

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 13th
APRIL, 1981 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. M. Ross, Chairman, Messrs. R. Baldwin and A. Barrow together with the Clerk.
District Councillor Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs. P. Wills.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
2. Conservation. Notice of Designation of Conservation Areas in the District had been received from Woodspring D.C. and the Clerk was instructed to make suitable arrangements for this Notice to be displayed so that parishioners could have a sight of it if they so wished.
3. Footpaths. It was thought that all the footpaths in the Village and the surrounding land are marked and well used. Enquiries are still being made from the Ramblers Association and the Gordano Valley Society for any literature in this connection, and when any maps are found showing footpaths in and around Walton-in-Gordano, they should be made available for sale in the shop at Walton Bay Caravan Park and the Post Office Stores.

A decision will be made at the next meeting as to whether it is necessary for Mr. Eastens to come and talk to Members on this subject, as it was learned that this officer will shortly be retiring from Avon County Council on grounds of ill health.

4. The Village Hall. The Clerk told the Committee about the latest position with regard to the Trusteeship of this Hall and of the correspondence she had received since the last meeting.

It was now confirmed that Mr. John Humphreys has written to say that he believes he is still a Trustee and the Clerk was instructed to write to him asking for any official documents in this connection. When this has been confirmed, we will then be able to confirm the position of the Trustees of the Hall. The Clerk was also asked to contact Mr. Arbuthnot of A.L.C.A. in order to be absolutely certain of the legal position.

5. Best Kept Village Competition. It was decided that Walton-in-Gordano enter this Competition again and the Clerk was asked to send off the entrance form and also to display the letter regarding this on the notice board.
6. Royal Wedding Celebrations. Mr. Baldwin attended the special meeting called by the Village Hall Management Committee to discuss the question of celebrations with regard to the Royal Wedding on the 29th July 1981. He told Members that the three points raised at that meeting were as follows:-

- (a) Do we agree that there should be some celebrations?
- (b) Do we wish to make a financial contribution?
- (c) Would we like to be represented on the Committee if it has been agreed to hold such a function?

Members agreed that we should have some form of celebrations; and should make a donation for buying mugs for the children of the Village only, and that Mr. Baldwin should represent the Parish Council on this new Committee.

7. Clerk's Expenses. The Clerk had been asked to keep a detailed record of all telephone calls she made for an experimental period of one month. This she had done and, after discussion, it was recommended that, because of the amount involved, it did not warrant the extra time and work necessary for such a detailed record. However, the Clerk was to enquire from other Clerks their method of charging for telephone calls. Mention was also made about the charge for mileage which was incurred in official duties. The Clerk had been in touch with the Treasurer's Department of Woodspring D.C. and had been informed that the amount charged was correct.

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8. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Footpaths - Mariners Path, Coast Road. A Member reported that the notices placed by the dangerous section of this Path had been vandalised and the Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. pointing out this further hazard. On contacting the appropriate Department, it was confirmed that the Avon C.C. were aware of this and the matter was in hand.
- (ii) Road Signs. The Clerk contacted the Clerk of Weston-in-Gordano P.C. who stated that the Council had agreed to conduct a Traffic Count in conjunction with Walton-in-Gordano. It was suggested by them, however, that they would prefer this to be either in May or June as during August all schools were closed and a lot of traffic, i.e. school buses and parents taking children to school would be off the roads. We were asked to arrange a mutually suitable date and let them know.
- (iii) Bus Services. The Clerk told the Committee that the firm of Tripp Robbins of Clevedon had shown considerable interest in our suggestion of running a private bus along the Coast Road and were awaiting further instructions from the Parish Council. Mr. Ross was requested to contact this firm accordingly.
- (iv) Car Parking charges in Clevedon and Portishead. The Clerk read a letter from Woodspring D.C. acknowledging receipt of her letter of protest about the proposed charges for car-parking.
- (v) Meetings of Area Planning Committees. Councillor Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith informed the Committee that, after considerable discussions on this subject, it has now been decided that the Area Planning Committees will be retained, albeit on a smaller scale.

9. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Clerk reported that she had been informed by the Divisional Surveyor that the pavement from Mr. Flower's farm to the entrance of the Village Hall could not be extended as it would encroach on the present very narrow road, thus creating a hazard. He also pointed out that many rural areas do not have the benefit of footways on both sides of the road, and that at a time when funds are limited he could be criticised for supplying an additional one in Walton.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to Mr. Penn stating that, due to cars having to park in Moor Lane, people now have to walk along this very uneven and dangerous section of road to attend functions at the Village Hall, and suggesting that perhaps a narrow footpath and curbstones could be placed along this section.

- (ii) The Clerk was also instructed to contact Mr. Penn thanking him for the speedy repair work done on the road over the drain which was flooding opposite the electricity sub-station, but pointing out the still dangerous condition of the pavement here.

Another Member pointed out that there was a pothole near the bus stop by Home Farm. The Clerk was also asked to bring this to the notice of the Divisional Surveyor.

10. Finance. A cheque for £4.88 was passed for payment to S.W.E.B.

11. Next Meeting. The next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 11th May 1981.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

W. M. Loughlin

ANNUAL OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY,
11th MAY, 1981

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. M. Ross, Chairman, Messrs. R. Baldwin, A. Barrow and N. Wilyman, together with the Clerk.

Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs P. Wills.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
2. Mr. A. Barrow proposed that Mr. M. Ross be re-elected Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Mr. R. Baldwin.

Mr. N. Wilyman proposed that Mrs. P. Wills be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year which was seconded by Mr. R. Baldwin.

Forms of acceptance were signed accordingly.

3. An apology for not attending the previous meeting was received from Mr. N. Wilyman.
4. Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed that the Clerk make arrangements with Woodspring D.C. to have a skip sited in Moor Lane in the first week of June to enable parishioners to clear rubbish from the streets and hedges as was done last year.

The judging for the Best Kept Village was being done during the period from the 13th June to the 28th June 1981 and it was hoped that parishioners would make every effort to keep their gardens and the village generally clean and tidy.

5. Royal Wedding Celebrations. Mr. T. Adkins, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee had sent a note to say that he had ordered souvenir mugs for the children of the Village (40 in number) at 75p each plus VAT. The Council had previously agreed to pay 50p per mug, but the dearer mug was of better quality.

The Council discussed this matter and adjourned the final decision to the Annual Parish Council meeting which was to take place after this meeting.

6. Road Signs. The Chairman pointed out that the Highways Department of Avon C.C. did not agree that a "Road Narrows" sign was necessary in the Village and therefore the Council had agreed to hold another Traffic Count in conjunction with Weston-in-Gordano P.C. in June. The suggested dates were the 19th or the 26th June and the Clerk was to make arrangements.
7. Bus Services. The Chairman informed the other members that a private bus company had agreed to run a bus service along the Coast Road during the summer for a trial period. The proposed scheme would be for two journeys a day - one in the morning and one in the afternoon for three days a week. This matter was to be further discussed at the following A.P.M.
8. Village Notice Board. It was decided to defer this matter until the next meeting of the Council when the Chairman suggested that a site meeting of the Councillors could be held to agree on the best position for this notice board.
9. Precept. The Chairman suggested that when the Precept is received from Woodspring D.C., the amount be put into a deposit account at the Bank in order to earn interest instead of the current account as at present, and this could then be transferred to the current account when needed.

It was unanimously resolved that a deposit account be opened at Lloyds Bank and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

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- 10. Insurance. The Clerk asked the Committee whether an additional policy should be taken out with Cornhill Insurance Co. to cover the clean-up of the village in connection with the Best Kept Village competition.

The Clerk was asked to get details from the Insurance Company.

