, and it was decided to ask the Secretary of A.L.C.A. to protest to the Highways Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.15.p.m.

B. J. Cannell

*E. Roberts
Clerk.*

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday, the 11th July 1980.

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

Minutes of the preceeding meeting were approved and signed.

Mrs. D. McLoughlin was interviewed, Mrs. Cannell proposed and Mrs. Wills seconded her appointment as Clerk to the Council as from 1st Sept. Terms of employment to be as for the previous Clerk.

Clerk's report.

Village Hall. Mrs P. Court had been contacted and had allowed the Clerk to read the Village Hall 'Deed'. This confirmed to the Council that all the original Trustees are now dead, and the advice of Mr. Bailey, the Woodspring Solicitor, had been sought. To proceed with the legal requirements for the appointment of new Trustees it would be necessary to employ Solicitors. Due to the likely cost of such a move, the Clerk was instructed to seek the assistance of Mr. J. Arbuthnott of the Village Halls Assn. at A.L.C.A. to find out if any financial help is available. Mr. Bailey had stressed that the Hall must have legal Trustees. Mrs Court had no knowledge of Solicitors being employed for the Hall at any time.

Traffic Count. The Avon Traffic Department had sent three forms for a selection to be made to record the planned traffic count in September, and the Clerk was instructed to order the most suitable.

Refuse. A reply has now been received from the Director of Technical Services stating that refuse in the hedges on the B3124 most likely came from privately owned vehicles taking loads to the tip at Weston-in-Gordano. Councillors decided to watch for evidence.

Gullies. Mr. Penn had reported that the gully below Mrs. Long's house has been rebuilt with a new outlet. Mr. Barrow had already trimmed the Willow in Moor Lane.

Joy was expressed that the village had been placed in the semi-finals of the Best Kept Village Competition. The Chairman proposed and Mr. Barrow seconded that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. G. Hurdle for his care in keeping the Churchyard looking so beautiful, as the Judges had particularly commented on this. The Chairman also thanked Mr. Barrow for grass cutting, and everyone who helped to tidy the village.

Trees. The Chairman reported a cordial meeting with Sir William Miles, and had reached agreement that an outline plan for a small scheme of planting should be submitted for his approval. Suggestions were then made, and the Clerk instructed to take the plan to Mr. Riou (Tree expert) for his appraisal. Mr. Barrow suggested he would ask Sir William for permission to cut Larch stakes for the tree guards, *if he approves the scheme.* Complaints were received regarding a dead elm on the B3124 and dead branches on a Lime tree overhanging the footpath at Batch Wood. The Clerk to ask for remedial work to be done.

A.L.C.A. Meeting. The Chairman gave a comprehensive report of the meeting held at Dundry in June, which was devoted entirely to discussion of the Avon County Structure Plan. Arrangements were made for each Councillor to have a copy of the 'Summary'.

Conservation. The Council were pleased to know that plans to make the Village a Conservation Area had made some progress. The Clerk was instructed to accept the offer of Miss P. Brimacombe, the Conservation Officer, to talk to the Council at an early date.

Bus Services. Alarm was expressed at the persistent rumour that the local bus service is to be curtailed, and the Clerk instructed to ask the Bus Company for an assurance that this is not so.

Footpaths. Complaints were received regarding the overgrown state of the Coast path, and it was decided that a letter should be sent to the County Engineer passing on the complaints.

Gordano Drainage Scheme. As there seemed to be some confusion as to whether Walton is still included in the main scheme, the Council decided to ask Mr.D.Penn to clarify this point.

Finance. The Council agreed to pay £10.00. ($\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost) towards a necessary repair to the Clerk's typewriter. A cheque for £10.00. was signed for Philputts. Also for A.L.C.A. for printed notices £1.00. S.W.E.B. Quarterly Electricity, £4.0.3.

The Clerk was asked to order two copies of the Avon County Structure Plan Summary at 50p. each.

