

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 19th APRIL 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. The plan for "Orchard Lea" was discussed and the Clerk informed the P.C. that the Planning Department of Woodspring D.C. had apologised for failing to notify them when approval was given for works to commence at "Orchard Lea". This was due to an oversight and the Clerk was instructed to write to that Department expressing our concern at this omission.

A Member raised the question of the likelihood of flooding where the curb here had been lowered to form the access to this property. This section of the road had been prone to flooding in the past, and the Clerk was asked to check with Mr.Penn whether there was now sufficient clearance over the stream at this point.

Concern was also expressed at the works being carried out to "Springhead Cottage" and Mrs.McEwen-Smith said she would look into this on our behalf.

Tree Planting. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr.Cornick regarding the 4 willow and 2 beech trees which needed replacement, and had been informed that, due to pressure of work and shortage of labour, it would be appreciated if the P.C. could leave the trees as at present during the growing season and they would replace them with more suitable trees in the autumn. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Cornick agreeing to this suggestion.

3. Clerk's Report

- (i) A letter had been received from the Treasurer's Department explaining that parishes were being allowed one third of their precept from the block grant received by the District Council. Consequently, Walton-in-Gordano was to get £212, thus levying a 2p rate instead of the 3p rate envisaged. It was pointed out that this was the fairest method of equalising the rates for parishes.
- (ii) The Clerk had arranged with Tripp Robbins Ltd for a bus service to start on the 28th April 1982 between Portishead and Clevedon via the Coast Road every Wednesday morning until the 9th September 1982. Notices to this effect would be posted on the notice board and in the two shops in the Parish, together with a notice in the South Avon Mercury, and hopefully this service will prove a success.
- (iii) Regarding the sewage problem vide Minute 4(vii) of the last Minutes, the Environmental Health Department had informed the Clerk that there was no nuisance factor now but that this matter would be kept under review during the summer.
- (iv) The Clerk informed the meeting of the outcome of her conversation with the Chief Executive of Woodspring D.C. in connection with the "Home Defence Plan - Community Organisation in War" and it was agreed to act in accordance with the instructions received.
- (v) It was confirmed that Avon C.C. is responsible for all expenses in connection with the Avon Community Conservation & Environmental Scheme and the P.C. is not liable for any of the costs incurred.

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3. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vi) Vide Minute 4 (ii) (iii) (iv) and (v) of the previous Minutes, the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Penn again with regard to the urgency of these maintenance works.
- (vii) A letter had been received from the Environmental Health Department of W.D.C. regarding a notice board being erected in the Village for posters to be displayed in connection with Home and Water Safety matters. The Clerk was instructed to reply, stating that as we already had a notice board, perhaps the posters and other literature in connection with this project could be displayed on our own notice board. It was also felt that there was no suitable site for such a fixture, especially as the Village was in a conservation area.
- (viii) A letter had been received from ALCA asking whether the P.C. would be willing to make a donation towards the retirement of Mr. Ian Wethey, the County Secretary of ALCA. It was agreed to send a cheque for £5 on behalf of Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council.
- (ix) Notice had been received regarding entry for the Best Kept Village Competition this year. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 10th May 1982.
- (x) A copy of a letter from the Home Office to Mr Paul Dean M.P. had been received in connection with the use of airguns. This letter was fully discussed and it was finally agreed to write to Mr. H. Waygood, the Keeper of the Walton Shoot, with a copy of this letter, bringing his attention to the facts in the letter and pointing out that more care should be taken to enforce the law by making certain youngsters using these weapons are not under 17 years of age, and that the general public must be told to keep within the syndicate premises while using airguns.
- (xi) A letter had been received from the Planning Department in connection with Mr. B.P. Tyler's appeals regarding the construction of relief roads and residential development in Weston-in-Gordano (Plans Nos. 1352/81 and 1354/81). The Clerk was instructed to reply supporting the action taken by the Department in turning down these appeals and asking to be notified of the outcome of the Appeal decision.

4. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A Member asked about roadside notices and was informed that these are illegal and can be taken down.
- (ii) Mention was again made about the improvement of the Village notice board and Mr. Ross told Members he would look into this matter.
- (iii) A Member raised the question about the irregular tiles on the roof of 1 Manor Cottage, and the Clerk was asked to enquire from the Conservation Officer what action, if any, could be taken with regard to replacing these tiles.
- (iv) Another large pot-hole needed urgent repair. This was opposite "Arodene", past the golf course, and the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Penn.