- 11. War Planning Guide. This Guide had been circulated to all members of the Council and the Chairman asked whether any member would like to attend this function at Weston-super-Mare on the 28th May. Mr. Barrow declared his interest in attending this event.

It was resolved that the Chairman, Mr. A. Barrow and the Clerk attend this meeting.

- 12. Finance. A cheque for £4.60 was signed on behalf of Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd.

- 13. Date of next meeting. The date for the next meeting is the 8th June 1981.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

W. Barrow
W. McLaughlin

WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY,
11th May, 1981 at 7.45 p.m.

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

Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended.

12 Parishioners attended this meeting.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.
2. The Clerk read the Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting which were approved and signed.
3. The Chairman then reported on the following matters:-
 - (a) Road Signs. The Council had asked the Highways Department to place a "Road Narrows" sign by The Tree along the Coast Road in the Village to encourage a speed limit on this very narrow road. However, the Department had decided against this suggestion as they maintained that there was no danger if drivers drove with care.

The Council has therefore decided to hold a Traffic Count in June in conjunction with Weston-in-Gordano P.C. The Chairman asked for any volunteers to carry out this Count.

- (b) Conservation. Walton-in-Gordano has now been officially declared a Conservation Area.
- (c) Audit. Mention was made of the notice regarding the audit of the Council's accounts. The closing date for any inspection of the accounts by the public was the 17th May 1981.
- (d) Tree Planting. The Chairman informed the meeting that arrangements had been made in the first instance to plant Ash, Beech or Oak trees at the entrance to the Village from Clevedon.

The second stage would be for Willows, Poplars or Swamp Cypress to be planted adjacent to the electricity sub-station in Moor Lane between the the brook and the hedge.

- (e) Village Clean Up. The Chairman informed the meeting that Walton-in-Gordano had entered the Best Kept Village competition again this year and that the judging would be from the 13th June to the 28th June. Volunteers were asked to help clean up the Village, and the Clerk was instructed to arrange for a skip to be sited in Moor Lane to receive all the rubbish.

A suggestion was made that the Sunday School children should make their own posters for display in the Village in connection with this competition. This would be in addition to the official posters which have to be displayed for this event.

It was pointed out by Mrs. Wills that the Manor House gardens would be open to the public on the 14th June 1981 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. The Clerk was to note this on the map sent in connection with the Best Kept Village competition.

Mrs. Wills asked for volunteers to weed and generally clean up the area around The Tree which was in an unsightly condition at present. Mrs. S. Barrow and Mrs. Pope kindly offered to do this.

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4. Other matters discussed:

- (i) Mention was made that the concrete base of the litter bin had been broken. This matter to be investigated.
- (ii) Mr.K.Dilley complained that the residue of earth had been left in the middle of the track along Spring Head and was unsightly.
- (iii) The drain by Mrs.Pugsley's house was again discussed as the work had not been done satisfactorily. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Divisional Surveyor of Avon C.C.

5. Car Parking Charges in Clevedon and Portishead. The meeting was informed that Woodspring D.C. had up-held these charges at their recent meeting, but Mrs. McEwen-Smith, our District Councillor, pointed out that this matter was coming up for debate at the next meeting of the District Council and she would be commenting on this controversial subject again.

Mrs.Wills pointed out that people who visited the Health Centre in Portishead would be jeopardised, even though car-parking spaces were to be set aside for visitors to the Health Centre.

6. The Village Hall. The Clerk gave a resume of the progress with regard to settling the legal aspect of the trusteeship of this hall. She had been in touch with Mr.J.Humphreys who believes he may be a Trustee and suggested that other Trustees may be Sir William Miles and the Rev. J.Court. The Clerk was asked to contact these two people to see if they had any knowledge of this. Once this position has been clarified, arrangements will be made to finalise this matter.

7. Footpaths. The Clerk was asked to contact other local parishes to work in conjunction to produce a footpaths guide for the general public. The Clerk was in touch with the Secretary of the Gordano Footpaths Group who had already produced a map, and would be reporting back to the Council at their next meeting.

8. Royal Wedding Celebrations. The Clerk had received notification from the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee that he had purchased souvenir mugs for the children of the Village under 15 years of age - 40 in total. The Parish Council had agreed to pay 50p towards the cost of each mug but as the mugs were now priced at 86½p each, the Council had been asked whether they were prepared to pay the extra cost.

After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Mrs. P.Wills, seconded by Mr.K.Dilley and agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council pay 86½p, including VAT, for each mug for the children, within the age group mentioned, of the Parish.

9. Bus Services. The Chairman reported that the P.C. had agreed to get a local bus company to run a bus service along the Coast Road from Clevedon to Portishead for 3 days a week, the suggested times being at about 9.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. This would be for a trial period only, and it was stressed that as many people as possible should support this scheme to enable it to operate permanently. If any parishioner had further suggestions as to the days and times these buses should run, they should contact a member of the Council.

10. Mariners Path, Coast Road. The work on the dangerous section of this Path had now been scheduled to be done by Avon County Council, and they had also agreed to cut the hedges and generally tidy this Path earlier this year in time for the holidaymakers.
 11. Avon Structure Plan. If this plan is passed, all land around the Village will be scheduled as green belt.
 12. Tree Preservation Orders. T.P.O's had been made on the following trees:-
 - (i) The Chestnut Tree at the approach to the Village by Manor Cottage.
 - (ii) The Lime Tree on the south side of the footpath between the Manor Drive and the first gate to the west.
- Mrs.Wills was very concerned that the Chestnut Tree at the end of Mrs.Blake's garden had been felled, but it was pointed out that this tree had been examined by experts who had declared it to be unsafe. The meeting was told that it would have cost a considerable sum to have it made safe, and it may still have had to be felled at a later date. In these circumstances, an order had been given for this work to be done.
13. Village Notice Board. Discussion took place in connection with the re-siting of this Board. Various suggestions were made and it was finally decided to postpone any decision on this matter until the next meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. after which refreshments were served.

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W. S. Taylor

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 8th JUNE, 1981 at 7 p.m.

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

Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended.

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

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
2. Planning. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the Director of Planning, Woodspring D.C., protesting against the proposed plans submitted for various developments in the Gordano Valley as they encroached on the conservation areas and were also an infringement of the Green Belt.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith explained the present position with regard to these plans and pointed out that the Northern Area Planning Committee had unanimously refused the planning applications in question. They are now scheduled to come before the main Planning Committee of Woodspring D.C. in two weeks' time for confirmation of the refusal.

Mrs. Wills enquired whether these applications would be further discussed at the meeting of the Planning Committee, and Mrs. McEwen-Smith replied in the negative.

Mrs. Wills then thanked Mrs. McEwen-Smith for keeping us informed of the present situation and for all she had done on our behalf with regard to these controversial applications.

3. Bus Services. Mr. Ross informed the meeting that he had not heard from the firm about the proposed bus service along the Coast Road. He would be getting in touch with the firm and will report at the next meeting.
4. Village Notice Board. The Committee inspected the notice board and it was finally suggested that arrangements be made for the glass front to be adjusted for easier and safer opening.
5. Traffic Count. Arrangements had been made with Weston-in-Gordano P.C. for a Traffic Count to be held on Friday, 19th June from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Arrangements were made for our Parish to cover the traffic along the Coast Road and Weston-in-Gordano would count the traffic on the B.3124.
6. Footpaths. The attention of the Council was again brought to the condition of Mariners Path, Coast Road which was very overgrown and needed to be cut urgently to enable holidaymakers to use it. The Clerk was again asked to contact Avon C.C. about this matter.
7. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk had made arrangements for the posters in connection with this event to be displayed in strategic positions in the Parish.