The Clerk thanked Members for consideration during her time with the Council and was again thanked for her work.

The meeting closed at 10.p.m.

B. J. Cassell.

D. W. Langford - Clerk.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday,
8th September, 1980

PRESENT: Mrs. B.Cannell, Chairman and Messrs. A.Barrow, M.Ross and N.Wilyman, together with Mrs. D.McLaughlin, the Clerk.

An apology was received from Mrs. P.Wills, Vice-Chairman.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
2. The Chairman welcomed Mrs.D.McLaughlin and expressed her thanks for the work done by the previous Clerk, Mrs. E.Roberts.
3. Clerk's Report.
 - i. The Village Hall. After discussion on this subject, it was decided to ask the Clerk to contact Mr.Arbutnott and suggest he comes to the next meeting on the 13th October to discuss the position with regard to the Trustees of the Hall.
 - ii. Traffic Count. The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk of the Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council to arrange a mutually suitable date for the traffic count. Discussions took place about the method of conducting the count, and it was agreed that volunteers would each be on duty for a 2 hour period. The necessary forms had been received from the Avon Traffic Department.
 - iii. Trees. The Clerk was asked to write to Sir William Miles asking for the return of the map so that the tenant farmers could be approached regarding their choice of trees.
 - iv. Footpaths. The Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Technical Services to make sure that the coast path is cleared early in 1981 to cover the holiday period. This year the work was done in September which was too late to benefit holidaymakers.
 - v. Gordano Valley Sewerage. The Clerk read a letter from the Director of Technical Services in which it was stated that there was no prospect of sewerage facilities being available in Walton-in-Gordano for many years to come. It was ascertained that the current 5 year programme mentioned in the letter was effective from the 1st April 1980.
 - vi. Avon Structure Plan - Gordano Valley. The Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Clerk of the Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council to clarify the position regarding the possible change in designation of areas of great landscape value.
 - vii. Conservation. Arrangements had been made for Miss P.Brimacombe, the Conservation Officer, to attend a meeting on the 22nd September at the Village Hall, and notices had been displayed asking for as many parishioners as possible to attend this meeting.

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4. Mr.Barrow reported on the steps taken with regard to the flooding of Mrs.Pugsley's house. He mentioned that he had been in touch with Mrs. McEwen-Smith and the Assistant Highways Surveyor in Nailsea. The work is now in progress, and the Chairman expressed the Council's thanks to Mr.Barrow for his action in this matter.
5. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr.Barrow and the Clerk would be attending the A.L.C.A. Meeting at Congresbury on the 17th September,1980.
6. It was decided that Walton-in-Gordano should again enter for the Best Kept Village Competition in 1981.
7. Finance. A cheque for £48.63 was signed on behalf of Mrs.Roberts as under:

Hon.Payment	£26.25
Expenses	22.38
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The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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D. M. Langham

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on
Monday, 13th October, 1980

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs. A.Barrow, M.Ross and N.Wilyman, together with the Clerk, Mrs. D.McLaughlin.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs. P.Wills, the Vice-Chairman.

1. The Committee accepted with regret the resignation of the Chairman, Mrs. B.S.Cannell and, after discussion, Mr. M.R. Ross was nominated for the post of Chairman by Mr.A.Barrow and seconded by Mr. N.Wilyman.

It was the unanimous wish of the Council that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs.Cannell expressing the Council's appreciation of her work as Chairman.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