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

S.W.E.B.	£5.33
Subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks	£6.25
Donation to Mr. Wethey (County Sec. ALCA)	£5.00

6. Village Hall. The Model Document in connection with the New Lease of this Hall had been circulated to Members but it was felt that this matter should be discussed more fully. It was therefore agreed to convene a further meeting on the 28th April 1982 for this purpose.

The meeting closed at 10. p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 10TH MAY 1982 at 7.00 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.

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

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed
2. Mr. M.Ross informed the meeting that he did not wish to be re-elected as Chairman and it was therefore proposed by Mrs.P.Wills and seconded by Mr. R.Baldwin that Mr.N.Wilyman be elected as Chairman for the coming year.

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

Forms of acceptance were signed accordingly.

3. PLANNING The Clerk had received a letter from the Planning Department of W.D.C. setting out the conditions imposed on the owner of "Orchard Lea" before planning permission was granted, and the Clerk was asked to check on item 2 of this letter which referred to the drive and turning area being constructed, consolidated and surfaced in tarmacadam before the access is used.

The Clerk had been assured that there was no danger of flooding where the curb had been lowered to form this access.

The Clerk informed the Council that the works being carried out at "Springhead Cottage" were exempt from planning permission as there were no external structural alterations.

Members also decided that no action should be taken in connection with the tiling of the roof on 1 Manor Cottage, Walton-in-Gordano.

4. Clerk's Report

(i) Airguns. Mr.Waygood had contacted the Clerk in reply to her letter with regard to the use of airguns and had pointed out that stricter fines were required to deter youngsters from trespassing and using airguns illegally. After discussion, it was decided to ask Mrs.McEwen-Smith to take up this matter on our behalf with the appropriate Committee of W.D.C. as Members were very concerned at the increase in the use of these weapons.

(ii) Village Hall The Clerk had received a letter from the Solicitors with regard to the lease of the Hall in which they suggest that the property should be vested in the Parish Council who would be qualified to act as a Custodian Trustee.

After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to reply, stating that the P.C. ^{had resolved} ~~were unanimous in their resolution~~ to appoint the Official Custodian for Charities as Trustee of the Village Hall.

(iii) Cornhill Insurance Co. The Clerk informed the Council that a letter had been received from our insurance company stating that it would be in our own interest to increase the Council's policy to a minimum of £250,000 to cover any eventuality, *and that there was now an updated policy available.*

She was instructed to reply asking for a new Proposal Form and to enquire the amount of the new annual premium.

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4. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (iv) Maintenance works in the Village. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Penn had notified her that the pothole outside "Arodene" had been repaired; the parapet across the black ditch was now complete; the work of the broken signpost was in hand; and, hopefully, the curbing along the road between Mr. Flower's farm and the Village Hall would soon be started. Mr. Penn also stated that his foreman had inspected the section of road between Mr. Tucker's house and Mr. Flower's gate and would be reporting on this shortly.
- (v) Notice Board. Mr. Ross informed Members that work on the Village notice board would be put in hand within the next few days.

5. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) A Member asked for the removal of part of a broken signpost, about 5 ins high, which is outside "Springhead Cottage" just inside the verge which could be a danger hazard to both vehicles and to pedestrians. The Clerk would notify Mr Penn.

6. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from Bristol United Press Ltd regarding community projects.
- (ii) A letter received from the Avon Small Industries Committee would be displayed on the Village notice board.
- (iii) Avon Community Council sent a letter with regard to the Avon Village Ventures Scheme. This would also be displayed on the notice board.
- (iv) The April issue of "Field Fare" was received and has been circulated to Members.

7. Cutting and clearing of footpaths. It was brought to the attention of Members that Mr. Baldwin had completed the cutting and clearing of the footpaths in the Village. The Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation for the work done.

8. Finance. The Clerk informed the Council that there were no cheques for payment this month.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

W. H. Baldwin
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14th June 1982

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 10th MAY 1982
at 8.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr.M.Ross, in the Chair, 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.

10 Parishioners attended the 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 presented the Annual Report of the Parish Council which included the following matters:

(i) Traffic Counts

There had been 2 traffic counts in the Village which had been run in conjunction with Weston-in-Gordano P.C. In October 1980 the number of vehicles using the Coast Road were 1604 but in June 1981 this had dropped to 1566. The detailed forms were sent to Avon C.C. but, unfortunately, the figures did not justify a weight and ^{height} restriction being imposed on vehicles using this road.