Mr. Lee, the Director of Technical Services (Woodspring D.C.) had kindly arranged to have a skip in Moor Lane for the weekend of the 6th and 7th June and the Clerk was asked to place notices in the Post Office and the shop at Walton Bay Caravan Park informing parishioners to tidy the village by placing any refuse in it. She was also asked to write to Mr. Lee thanking him for providing the skip and informing him of the appreciation of the Council.

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7. Clerk's Report (Contd)

(ii) Royal Wedding Celebrations. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Adkins, the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, for details of the events to be held on the 29th July as our representative could not attend their meeting which was held on the same evening as the Council meeting and the Council felt this was most unfortunate.

As the P.C. were donating the money for the purchase of the souvenir mugs, the Clerk was also asked to write to Mr. Adkins requesting a list of the names, ages and addresses of the children in the village who were eligible for a mug as the Council felt they would like to give the mugs to the children together with a presentation card.

(iii) Insurance. Mrs. Wills proposed and it was unanimously resolved that two Members sign a cheque for £5 to be sent to Cornhill Insurance Co. before the next meeting for additional cover during the 'clean-up' of the Village in connection with the Best Kept Village competition.

(iv) Avon Community Council Lottery. The Clerk had received 10 raffle books from this organisation which she distributed to Members. This was a 50/50 raffle - 50% for the Avon Community Council and 50% to our own Community. The Committee thought this a very good idea and the Clerk was instructed to ask for a further 20 books.

8. Councillors' Reports.

(i) A Member referred to the complaint made by Mr. K. Dilley at the Annual Parish Meeting about the wording of an article in the booklet issued by the Gordano Footpaths Group in connection with parking of cars on the verge by the golf course. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Dilley quoting the relevant passage and pointing out to him that, if he has any difficulties about cars blocking the entrance to his house, he should get in touch with the Police.

(ii) The Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. in connection with the concrete base of the litter bin which was loose and needed attention.

(iii) Mrs. Wills informed the Committee that nothing could be done about the Chestnut tree across the Manor Drive without a licence. When the flowering season was over, steps would be taken to tidy up this tree.

9. Dates of future meetings of the Parish Council.

Mrs. Wills proposed that the Council meetings on the second Monday in each month should be booked in advance for the year instead of monthly as at present and this was unanimously agreed.

The Clerk was therefore instructed to write to the Village Hall Committee giving the dates of future meetings and asking for an account. In this connection, as the P.C. intend to pay the entire sum in advance, and as the dates will be known before-hand, the Committee hoped a discount would be possible.

It was also recommended that future Parish meetings be held at 7.30 p.m.

The dates for future meetings will be as follows:-

<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
13th July	11th January
14th September	8th February
12th October	8th March
9th November	19th April
14th December	

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10. It was agreed that Mrs.P.Wills, Mr.R.Baldwin and the Clerk attend the A.L.C.A. meeting at Backwell on the 16th June 1981.
11. The Chairman, Mr. A.Barrow and the Clerk had attended a meeting and saw the film "War Game" at Weston-super-Mare on the 28th May. The Chairman reported that ~~the meeting~~ was merely an informative one and that nothing practical could be done until Stage 3 of the War Planning Guide had been issued.
12. Precept. The Clerk had telephoned Woodspring D.C. to ask for the precept which, when received, would be put into a deposit account at Lloyds Bank as previously agreed by the Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Philippa Wills
D. W. Langhlin.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 13th JULY 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P.Wills in the Chair, Messrs. R.Baldwin, A.Barrow N.Wilyman, together with the Clerk.

Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. M.Ross. (Chairman)

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

Minute 8 (iii) Delete the beginning of the second sentence and start "Steps would be taken to tidy up this tree as soon as possible".

Minute 9.Para 3 Substitute the word "recommended" with the word "agreed".

2. Planning. It was pointed out that an appeal had been lodged by the applicant in connection with the proposed plans for various developments in the Gordano Valley. The Clerk had informed our County Councillor that the Council were very concerned at these plans, and had received a reply supporting our protest. This matter to be kept under investigation.
3. Bus Services. The Clerk informed the Council that Tripp Robins of Clevedon had commenced a service along the Coast Road for 3 mornings a week between Clevedon and Portishead on a trial basis. Members thought it a good idea to advertise this service in the "North Somerset Mercury" as an item of interest, and decided that the firm should bear the cost of this advertisement. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.
4. Village Notice Board. Mr.Barrow informed the meeting of the various suggestions he had been given with regard to making this notice board safer. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Ross who might be able to help and also to get two other quotations for the necessary work.
5. Footpaths. The Clerk had been in touch with Avon County Council with regard to the cutting and tidying-up of Mariners Path. She was informed that the Avon Environmental Improvements Team might be available to do this work as the County had a very limited budget for works of this nature, and could not do the work themselves. Hopefully, the Team would be free shortly and the Path should be cleared by the end of July.
6. Royal Wedding Celebrations. The Clerk had received a reply from Mr.Adkins, together with a list of the children eligible for the souvenir mugs. When the list had been checked, the Clerk would be in touch with the Village Hall Committee for final instructions for the celebrations on the 29th July.
7. Village Hall. The Clerk read a letter from Mr.Adkins regarding the hiring of the Hall and the new charges in this connection. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to Mrs.Kempster, the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, asking for her confirmation of the dates given for the Parish Council meetings and that the Council look forward to hearing that their request for a discount, because of the advance block booking, had been agreed. We would also appreciate receiving the account in this respect in due course.

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8. Village Hall Trustees. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr. Adkins asking that his name be withdrawn as one of the proposed new Trustees of the Hall. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. Humphreys who had now written to say that he agreed with the Council's actions in deciding the appointment of future Trustees.

Consequently, it was agreed that the Clerk be instructed to call a public meeting regarding the appointment of a Trustee. Nominations must be in writing and should contain the names and addresses of the Proposer and Seconder, together with the written consent of the nominee. A notice to this effect to be displayed in the Village.

9. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Avon Community Council Lottery. The Clerk informed the meeting that all 30 books of lottery tickets had been sold by Members of the Council which realised £15. As agreed by the Avon Community Council, £7.50 had been sent to them and the balance of £7.50 had been paid into the Council's account at the bank.

Mrs. Wills thanked the Committee for their co-operation in this matter.

- (ii) Tree Preservation Orders. The Clerk had received two Tree Preservation Orders which the Committee inspected. One was in connection with the Lime tree south of the footpath passing through Manor gardens and the other was for Woodland off Harley Lane, Walton Moor, Walton-in-Gordano.

The Clerk also handed out pamphlets she had received with regard to Grants for Tree Planting in Avon.

The Council then discussed the question of trees that are being cut down and it was agreed that Members should be on the lookout for any trees that are being felled indiscriminately and report the matter to Woodspring D.C.

It was noted that the Countryside Commission has delegated powers in order to prevent further cutting of woodland.

- (iii) ALCA meeting at Backwell. The Chairman reported on the items discussed at this meeting and informed the meeting that, if any Members had traffic problems, they should contact the Clerk who, in turn, would inform Mr. Fox who is now our official representative on the Executive Community Council.

It was agreed that the Council should subscribe to the Avon Community Council in the sum of £3 per annum which included the issue of the quarterly magazine "Field Fare" and thus the Parish Council would also be affiliated to this organisation.

- (iv) The National Association of Local Councils. The Clerk had received a letter from this Association regarding expenditure on commemorative activities in connection with the Wedding of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.
- (v) United Nations Children's Fund. The Clerk had received a letter from Woodspring UNICEF Committee asking if someone in the Parish would be willing to help this Organisation as a liaison officer. It was agreed that anyone interested should get in touch with the Clerk who would give them Air Commodore Slade's address for direct contact.