3. Clerk's Report

- i. The Village Hall. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had tried to contact Rev. Court, but he was away on holiday. Mr.Arbutnott had agreed to meet the Committee and Rev. Court to discuss the legal position with regard to the village hall. Both Rev. Court and Mr. Arbuthnott have now agreed to attend the meeting on the 10th November 1980 to discuss this matter with the Members.
- ii. Traffic Count. The Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Clerk of the Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council to decide which date was mutually acceptable for this Count. This has been agreed as Friday, 31st October. Arrangements have been made to cover the hours between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The appropriate forms have been distributed.
- iii. Trees. Discussion took place about the type of trees to be planted and the Clerk was asked to get in touch with Mr.Riou to meet Members of the Committee for discussion with regard to particulars in connection with the siting, the best time for planting and the choice of trees.
- iv. Avon Structure Plan - Gordano Valley. The Clerk of the Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council had been contacted about this matter and she confirmed that the matter was in the hands of A.L.C.A. On telephoning A.L.C.A., our Clerk was instructed to write to one of the County Council Representatives stating that Walton-in-Gordano was very anxious that the Gordano Valley be designated as an area of Great Landscape Value. The Clerk had written to Councillor Mrs. P.L.Martin who is one of the Representatives.
- v. Conservation. It was resolved that parishioners who had queries about any aspect of conservation should contact the Chairman of the Planning and Conservation Committee at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare.

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4. Finance. Three cheques for payment were signed as follows:-

S.W.E.B. -£4.49
Mr.R.J.Baldwin -£42.00
Avon C.C. -£1.50
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5. Times of Meetings. It was unanimously agreed that future meetings of the Parish Council should commence at 7.00 p.m. instead of 8.00 p.m.
6. Next Meeting. The date for the next meeting was the 10th November 1980.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

W. W. Baldwin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE
HALL ON MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 1980

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. M. Ross, Chairman, Mrs. P. Wills, Vice-Chairman and Messrs. R. J. Baldwin and A. Barrow, together with Mrs. D. McLaughlin, the Clerk, and Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith, Woodspring Councillor.

Also present were Mr. Arbuthnott from A.L.C.A., and Mr. T. Adkins (also representing Rev. Court) together with three other members of the Village Hall Committee.

Mr. C. Riou and Mr. J. Cornick (Parks Department, Woodspring D.C.) also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. N. Wilyman.

1. Mr. R. J. Baldwin was appointed as Councillor to fill the casual vacancy on Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

3. Clerk's Report

i. Footpaths. The Clerk was asked to contact A.L.C.A. in connection with the cutting and clearing of the Mariners Path. She was informed that, in the first instance, the Footpaths Officer of the Avon County should be approached to check on the position. If the Avon County could not help due to financial restrictions, A.L.C.A. might be able to help by way of volunteers in a Working Party of a Conservation Group. The Clerk has written to the Footpaths Officer accordingly.

ii. The Village Hall. Discussion took place between Members and the Representatives of the Village Hall Committee, and Mr. Arbuthnott explained the position with regard to the hall as far as he was able without reference to the deeds. It was discovered that Mrs. Kempster, a member of the Hall Committee, had a copy of the deeds and these were handed over to the Chairman.

Mr. Arbuthnott informed the meeting that the Custodian Trustees of A.L.C.A. should have a sight of the deeds to clarify the legal position which might take 3 to 4 weeks. The deeds are then to be returned to the Chairman of the Council when a meeting would be convened with all interested parties.

It was recommended that the Council hands over the deeds to Mr. Arbuthnott who would notify the Committee when he had further details.

iii. Traffic Count. The Chairman gave details of the Count which had been undertaken in conjunction with Weston-in-Gordano P.C.

It was recommended that arrangements should be made for another Count to be conducted in the Spring of next year, again in liaison with Weston-in-Gordano.

The Clerk was asked to enquire from the Traffic Department of Avon C.C. if another type of form was available for a traffic count which would include pedestrians and thereby give a more comprehensive picture of the situation.

It was noted that the times of the Traffic Count held on the 31st October 1980 ~~should read~~ ^{was from} 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and not 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. as intended, because these times were more suitable to Weston-in-Gordano.

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3. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- iv. Road Closure. The Clerk informed the Committee that she had been notified by the County Engineer and Surveyor that the B.3124 road through Weston-in-Gordano would be closed for two weeks from the 10th November for repairs.