(ii) Audit. The annual audit for the year ended 31st March 1981 was held on the 17th May 1981 at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare. No date has yet been notified for this year's audit but notices will be posted in the Village when this is to take place. It was pointed out that, if parishioners had queries regarding the accounts, they should contact the Clerk. The Council's accounts are open to inspection 14 days before the Audit and if anyone wished to attend the audit, they are entitled to do so.

(iii) Tree Planting. The first stage has now been completed with the planting of 3 trees - an oak and 2 beech - at the approach to the Village from Clevedon, and 4 willows in Moor Lane. The P.C. felt, however, that the trees, excepting the oak, were not suitable and had contacted Mr.Cornick requesting that these be replaced in the autumn, to which he has agreed.

The Clerk was asked to express the Council's appreciation to Mr.J.Flower for supervising the planting of the trees and also helping with the erection of the guards.

The P.C. are hoping to plant more trees and this will be decided at a future meeting.

(iv) Village Hall. The present legal position with regard to Trustees for the Hall was explained and it had earlier been agreed that the P.C. should become Trustees under the new lease which was being drawn up based on the Model Document for Village Halls. However, after further discussion, it was decided that there may be financial and other advantages if the Official Custodian for Charities was nominated as trustee for the Hall under the new lease, and we are awaiting the approval of the lessor.

It was pointed out that the Hall was not in a very good structural condition and the new Management Committee have had plans submitted for re-cladding the exterior of the hall. One or two estimates have been obtained for this work which will be explained in more detail by the Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee later at this meeting.

(v) Gordano Footpaths Society. The Society have published a very good map of the District which includes the coastal path from Portishead to Clevedon. There are also three separate notices with this map which describe the various walks in the area. They cost about 50p.

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3. Annual Report (Contd)

(vi) Bus Services via Coast Road. We had several complaints from local residents about the cancellation of the public bus service along this road about a year or so ago, and the P.C. had therefore contacted a local private hire company who agreed to run a mini-coach along this route during the summer of 1981 on 3 mornings a week. Unfortunately, this was not well supported. However, this year the firm have again decided to run a mini-bus on Wednesday mornings from April until October and it is hoped there will now be better support in order for the service to operate permanently.

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(vii) Mariners Path. Avon C.C. had made arrangements with the Manpower/Commission to have this Path cleared, widened and levelled. This work has been completed and the Path is now a very pleasant walk, although there are still a few dangerous places which need fencing off. Avon C.C. will endeavour to keep this Path to the present standard.

(viii) Avon Structure Plan. Following the County Council elections in May 1981, the previous Structure Plan had now been formally withdrawn. It is the intention of the Avon C.C. however to re-examine the Plan and take into account the viewpoints of the District and the Parishes as they do not consider the fullest consultation has taken place.

(ix) Village Notice Board. The meeting was informed that the work of altering this notice board was to be put in hand shortly.

(x) Storm and Flood Relief Fund. Arrangements were made for collection boxes to be left in the two shops in the Village and with a local resident for donations to this Fund, and a total collection of £14.29 was made. This amount was sent to the Clevedon Fund.

4. The Chairman then presented a statement of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 1982. He outlined the various expenses incurred which totalled £562.82. The receipts for this same period totalled £724.39 and this left a balance in hand at the 31st March 1982 of £161.57.

5. The Council's observations on its finances for the current year were as follows:- The precept raised for the year 1982/83 was £636 and it was explained that parishes were being allowed one third of their precept from the block grant received by the District Council. Consequently, Walton-in-Gordano was to get £212 from this block grant, thus it would only be necessary to levy a 2p rate to raise the remaining £424 required instead of a 3p rate for the full amount of £636.

6. The Rev. Norman Martin was then asked to give his report on the activities and accounts of St. Paul's Church. He explained that the Village Church did not have a Parochial Church Council, but had a Restoration Committee to manage the Church funds.

St. Paul's Church came within the diocese of St. Mary's Church in Clevedon and Rev. Martin re-assured the meeting that, should it be necessary, St. Mary's will help the Village Church. However, he was pleased to confirm that the financial position at present is good.