9. Clerk's Report (Contd)(vi) Other Matters:

- (a) A letter of thanks had been received from Mr. K. Dilley for the co-operation of the Council regarding parking of cars on the verge by the golf course.
- (b) The concrete base of the litter bin had been attended to by Woodspring D.C.
- (c) The work on the cutting back of the Chestnut tree in the Manor Drive had been completed.

10. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Parking outside the Village Hall. A Member drew the attention of the Council to the parking of cars during an event held in the Hall on the previous Sunday. Cars had been parked on both sides of the main road and also in Moor Lane, thus causing a dangerous hazard. The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee had been contacted and he had telephoned the Police.

After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Village Hall Committee expressing great concern over this problem and pointing out that, in future, the most important aspect in letting the Hall must be the question of car-parking.

- (ii) It was pointed out that it was urgent the tree at the Cross Road should now be staked, and it was suggested that a staple could be tied alongside it. The Chairman and Mr. Barrow kindly volunteered to carry out this work.
- (iii) The Clerk was again asked to contact the Wessex Water Authority in connection with the parapets across the black ditch in Moor Lane.
- (iv) It was pointed out that the cover on the electricity cable on the outside wall of "Parsonage Hayes" was loose and needed attention. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

- 11. Finance. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Precept had been received from Woodspring D.C. and had been paid into the deposit account at the bank.

The following cheques were signed:-

S.W.E.B.	✓ £5.04	
Audit Fee	✓ £14.95	
Mrs. D. McLaughlin	✓ £7.50	(repayment of cheque sent by the Clerk in respect of the Avon Community Council lottery)
-do-	✓ £68.64	(petty cash, telephone calls and mileage) (9th March 1981 to 30th June 1981)

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Philip Ibb.
D. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO,
ON MONDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P.Wills in the Chair, Messrs.R.Baldwin, A.Barrow, N.Wilyman, together with Mrs. D.McLaughlin, the Clerk.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. M. Ross (Chairman).

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

2. Matters arising from Minutes.

(i) Bus Services. The Clerk had been in contact with the firm of Tripp Robbins about advertising this service along the Coast Road but was informed it was not possible to advertise as they only had a temporary licence at present. However, once the service became permanent, they would do so.

The firm did agree that the service will now operate until the middle of October after which they will review the position. The Clerk had posted a further notice to this effect in the Village.

(ii) Footpaths. The Clerk was informed by Avon C.C. that the Avon Environmental Improvements Team were not able to complete the work of tidying and clearing Mariners Path as stated earlier, but the Ramblers' Association with 12 volunteers had now taken over this task and the work was almost completed.

It was also pointed out to the Clerk that there may be an alternative scheme in operation next year to clear this Path, and when this is finalised, the County would let us have details.

(iii) Royal Wedding Celebrations. A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee stating that this event had been a great success and was well appreciated by the villagers. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the Committee for all the work done in this connection.

As Mr. Adkins had paid for the souvenir mugs, the Clerk was instructed to send a cheque for £31.91 to him as agreed by the Parish Council at an earlier meeting.

(iv) Village Hall. The Clerk read two letters from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the hire charges of the Hall, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr.Adkins again pointing out that the P.C. had the interests of the ratepayers to consider when they asked for a discount, as all the money spent by the P.C. has to come from that source. It was also pointed out that the P.C. could meet at a different venue, if necessary. As the Council had asked for the minimum precept, it was regretted that hire payments could not be increased, nor could they pay for any maintenance of the Hall.

The question of the Trustees of the Hall was discussed and the matter was left until the Clerk had heard from the solicitors who were dealing with this subject. The Village Hall Management Committee were anxious to know the amount of legal costs incurred in this respect, but the P.C. suggested that this matter should be first discussed between the Management Committee, the Trustees and the Parish Council before a decision is made. Until such time as an account is rendered, we are not in a position to say what the costs are likely to be.

2. Matters arising from Minutes (Contd)

(v) Tree Preservation Order - Woodland off Harley Lane, Walton-in-Gordano

The Planning Committee of W.D.C. reported that, as the owner of the land had objected to this T.P.O. and had stated his intention to expand his objections, the Inspection Sub-Committee be appointed to inspect the site and report back.

It was believed, however, that there was a clause in the purchase of this land which allowed the felling and re-claiming of the Wood.

3. Clerk's Report.

(i) ALCA Meeting at Yatton. The Clerk had sent our apologies for not attending this meeting as it was held on the same evening as our Parish meeting.

The Clerk also asked for the proposal by this Council that "No Smoking be allowed during Group meetings" be raised on our behalf.

(ii) Parapet over the black ditch, Moor Lane. The Wessex Water Authority now inform us that this work is not their responsibility as they only deal with main rivers. The Clerk therefore contacted Mr. Penn at Avon C.C. who agreed that his Department was responsible and he would make the necessary arrangements.

(iii) Electricity cable. SWEB had inspected the loose cable on the wall of "Parsonage Hayes" and informed the Clerk that it was not connected and therefore not dangerous.

4. Councillors' Reports.

(i) Mrs. P.Wills and Mr.A.Barrow had kindly done the necessary work on the tree at the Cross Roads, but it was decided that another stake would be required.

(ii) A Member asked whether the Chestnut Tree at the entrance to the Manor Drive had been made the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

(iii) The widening of the verge by the Village Hall was again discussed and it was agreed that Avon C.C. be contacted.

(iv) The question of the state of the trees and brambles on the right hand side of the road from the black ditch to Harley Woods was raised and it was suggested that the Clerk make enquiries as to who was responsible for cutting back the overhanging branches.

(v) A Member pointed out that complaints had been received about the number of overhead cables in the Village and wondered whether some of them could be put underground. The Clerk was asked to telephone the Conservation Officer enquiring who was responsible for this work and to contact the appropriate Department.

5. Various Conferences. The Clerk handed out literature regarding three Conferences to be held shortly and asked whether any Councillors would like to attend.

There was a Clerks Course to be held at Weston-super-Mare on the 6th - 8th November 1981 and the Clerk expressed her interest in attending. However, as the fee for this course is £65 plus VAT, the Clerk had been in touch with Woodspring D.C. to find out whether there was any way some of this fee could be reimbursed, especially for smaller Parishes with limited funds. In the meantime, the Clerk suggested that perhaps the Council would agree to her attending on a non-residential basis.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council pay 50% of this fee and the matter was left for the Clerk to arrange and report back.

6. Tree Planting. The Clerk had received a letter from Woodspring D.C. regarding the cost of this scheme. She notified the Council that a figure of £125 was quoted by the Conservation Officer for the 7 trees chosen which included guards, where necessary, and labour.

After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Cornick of the Planning Department, accepting this figure in principle but pointing out that we would have to contact the landlord and tenant to inform them of the position. The landlord was out of the country at present but would be requested to reply when he returned.

7. Planning. Three plans were produced for approval by the Council and, after perusal, the Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Department that we had no objection to these plans being passed. The plans are as under:

- (a) Plan No. 2405/81 - The Old Post Office, Walton-in-Gordano
- (b) Plan No. 2419/81 - "Taggart", Walton-in-Gordano
- (c) Plan No. 2161/81 - "Orchard Lea", Walton-in-Gordano

The Clerk also brought the attention of Members to an item in the Woodspring Planning Report regarding "Loretto", Two Acre Lane, Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano, in which the applicant wished to replace the existing timber framed bungalow with a new dwelling. This request had been refused by Woodspring.