The Clerk reported that she had written to the Avon C.C., on the instructions of the Chairman, regarding signs to be erected during the closure of the B.3124 and also had been in touch with the Police who had promised that patrol cars would be available during this period.

- v. Road Signs. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Penn, the Divisional Surveyor, asking if additional signs could be erected. The suggestions were for one "Road Narrows" notice to be erected by the "Zig Zag" sign in the Village, and another by the golf course. A "Clear Way" sign to be erected along the Coast Road as well.

- vi. Trees. Mr. Riou, the Parks Superintendent, and Mr. Cornick, Woodspring D.C., gave details to the Committee about the planting of trees in the Village, including the cost.

It was resolved that a site meeting be convened for Wednesday, 19th November at 2 p.m. to discuss the sites, choice of trees and any other details. Mr. Riou and Mr. Cornick would attend this meeting, together with as many Members of the Council as possible.

The Clerk was asked to write to Sir William Miles stating that the Lime tree on the south side of the footpath between the Manor driveway and the first gate west of the drive was in a dangerous condition and should have attention. This also applies to the Chestnut tree by Mrs. Blake's chicken house.

4. The Chairman stated that he had attended the A.L.C.A. meeting in Keynsham and the only item of concern to the Council was the increase in the cost of subscriptions.
5. Mrs. McEwen-Smith mentioned that a meeting on the Green Belt Subject Plan was being held at the Somerset Hall, Portishead, on the 18th November at 7.30 p.m., and it was agreed that it would be useful for Members to attend this meeting.
6. On the question of possible new Police headquarters in Portishead, Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that there was still no decision, but in any case, there should be no additional traffic through the Village as this new Centre would be a Training and Administrative Centre only and not an operational police station and other routes would be used.
7. Next Meeting. The date for the next meeting was the 8th December 1980.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

W. H. Longden

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY
8th DECEMBER 1980

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. M.Ross, Chairman, Mrs. P.Wills, Vice-Chairman, and Messrs. R.J.Baldwin, A.Barrow and N.Wilyman, together with Mrs. D.McLaughlin, the Clerk.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
2. Tree Planting. Discussion took place regarding the planting of trees in the Village following the site meeting on the 19th November 1980.

It was recommended that Sir William Miles and Mr.Flower be approached initially with the suggested choice of trees which should be planted before the Spring.

It was also recommended that an application be made to the District Council for a Tree Preservation Order in respect of the two Chestnut Trees, one in the Manor Drive and the other by Mrs.Blake's chicken house, and the Lime Tree on the south side of the footpath between the Manor driveway and the first gate west of the drive. This would ensure that these trees would be kept in good condition for the future.

3. Conservation. After discussion on the various aspects of this matter, it was RESOLVED: THAT the Village of Walton-in-Gordano, as defined on the official plan, should become a Conservation Area.

This motion was proposed by Mrs. P.Wills, and seconded by Mr. R.J.Baldwin.

4. Clerk's Report.

- i. Footpaths. The Clerk read a letter from the Avon County Engineer and Surveyor from which it was noted that it would be unlikely for them to provide such a level of expenditure as they had this year to maintain Mariners Path.

The Council instructed the Clerk to reply stating that, if the cutting of this Path was left until September, it would involve more work and thus more expenditure. The work should, therefore, be scheduled for May or June 1981.

- ii. Road Signs. A letter from the Divisional Surveyor of the County of Avon was read stating that it was unnecessary for a "Road Narrows" sign to be erected by the "Zig Zag" sign in the Village as the road is narrow for its whole length, is on an uphill grade and it would be difficult for any responsible driver to drive other than with care. Also that any such sign would detract from the amenity aspects in the Village.

The Clerk was instructed to reply that, although the road is narrow at the Tree, on approaching the hill the width is narrower and there is only room for one vehicle to pass at a time. This makes it even more dangerous when heavy lorries or buses use the road.

5. Capital Grant System. Concern was shown about the withdrawal by the Department of Education and Science of the Direct Grant for local voluntary building projects. The Clerk was asked to write to our local M.P. that he protests most vigorously to try and secure a reversal of this Government decision. Letters would also be sent to the County Council Member and our District Councillor on the same lines.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1981 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. M.Ross, Chairman, Mrs. P.Wills, Vice-Chairman and Messrs. R.J.Baldwin and A.Barrow, together with the Clerk.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. N.Wilyman.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
2. Tree Planting. It was agreed that, in the first instance, trees such as Ash, Oak or Beech, be planted in the gaps along the hedge of the field belonging to Mr.Flower at the entrance to the Village from Clevedon. A second site was also recommended adjacent to the electricity sub-station in Moor Lane where the suggested trees were swamp cypress or willows.

The Clerk then produced a map, received from Woodspring Planning Department, on which the Council were invited to mark the 3 trees which were recommended for Tree Preservation Orders. This was done and the map was then to be forwarded by the Clerk to the appropriate Department.

3. Conservation. The Clerk was asked to insert a notice in the notice board displaying the Resolution passed at the December meeting confirming that the Village of Walton-in-Gordano should become a Conservation Area.
4. Trees and Woodlands. A Member expressed concern about the number of dead trees in Dullys Wood opposite the golf course along the Coast Road to Hill Cottage. The Clerk was instructed to write to Sir William Miles urgently on this matter, as it was pointed out that these dead trees could prove a dangerous hazard should they fall across the road.
5. Footpaths. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had received some literature and a booklet "Footpaths Guide" from the Avon Conservation Exchange, with regard to a scheme whereby local parishes were asked to conduct interested parties along footpaths and beauty spots in their own districts. He would be attending a meeting on this subject in Bristol and would advise Members of the facts when next they met.
6. Clerk's Report.

- i. Footpaths. The Clerk had received a letter from the Avon County Engineer and Surveyor in which it was agreed that the work to Mariners Path should be carried out early in the season, i.e. May or June.

A Member referred to the dangerous condition of a section of the path between the north side of the Clevedon golf course and the Signal Station at Walton, and asked that a letter be written to Avon County Council requesting repair work to be put in hand urgently.

- ii. Road Signs. The Clerk had received a reply from the Divisional Surveyor of the County of Avon stating that he could not recommend a "Clear Way" notice to be made for the Coast Road.

However, the Clerk was asked to write again to the Divisional Surveyor insisting that a "Road Narrows" sign be erected by the "Zig Zag" sign in the Village. Attention was drawn to the fact that, during the summer and even on fine Saturdays and Sundays during the year, there was a congestion of traffic and four accidents had recently been observed by one Parish Councillor living near this spot. There have also been major incidents on this narrow road where large vehicles have collided with a wall shedding their load all over the road.

6. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- iii. Bus Services. The new bus services through the Village were discussed and the Committee expressed their pleasure at the consideration shown by the Bristol Omnibus Company with regard to the buses now serving the lower part of the Village.

However, concern was also expressed at the failure to provide a service along the Coast Road, and the Clerk was instructed to display a notice in the Village Shop and also in the shop at the Walton Bay Caravan Park asking for residents who were interested in taking part in a private bus scheme to declare their interest. This service would enable anyone living along the Coast Road to travel either to Portishead or Clevedon. It was also requested that a letter be written to the Bristol Omnibus Co. enquiring if it would not be possible to divert some of the buses from the B 3124 along the Coast Road.

- iv. Repairs and Maintenance. The Clerk reported that the work on the drain outside "Roseway"; the pothole outside Rectory House and the parapet wall along the bridge across the black ditch in Moor Lane were all in hand and should be completed shortly.