It was suggested that Mr. Ross be asked to visit the applicant and report back to the Council.

8. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

(i) B.B.C. Radio Bristol. The Clerk read a letter from Radio Bristol in which they offered an information service about events taking place in this area and wondered whether we would like to publicise the meetings and events taking place. They needed 10 days' notice.

Members thought this was a good idea and asked the Clerk to contact Mr. Adkins regarding the possible free advertising for events in connection with the Village Hall.

The Clerk would also inform B.B.C. Radio Bristol of the forthcoming Parish meetings.

(ii) A letter had been received from the Treasurer's Department of Woodspring D.C. asking for the net Parish expenditure for 1981/82 on certain items, and the Clerk was asked to inform the Treasurer that street lighting was the only one involved, and we anticipate this to be in the region of £5.75 per quarter.

9. Finance. The following cheques were passed for payment:

- (a) Subscription to "Field Fare" £ 3.00
- (b) Mr. T. Adkins (souvenir mugs) £31.91
- (c) Avon County Assoc. of Local Councils £11.20
(subscription and notices)
- (d) Mrs. D. McLaughlin (Hon. payment plus £57.50
telephone and room for 1/2 year
March - September 1981)

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

*Phippa Williams
D. McLaughlin*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER 1981 at 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P.Wills in the Chair, Messrs.R.Baldwin and A.Barrow, together with the Clerk, Mrs. D.McLaughlin.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Messrs.M.Ross and N.Wilyman.

Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended.

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

2. Matters arising from Minutes.

(i) Village Hall. As no further communication had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee with regard to the discount for the hire of the Hall by the Parish Council, the Clerk was instructed to approach the Resident Curate with a view to the meetings being held at the Parish Church in future. Some Members felt that we should support the Village by continuing to meet in the Hall and it was finally agreed that, if we do not hear from the Village Hall Management Committee before the next meeting, we follow-up the other alternative.

(ii) T.P.O. - Woodland off Harley Lane, Walton-in-Gordano. Mrs.McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that at the Inspection Sub-Committee, the owner of this land had made it clear that he would only cut and fell part of the wood to enable his cattle to drink at a pond and, if necessary, he would plant more trees to keep this woodland intact. It is understood that this area is the last and only carr woodland in this region and should, therefore, be preserved.

Mrs.McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that she would be able to report more fully at our next meeting on this subject.

(iii) Tree at Cross Roads. It was pointed out that when the leaf is off this tree, work on the staking would be carried out.

(iv) ALCA Meeting at Yatton. Mrs.McEwen-Smith attended this meeting at which the financial statement of Parish rating by the Woodspring Treasurer was raised. There will be special rates on Town Councils where they have more services and if it is decided that this is a good idea, Parish rates may be reduced.

On the 12th November a special meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee will be held where the Parish financial statements will be discussed. This will then go before the full Council in January.

(v) Parapet - Black Ditch. Mr.Penn had been contacted and this work is now in hand and should be completed within two weeks.

(vi) Verge by Village Hall. The Clerk informed the Council that Mr.Penn had reiterated his views expressed earlier that this work will have to be deferred until there is more money available in his budget.

(vii) Tree Preservation Order - Chestnut Tree. It was confirmed that this tree at the entrance to Manor Drive had already been made the subject of a T.P.O. as it came within the 'blanket' Conservation Area.

(viii) Overhead Cables. The Clerk had contacted the Conservation Officer about this matter and was informed that S.W.E.B. may have a scheme whereby some of the cables could be put underground. Unfortunately, S.W.E.B. had now abandoned this scheme due to lack of funds. However, the Clerk had also been in touch with Telecom and was awaiting a reply to her letter.

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3. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Hedge cutting by black ditch. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. Penn to confirm who was responsible for this work and, although his Department was not responsible, he agreed to cut back the overhanging branches as his men were already in the vicinity erecting the parapets along the black ditch.
The Clerk was asked to express the Council's appreciation to Mr. Penn.
- (ii) Clerks Course at Weston-super-Mare. The Clerk had made enquiries from Woodspring D.C. about help towards the cost of this Course, but was informed that they could not help. The suggestion of the Clerk attending on a non-residential basis was not feasible and it was therefore unanimously agreed that the Council pay the full fee to enable the Clerk to attend this Course.
- (iii) B.B.C. Radio Bristol. The Clerk had informed Radio Bristol about our Parish meeting and had also contacted Mr. Adkins, vide Minute No.8(i) of the last meeting.

- 4. Tree Planting. The Clerk had written to Sir William Miles and Mr. J. Flower stating that Woodspring D.C. had estimated the cost of planting 7 trees including guards, where necessary, and labour would be £125 and asked for a contribution towards the Parish Council's share of 50%. Sir William had agreed to pay 25%. Mr. J. Flower had not as yet replied. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department of Woodspring agreeing to the scheme.

5. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) It was pointed out that the brook below Old Rectory Farm had eroded the bank and consequently was now quite deep. It was agreed that this could prove dangerous, especially where small children were concerned. The Clerk to investigate this matter and also check how often this brook was cleaned as it needed to be cleared of weeds at least once a year.
- (ii) A Member pointed out that there were quite large holes in the road outside the Old Chapel by the Post Office Stores. The Clerk was asked to contact Telecom about this problem.
- (iii) A Member raised the question of raw sewage being discharged into the Channel and Mrs. McEwen-Smith explained that this is not creating a health hazard at present as it is being discharged far out to sea in the deep water channel.
- (iv) The question of supplementary rates was discussed and it was decided that the best action to be taken was for individuals to contact ALCA, our M.P.'s and County and District Councillors expressing dissatisfaction of the levying of this additional rate. Mr. Paul Dean, M.P., Mr. William Graves (Leader of Avon C.C.) and Mr. Robert Edwards (our County Councillor) would be able to raise this issue on our behalf.

It was pointed out that legislation can be implemented to stop this supplementary rate if enough people wrote expressing concern over this extra revenue.

- 6. Planning. Mrs. Wills had been to see Mrs. Wright of "Loretto", Walton Bay about her appeal against the refusal by Woodspring D.C. to erect a new dwelling house on the present site. Mr. Parker of King Miles, Bristol had telephoned to ask that, if the Parish Council wished to uphold the appeal, and were in favour of the proposals, we should write to the Department of the Environment stating our objections.

7. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

(i) The Clerk had received a letter from Avon Environmental Improvements, together with a leaflet regarding "environmental" projects which she circulated amongst Members.

(ii) A fact sheet called "Woodspring Planning" was also circulated to Members.

8. Finance.

It was unanimously agreed that both amendments as set out in the Agenda be withdrawn and the following resolution be passed:

"THAT the Bank be given authority to keep the Parish Council's current account £50 in credit as and when necessary".

The following four cheques were passed for payment:

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| 1. Mr. R.J. Baldwin
(cutting & clearing footpaths
September 80 - September 81) | / £42.00 |
| 2. S.W.E.B. | / £ 5.49 |
| 3. Somerset County Council
(Clerks Course at Weston-super-
Mare) | / £74.75 |
| 4. Mrs. D. McLaughlin
(Expenses: Petty Cash, Telephone
calls and mileage from July 81
to September 81) | / £27.55 |

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Mr. R. J. Baldwin
D. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mr.R.Y.Edwards, County Councillor, also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor)

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

2. Matters arising from Minutes.

- (i) Village Hall. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Village Hall Management Committee setting out the dates on which Council meetings were held since the 9th June 1980 and asking for confirmation of these dates, together with an official account up to the 31st December 1981. On receipt of this, the Clerk was instructed to pay the full amount.
- (ii) T.P.O. Woodland off Harley Lane, Walton-in-Gordano. This matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Council in December.
- (iii) Parish Rating. After discussion on this controversial subject, it was agreed to accept this policy in principle and that the Clerk send a letter to the Treasurer of Woodspring D.C. setting out the views of our Council.
- (iv) Parapet - Black Ditch. It was pointed out that this work had not been completed satisfactorily, and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Penn again.
- (v) Overhead Cables. The Clerk read a letter from Telecom stating that to place underground all telephone wires and cables would be very costly. As there is no house development in the area, they have no plans to underground any of their plant, unless the Council is prepared to pay a major contribution to such a scheme.