7. Councillors' Reports.

- i. A complaint was received about the parking of a caravan inside the garden wall of a house in the Village. The Clerk was asked to check the position with regard to touring caravans with the Planning Department.
- ii. The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with Rev. Court with regard to the Trusteeship of the Village Hall, and suggested that a public meeting be held as quickly as possible to finalise the legal position. When a mutually convenient date has been arranged for such a meeting, the Clerk would make arrangements for a notice to be displayed on the Village Notice Board to this effect.
- iii. A Member again noted that the drain outside Mrs. Pugsley's house was causing trouble and the Clerk was instructed to contact the appropriate Department.

8. Capital Grant System. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Paul Dean M.P. on this subject, and also a reply received from County Councillor C.W. Coppack. The matter would be kept under observation.

9. Precept. The Council discussed this matter at some length and it was decided a rate of 2.5p amounting to £530 would be required for 1981/82.

10. Finance. A cheque for £4.49 was passed for payment to S.W.E.B.

11. Next Meeting. The date for the next meeting was the 9th March 1981.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, 9th MARCH, 1981 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. M. Ross, Chairman, Mrs. P. Wills, Vice-Chairman and Messrs. R. Baldwin and N. Wilyman, together with the Clerk.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. Barrow.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed with the following exceptions:

- (i) Minute 2 - Tree Planting. The last word in the first paragraph should read "poplars" and not "willows".
- (ii) Minute 9 - Precept. The Clerk had received notification from Woodspring D.C. showing a deficit of £185 with them, due to election expenses in July 1979. This had not been allowed for in the precept for 1980/81. The notice also showed an estimated credit balance at the 31st March 1981 of £4, which was rather confusing.

It was decided to precept for £420 in 1981/82 as in the current year, plus £63 to allow for 15% inflation and £100 to cover tree planting, making a total of £583 (a rate of 2.75p). If the amount of £185 also had to be allowed for, this was to be added on making a total of £768 (a rate of 3.62p).

The Clerk was therefore instructed to enquire of Woodspring D.C. as under:

- (a) If the deficit of £185 was still outstanding; and
- (b) Whether there is any limit on the amount for which we can precept.

2. Vide Minute 1(ii) the Clerk had been informed by Woodspring D.C. that:

- (a) The debit of £185 had already been taken care of under additional items.
- (b) There was no limit to the amount for which we could precept.

On examining the accounts, it was estimated that we would have a balance at the Bank on the 31st March 1981 of approximately £130.

It was therefore unanimously agreed to precept for £530 in 1981/82 (a rate of 2.5p).

3. Conservation. At their meeting on the 12th March 1981, Woodspring D.C. declared Walton-in-Gordano as a Conservation Area. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Planning and Conservation Officer for confirmation as to whether this was a final decision, or if the matter had to be confirmed at a higher level.

4. Footpaths. The Chairman had attended the meeting held by the Avon Conservation Exchange and showed Members the booklets and literature on footpaths generally. He told the Committee that Mr. Eastens of the Avon C.C. had suggested that he would be pleased to come and talk to us on this subject, and also help in any way if the Parish decides to print a map or a leaflet of footpaths in our area.

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4. Footpaths (Contd)

The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether other local parishes in the area had their own footpath maps and then to get in touch with Mr. Eastens thanking him for his offer to come and talk to us and confirm that we would like him to do so. Enquiries were also to be made from the Ramblers Association and the Gordano Valley Society for help with regard to maps or other literature on this subject.

5. The Village Hall. The Public Meeting in connection with the Trusteeship of the Village Hall was held on the 23rd February 1981.

Following this, the Clerk informed the Committee that she had been making numerous enquiries with regard to the Trusteeship of the Hall, and was awaiting replies to letters she had written in this connection. She had been given various leads and was hopeful of an early settlement.

6. Allotments. A complaint was received about the untidy condition of the land at Spring Head which is owned by Sir William Miles. A suggestion was made that this land could be utilised as allotments, but it was pointed out that this land had previously been used for market gardens, and that Sir William Miles would be unlikely to allow it to be used for allotments.

However, it was agreed that when the Parish enters the Best Kept Village competition, attention could be drawn to the unkept condition of this land.

7. Clerks' Gratuities. A booklet on the conditions for the retirement of Town and Parish Clerks had been received.

It was recommended that the booklet be handed round for Councillors to read and it would then be further discussed at the next meeting.

8. Clerk's Report.

(i) Footpaths - Mariners Path, Coast Road. The Clerk had received a letter from Avon C.C. in which they agree that the work on the dangerous section of this Path would be put in hand as soon as possible.

(ii) Road Signs. The Clerk had received a reply from the Divisional Surveyor stating that a "Road Narrows" sign in the Village would be inappropriate at this point when judged by criteria used on other sites within the County.

It was then recommended that another traffic count be carried out in May or June, preferably on a Friday. As stretches of the main road through the Village are without pavements, it was thought necessary that the Count should include pedestrians. It was also suggested that this Count should be done in conjunction with Weston-in-Gordano, and the Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk of that Parish accordingly.

(iii) Bus Services. A reply had been received from the County of Avon stating that monitoring of the service via Walton Bay in the past had revealed a limited use of this facility, and therefore no provision could be made for its resuscitation. A copy of this letter was to be displayed in the shop at the Walton Bay Caravan Park.

Concern was expressed that the Bus Company had issued bus passes to parishioners but these were useless when there were no buses along the Coast Road. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the Bus Company on these lines, also stating that residents living in this area would have to walk 2 or 3 miles to catch a bus.

(iii) Bus Services (contd)

In connection with the use of private buses, vide Minute 6(iii) of the last Minutes, quite a number of people had declared their interest in this scheme. The Clerk was instructed to contact some of the local private bus companies and get their opinion about this plan.

- (iv) Car-parking charges in Clevedon and Portishead. The Clerk had sent a letter of protest to Woodspring D.C. over the proposed charges for car-parking in both Clevedon and Portishead shopping precincts.
- (v) Repairs and Maintenance. The Wessex Water Authority had sent their Superintendent to inspect the parapet wall along the bridge across the black ditch in Moor Lane and he would be reporting back to the Clerk shortly.

The Divisional Surveyor had notified the Clerk that the drain outside Mrs. Pugsley's house was ear-marked for repair early in the new financial year.

- (vi) Meetings of Area Planning Committees. Councillor Mrs. McEwen-Smith had asked the Clerk to inform the Committee that Woodspring D.C. were anxious to do away with the present Area Planning meetings, which had been held since Local Government re-organisation, in order to make a substantial saving in expenses. However, Mrs. McEwen-Smith wished the Committee to know that at the next Council meeting she would be voting for the retention of these Area Planning Committees as she feels that small parishes like to have a representative acting on their behalf on local matters. The Committee would be kept informed of any progress on this subject.

9. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) It was noted that the parking of a touring caravan inside the garden wall of a house did not require planning consent.
- (ii) A Member raised the question of whether the pavement could be extended from the corner of Mr. Flower's farm to the entrance of the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate Department.

10. Evening Training Course for New Councillors and Clerks.

It was agreed that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend the above Course which is being run by A.L.C.A. at Long Ashton on Tuesday, 24th March, 1981.

It was resolved that the £1 registration fee in respect of the Clerk be paid by the Council.

11. Leave of Absence. Mrs. Wills asked the Chairman for leave of absence from the 2nd April until 5th May 1981 which was granted.

12. Finance. A cheque was passed for payment as under:

Mrs. D. McLaughlin (Clerk)

Hon. Payment for $\frac{1}{2}$ year (Sept. 1980 - Feb. 1981)	£37.50.
Telephone Rental - $\frac{1}{2}$ year (-do- -do-)	10.00
Room as office - $\frac{1}{2}$ year (-do- -do-)	10.00
Expenses and petty cash (8th Dec. 1980 - 9th March 1981)	37.50
<u>Total</u>	<u>£95.00</u>

13. Next Meeting. The date for the next meeting was the 13th April 1981.