It was decided to leave this proposal in abeyance for the time being.
- (vi) Tree Planting. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Planning Department of W.D.C. enquiring when the actual tree planting would be carried out and to keep this matter under review.
- (vii) Brook below Old Rectory Farm. The work of clearing the weeds in this stream had been done but Mr.Penn advised that his Department was unable to fill in the stream where the bank had eroded due to his limited budget.

The work of keeping this stream cleared of weeds was, however, the responsibility of the Internal Drainage Board and the Clerk was asked to contact their representative for further details.
- (viii) Pot holes in road outside the Old Chapel. Mr.Penn had instructed his Foreman to inspect this site and report back.
- (ix) Raw Sewage. Members were told it had been established that it was acceptable to discharge raw sewage into the Channel provided all other requirements were observed.
- (x) Supplementary Rates. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr.B.Graves (Leader of Avon C.C.) expressing our concern about the levying of this extra rate and a similar letter to our County Councillor, Mr.R.Edwards. It was reiterated that individuals should do likewise.
- (xi) "Loretto" Walton Bay. The appeal had been lodged with W.D.C. on the 5th October and the Clerk had now written on behalf of the Council supporting the owner in her appeal against Woodspring's refusal of her application.

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3. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Clerks Course at Weston-super-Mare. The Clerk expressed her thanks to the Council for enabling her to attend this Course which she had found both informative and interesting.
- (ii) The Clerk had received a letter from Mr.Siddall of the Cross Tree Stores complaining that traffic turning towards the Coast Road from the Cross Tree often mount the pavement and ride on it to its end, adjacent to the old school - often travelling very fast. There is an entrance/exit to their garden about half way along the path and Mr.Siddall suggests that a "drive slowly" sign and/or 15 m.p.h. speed limits in both directions be considered.

Members discussed these suggestions in detail and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy of Mr.Siddall's letter to Mr.Penn for his observations.

- (iii) Mr.Siddall raised a further point with regard to street lighting along the same length of road, highlighting the need for this in case of accidents.

The Clerk was asked to contact S.W.E.B. with regard to the cost of such a scheme, and Members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting as it was felt parishioners should be involved in such an important decision.

4. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) A Member pointed out the general untidiness of the Village and, after discussion, the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries about agency arrangements either with Avon or Woodspring for help with the general 'clean-up' of the Village.
- (ii) A Member raised the question of unsightly notices being painted referring to dogs being kept under control and asked for better and tidier notices. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr.Griffiths explaining that, while the Parish Council accept that necessary notices have to be displayed, would the syndicate put up less unsightly ones as the Parish of Walton-in-Gordano is now a conservation area.

5. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) The Clerk had received a letter from Miss Brimacombe, the Conservation Officer of Woodspring D.C. regarding Advisory Committees for Conservation Areas.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should be represented on the lower echelons.

- (ii) A letter had been received from Mr.Adkins, the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, pointing out that their A.G.M. was to be held on the 3rd December 1981.

6. Avon Structure Plan. Mr.Edwards brought up the subject of the Draft Structure Plan which was now under review and asked Members to consider the question of planning in general and the problems of heavy lorries using the narrow village roads.

It was felt that discussion on the Structure Plan should be deferred until our next meeting.

7. Finance. The Clerk informed the meeting that the balance in our current account at the Bank was £50 and there was £260.61 in our deposit account. There were no cheques for payment this month.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Chris Kears
D. W. Langham

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON IN GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

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

An apology for absence was received from Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith(District Councillor

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

Minute 2(i) The sentence "She was also asked to verify whether VAT was included" be added at the end of the paragraph.

Minute 2 (iii) The heading should read "Equalisation of District Rates".

2. Street Lighting. Members discussed the question of ^{an}additional lighting in the Village and it was felt that the Parish Council would have to precept for this facility if required. It was agreed that the Clerk report this in the Press and ask for the views of parishioners to be addressed to her as quickly as possible.

3. Planning

(i) T.P.O. - Woodland off Harley Lane, Walton-in-Gordano. This matter was left in abeyance for the time being.

(ii) Tree Planting. After enquiries, the Clerk had been informed that, dependent upon weather conditions, Woodspring D.C. hope to be able to complete the first stage of the tree planting scheme before Christmas.

(iii) "Loretto", Walton Bay. When this appeal has been heard, the Parish Council will be informed of the outcome.

4. Village Hall.

It had been confirmed by the Village Hall Management Committee that VAT is not chargeable on their accounts.

Members were informed that a new Village Hall Management Committee had been formed and at their first meeting the following officers were elected:

Chairman -	Mrs.P.Wills
Vice-Chairman	Mrs.P.MacIver
Treasurer -	Mr. I.Meier
Secretary -	Mrs.R.Tucker
Committee)	Mrs.S.Barrow
Members)	Mr.W. Charlesworth

This Committee had decided that charges for the hire of the Hall will, in future, be paid in advance and it had also been unanimously agreed that the accounts in connection with the Hall should be audited annually. It was felt that, if the Hall was registered as a charity, grant aid may be available.

After discussion, it was agreed to put the following suggestions to the solicitors acting for Sir William Miles:

- (a) The Parish Council should be appointed as Trustees for the Village Hall;
- (b) Four or Five members should be elected who are resident in the Parish;
- (c) Three members should be appointed, one from each of the village organisations, i.e. the Parish Council, the Church Committee and the Womens Institute but, if necessary, an additional member could be appointed from any new organisation;
- (d) The committee to have power to co-opt a further 2 members if required.
- (e) The committee to retire each year, but can offer themselves for re-election if desired; and
- (f) It was felt that no number to form a quorum for the A.G.M. should be stated.

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4. Village Hall (Contd)

The Clerk was asked to write to the 3 trustees who had been provisionally nominated at the Village Hall meetings pointing out that it is recommended in the New Model Draft Lease that the Parish Council should be appointed as trustees of the Hall. A new lease is now being considered by the lessor's solicitors who will eventually draw up the legal documents.

It was felt that all members of the Council should have a copy of the conditions of the revised Lease when it has been finalised.

Members thought it might be advisable to ask Mr. Arbuthnot for legal advice if necessary.

5. Avon Structure Plan.

(i) The Council were concerned about heavy traffic continuing to use the B3124 through the Gordano Valley and instructed the Clerk to write to our County Councillor expressing our fears about this problem. It was suggested that heavy lorries should, where possible, use the motorway.

(ii) Another anxiety was areas designated for development in the Parish. It was felt that, besides the four areas already allocated for this purpose, there should be no further areas designated for the time being.

(Mrs. P. Wills declared her interest in the second item)

6. Clerk's Report.

(i) The Clerk had received a letter from the Avon Community Council asking for information with regard to sites within the Parish as being of possible nature conservation value. After discussion, it was decided that two additional sites came within this definition, i.e. woodland on the west side of the village and the quarry on the west side of Walton Down. The Clerk was asked to take the necessary action.

(ii) The Clerk distributed leaflets from Avon C.C. regarding the new "AvonFare" bus travel concessions and also the draft Public Transport Plan for consideration by Members.

(iii) It was suggested that the Clerk write a letter of appreciation to Mr. G. Hurdle for his work in keeping the churchyard tidy. This fact had been specifically mentioned by the judges of the Best Kept Village competition.

(iv) The Clerk had contacted Mr. Penn about agency arrangements with regard to the 'clean-up' of the village and had been informed there is a scheme whereby unskilled men are allocated to tidy up villages on a rota basis. However, due to other more urgent work, this has not been done for some time. The Clerk would keep this matter under review.

(v) The Clerk had contacted a representative of The Walton Shoot regarding the unsightly notices referring to dogs being kept under control. She was informed the reason for painting the notices on gates and trees was because conventional notices were vandalised, and that a lot of damage had been done by dogs not under control.

7. Councillors' Reports.

(i) Some Members were concerned about the "film" house built on Mr. Young's land and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether there were any plans for the removal of this building or if the film company were proposing to return.

(ii) Three Members of the Council had walked the length of Mariners Path within the Parish and had noted the areas which needed improvement. The Clerk was instructed to write to Avon C.C. enclosing the map on which these areas were marked.

(iii) The Clerk was asked to contact the Environmental Health Dept. with regard to raw sewage which was discharging below the Signal Station along the Coast Road, and also to contact the Technical Services Dept. about rubbish which had been dumped below the caravan site further along this same Path.

8. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Penn again regarding the parapet over the black ditch which had not been satisfactorily completed, and also about the pot-holes by the Old Chapel which were causing considerable concern.
- (ii) The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. J. Flower, our representative on the Internal Drainage Board, who explained the reason for the eroding of the bank below Old Rectory Farm. He had been in contact with Mr. Penn and would bring this matter up on our behalf at the next meeting of the Internal Drainage Board.

9. Finance. A cheque for £38 was signed for the hire of the Village Hall for Council meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

CHURCH
Wm Langley

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 11th JANUARY 1982 at 7.30 P.M.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr.N.Wilyman and Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed with the following amendments:

Minute 4. The first sentence of the third paragraph should read "This Committee has decided that charges for the hire of the Hall will, in future, be paid in advance and it has also agreed that the accounts in connection with the Hall would be audited annually".

Minute 7 (iii) "..... discharging east of the Signal Station below Mariners Path".

Street Lighting. The Clerk had been informed by the Conservation Officer of Woodspring that the erection of poles for street lighting was in order as safety must come first, and that her department only required to know the design and the siting of the poles. The Clerk had been in contact with the Avon Street Lighting Engineer who had agreed that Avon C.C. would take over the running costs of street lighting, provided that the scheme proposed came up to their standards. The Clerk reported no response to the notice placed in the Press asking for the views of parishioners in this connection. It was agreed to leave this matter until the A.G.M. for further discussion.

Planning.- Tree Planting. The Clerk had been notified by the Planning Department that, weather permitting, the first seven trees would be planted within the first two weeks of January 1982. These will be one Oak, two Beech and four White Willows.

Village Hall. The Clerk had heard from the three provisionally nominated trustees that they were in agreement with the proposal put forward for the Parish Council to be nominated as trustees of the Village Hall.

The Council were taking legal advice on this matter and hoped to have the final documents shortly.

Clerk's Report.

- (i) The Clerk had written to the Avon Community Council with regard to sites of possible nature conservation value and that Council would be in touch with us when all inspections had been made of these sites.
- (ii) The Clerk explained the reason why the parapet across the black ditch had not been completed and also reiterated Mr. Penn's remarks about the potholes mentioned in the previous Minutes. These matters would be kept under review.
- (iii) Mr.Penn had written in reply to Mr.Siddall's letter pointing out that there was no way a 15 m.p.h. limit could be introduced as the minimum speed limit in Great Britain is 30 m.p.h. He suggested that some hedge cutting works in the area might be of benefit in order to improve visibility of traffic coming around the corner of the coast road.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr.Siddall on these lines with a copy of the letter to Sir William Miles for his information as he owns the land in question.

- (iv) The Environmental Health Department had been contacted and the complaint of raw sewage below Mariners Path had been noted. The site had been inspected and a report would be received shortly.
- (v) The complaint about dumping of rubbish below Mariners Path had also been investigated and this matter is now under control.
- (vi) The Clerk had contacted Mr.Young about the "film" house and had been notified by him and by the H.T.V. Studios that permission had been given for the erection of this dwelling, both by W.D.C. and by Sir William Miles. The house would be demolished in about two months' time, as soon as a second series had been completed. In this connection the Clerk was asked to obtain an ordnance map of Walton-in-Gordano showing the parish boundaries.

6. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) It was brought to the attention of the Committee that a policeman now cycles through the Village and Members agreed this was a good idea inasmuch as parishioners would become aware of the importance of a link between the Police and the public.
- (ii) The introduction of a Farming and Wildlife Group in the ^{County} Village was thought to be a step in the right direction, and this was also approved by Members.
- (iii) The question of the missing signpost at the junction of Moor Lane was brought up and Members thought it essential to have this signpost replaced. This work would be put in hand.
- (iv) A Member expressed concern about the change of constituencies and wondered why districts of Bristol were now part of Woodspring, which was not an urban constituency. He asked whether the boundaries of Woodspring are being altered. The Clerk was instructed to check these facts with the Chief Executive of W.D.C.
- (v) It was proposed by Mrs. Wills and seconded by Mr. Ross that the Clerk be authorised to join the Society of Clerks.

7. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) A letter was received from Woodspring D.C. regarding the Storm and Flood Relief Fund. After discussion, it was agreed that Walton-in-Gordano arrange for three collection boxes for contributions from parishioners towards this Fund. It was emphasised, however, that our donation be specifically allocated for the Clevedon and Kingston Seymour area.
- (ii) The County of Avon had sent a "Digest of Policies" in connection with their Structure Plan, together with a leaflet, which had been circulated to Members.
- (iii) Southmead Community Health Council had sent their Annual Report for the attention of Members.
- (iv) Woodspring D.C. had written informing the Parish Council that it had been agreed to pay 50% of the fees for smaller parishes in connection with the Clerks Course run by the South Western Provincial Council. The Clerk was instructed to accept this offer and thank the District Council for their decision.

8. Precept. It was agreed in principle that the Council should precept for £630 in 1982/83, making a 3p rate for the Parish.

Mrs. Wills proposed that £20 be put aside for charitable contingencies in 1982/83 and this motion was seconded by Mr. Ross.

The Clerk's salary and expenses were discussed and it was agreed to pay her salary and expenses quarterly. Her salary had been increased to £84 per annum, and it was also decided to increase the use of a room in her house as an office from £20 per annum to £40 per annum. Her telephone expenses would also be calculated on a percentage of the rental plus the calls made on behalf of the Council.

9. Finance. A cheque was passed for payment to Mrs. McLaughlin as under:

Telephone calls:	£8.60)	For the period from the
Mileage:	£30.60)	1st October 1981 to the
Expenses:	10.60)	31st December 1981
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The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Mr. Ross

McLaughlin

8th February 1982

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN- GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended.

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

2. Planning. A letter had been received from the Planning Department of Woodspring D.C. setting out the reasons for the dismissal of the appeal by Mrs.Wright of Yew Corner, Walton Bay regarding the replacement of "Loretto",Walton Bay. After some discussion about this, Mrs.McEwen-Smith informed Members that she would look into this matter further on our behalf.

After inspecting plan No.3540/81 for replacement of "Rippleside",Walton Down, approval was recommended.

It was recommended that approval be given to plan No.3550/81 from Walton Bay Caravan Park Ltd for a mobile home to replace an existing chalet.

Another plan (No.026/82) from Walton Bay Caravan Park Ltd for the erection of a replacement dwelling at Cosy Corner, Coast Road, Walton Bay, was discussed in detail and it was finally decided to await the District Councillor's enquiries regarding this plan.

Mr.Ross (Chairman) declared his interest in the last two plans and took no part in the discussion of these items.

Tree Planting. Members were informed that the seven trees chosen had now been planted in the allocated sites in the Village. However, it was felt that some of the trees were not suitable and that the guards provided were inadequate to protect the trees against possible damage by cattle. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. J.Flower for his views, and also to thank him for his help and advice during the planting of the trees and the erection of the guards.

The Clerk was to get in touch with the appropriate Department about these complaints and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Clerk's Report.

- (i) A letter regarding traffic at Cross Tree junction had been written to Mr.Siddall along the lines stated in Mr.Penn's letter. A copy had also been sent to Sir William Miles. This matter would be kept under review.
- (ii) A letter had been received from the Environmental Health Department in connection with the sewage outfall below Mariners Path. It was stated that the owner of this land had been instructed to carry out the necessary works to alleviate the smell problem associated with the outfall. The Department would notify us when all the works had been completed.
- (iii) The Clerk had made enquiries from Woodspring D.C. about the constituency changes in the District and had been notified that a Public Inquiry had been held in November and that we would be informed in due course of the outcome.
- (iv) The Clerk notified the Council that £14.29 had been collected in the Village for the Woodspring Storm and Flood Relief Appeal Fund. She was instructed to place a notice thanking parishioners for their donations, which had been greatly appreciated.
- (v) The Clerk had heard from the Footpath Team Supervisor of the work being done to Mariners Path. It was hoped to complete all works by Easter. The Clerk was asked to give this project Press coverage to act as a morale booster for the Team members.

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4. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) It was pointed out that the parapet across the black ditch had now been completed satisfactorily. The Clerk was asked to express appreciation to Mr. Penn for the work done.
- (ii) A Member pointed out that Mr. Potts of "Roseway", Clevedon Road was very concerned about the surface water which was draining into his house and this needed urgent attention. The Clerk would contact Mr. Penn in this connection.
- (iii) Vide Minutes 7 (iv), the Chairman suggested that an enquiry be made to Woodspring D.C. as to whether they would consider reimbursing the Parish Council with 50 percent of the fee paid for the Clerks Course in November.

5. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) The Clerk had received the Annual Report for 1980/81 from the County of Avon which was available for the attention of Members.

6. Finance

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee stating that the hire of the Hall was now £3 per meeting and that the Parish Council was allowed a concession inasmuch as no charge would be made for the cleaning of the hall before and after meetings. The Clerk was authorised to thank the Village Hall Management Committee for this concession.

Three cheques were passed for payment as follows:

Village Hall Management Committee	£18.00
(Hall rental Jan to June 1982)	
Mrs. D. McLaughlin (Minute Book)	£ 7.51
S.W.E.B. (Street Lighting)	£ 5.49

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

[Signature]

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8th March 1982

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 8th MARCH 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

2. Planning. The appeal by the owner of "Loretto", Walton Bay, was again discussed and it was pointed out that the plan had been refused as permission could not be given to replace a sub-standard dwelling with a permanent house in the green belt area. Consequently, the appeal in this case could not be upheld.

The plan for a replacement dwelling at "Cosy Corner" had been approved by Woodspring D.C.

Mention was made of the work being done at "Orchard Lea", Walton-in-Gordano and the Clerk was instructed to check on the details of the plan (No.2161/81).

Tree Planting. After inspection, the Clerk had been informed by Mr. J.Flower that the guards provided for the seven trees were adequate to protect them from possible cattle damage. However, it was pointed out that the 4 willows and the 2 beech were not up to standard. The willows were of a bush variety and the beech were hedge beech. The Clerk had been in contact with Mr.Cornick about replacement trees and she was now instructed to press for urgent action as the planting season would soon be over.

3. Clerk's Report

- (i) Mr.Penn had been contacted about the drainage at "Roseway" and had informed the Clerk that he and his Foreman had inspected the site and would be carrying out the necessary works shortly.
- (ii) The Clerk had written a letter to Woodspring D.C. asking for a reimbursement of 50% of the fee for the Clerks Course in November 1981 and she was awaiting a reply.
- (iii) The Clerk had been informed of the death of Mr.G.Hurdle and she was asked to write a letter of condolence to Mrs.Hurdle on behalf of the Members.Special mention was made of the work done by Mr.Hurdle in the Village which had been much appreciated.

4. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A Member raised the question of rating for parishes and it was felt that if the system was not fair in the equalisation of the rating, letters should be sent to the "^{SOUTH AVON}~~North Somerset~~ Mercury" in protest.
- (ii) The condition of the road outside the Old Chapel which had dangerous pot-holes was mentioned and the Clerk was once again asked to contact Mr.Penn about urgent action.
- (iii) Members thought that the parapet across the black ditch should have a second bar lower down to prevent children from falling in. It was pointed out that as there were suitable holes already in the concrete posts, two further bars would only be needed.
- (iv) It was pointed out that steps should now be taken to replace the broken signpost with a pointer to the Coast Road. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr.Penn to enquire whether this type of work came within his jurisdiction.
- (v) Concern was expressed by Members about the section of road between Mr.B. Tucker's house and Mr.J.Flower's gate where the water does not drain away but forms pools which cause inconvenience. The Clerk would contact Mr.Penn.

4. Councillors' Reports

- (vi) Discussion took place regarding the continuing service of a mini-bus along the Coast Road during the holiday season, and the Clerk was instructed to contact the firm of Tripp-Robbin again to ascertain their views on this subject.
- (vii) The Clerk was also asked to check with the Environmental Health Department about the works to be done in connection with the raw sewage problem east of the Signal Station below Mariners Path.
- (viii) A booklet "Home Defence Plan - Community Organisation in War" had been received from Woodspring D.C. This document had been circulated to Members and the Clerk was instructed to enquire what procedure should now be adopted in connection with this Plan.

5. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from the Avon Community Conservation & Environmental Scheme thanking the Parish Council for their help in identifying the ownership of sites of wildlife interest in our Parish. The Clerk was asked to ascertain who is responsible for the payment of this project.
- (ii) A letter had been received from the County of Avon with a revised timetable for the bus services between Clevedon and Bristol scheduled to start from the 15th February 1982. There are no major alterations, except that 6 minutes is to be cut from the journey starting at Clevedon (Six Ways) to Bristol.
- (iii) Mrs. G. Stringer, Clerk of the Weston-in-Gordano P.C., had written to inform us of her resignation and the appointment of Mrs. M. Dann, 9 Forester Road, Portishead as her successor.
- (iv) A leaflet "Value from your Rates" had been received from Woodspring D.C. and this was circulated to Members.

6. Finance. Discussion took place regarding the Parish Council's account at Lloyds Bank and it was agreed that the resolution passed at the meeting on the 12th October 1981 be amended as follows:-

RESOLVED: THAT the current account should not drop below £20 at any time and that the Bank may transfer such sums as may be necessary to maintain a balance of £50.

The Clerk informed the Council that she had sent for a further V.A.T. payment of £15.79. An earlier sum received for V.A.T. was for £12.73.

A cheque for £79.91 for the March quarter was passed for payment to Mrs. D. McLaughlin as follows:-

Salary	£21.00
Office Room	10.00
Telephone rental	7.00
Telephone calls	7.20
Expenses	15.15
Mileage	19.56

£79.91

McLaughlin

19th April 1982