Various works of improvement had been done to the Church, mainly treatment works to the infestation in the roof timbers. Fortunately, however, there was no serious damage done. The Restoration Committee must adhere to the Architect's advice, but except for the leading of the windows and the ridge tiles being fixed, the Church was in very good condition. Rev. Martin then stated that they wished to restore the clock and discussion took place as to whether parishioners wanted it to chime.

The Rev. Martin was thanked for attending the meeting and enlightening us on matters concerning the Church.

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7. Mrs. R. Tucker, the Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee, informed the meeting that at their A.G.M. on the 3rd December 1981, a new Committee had been elected which meets on the second Wednesday of the month. There have already been 5 special fund-raising events and donations have been received from the Womens Institute and St. Mary's Carol Service. There are plans for 7 further events and she hoped that as many people as possible would try to attend these functions.

Accounts for the Village Hall were presented and the balance in hand for 1982 was £1,527.

Planning permission had been requested for the re-cladding of the exterior of the Hall, and it is hoped that the Youth Opportunities Commission will be able to carry out this work. The cost of the work is estimated at £1,500 which will come out of their emergency fund. However, if a building contractor is engaged to do the work, the cost was likely to be doubled and would have to be spread over a number of years.

Mrs. Tucker was thanked for attending and presenting her report.

8. Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that she was the District Councillor for five villages in the Gordano Valley - Tickenham, Weston-in-Gordano, Walton-in-Gordano, North Weston and Clapton-in-Gordano. She did try to keep in touch with these villages by attending most of their meetings and would do her best to help in any way she can.

She told the meeting that Woodspring had tried to peg their rates this year but, unfortunately, Avon C.C. was responsible for the overall increase in our rates.

The cancellation of the Woodspring bus scheme was regretted but, as Avon C.C. are the highway authority and have now introduced the Avon Fare, the D.C. could not run a different scheme legally. In this connection, however, Woodspring D.C. are anxious to help the disabled and the pensioners and will do their best to solve this problem.

Another worry is the housing of the homeless because of the amount of people in this category. Woodspring D.C. are doing their best to provide sheltered accommodation where necessary.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith assured the meeting that Woodspring Planning Department works in close liaison with the parish councils and all plans are very carefully checked. She reiterated that she will be very pleased to help in any way possible if necessary.

The controversial subject of drainage was then discussed. Unfortunately, main drainage for the village was not imminent but will come eventually she thought. Portishead was the main priority at present, and then it was planned to start in the Gordano Valley.

Mr. Ross thanked Mrs. McEwen-Smith for attending the meeting and expressed the appreciation of the Council for the help and advice given by her during the year.

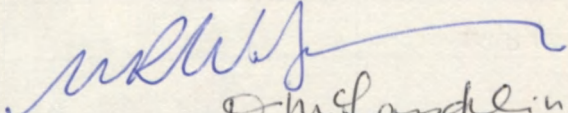
9. The Clerk who had attended most of the ALCA meetings during the last year said she had found them both informative and interesting and gave an account of the various items discussed which included Rural Transport; the Cheddar Valley Railway Walk; the illegal use of airguns; increases in charges by SWEB; the Woodspring Bus Scheme; the Structure Plan and the question of low flying and night flying aircraft.

10. The representative from the Womens Institute was then asked to report on the activities of this organisation. Mrs. S. Newman informed the meeting that the W.I. meet every third Thursday in the month except in August, and that it costs £3 per year to join. The Institute is 52 years old and there are 52 members who meet in the Village Hall. There are 9 members from the Village and she expressed the hope that many more would join. The activities include skittles, bowls, scrabble and tennis tournaments. They also had a Drama Group. Mrs. Newman confirmed that the W.I. were very concerned about the work to be done to the Village Hall and would be willing to help towards the cost of the repairs by holding a fund-raising event.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Newman for attending the meeting to explain the work of the W.I. and informed the meeting that it was envisaged that one or two members of the W.I. would be appointed to the Village Hall Management Committee when the new lease was drawn up.

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11. Best Kept Village Competition. After discussion, it was put to the vote and, although there were some abstentions, it was finally agreed that Walton-in-Gordano would not enter the Best Kept Village Competition in 1982.
12. Street Lighting. The question of the erection of additional street lighting in the Village was discussed and, having been put to the vote, it was resolved that this scheme be abandoned.
13. There being no other business for discussion, the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.


D. McLaughlin.

11th April 1983

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mr.R.Baldwin.

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

10. Planning. The Clerk explained the position with regard to the drive and turning area of "Orchard Lea", Walton-in-Gordano which had been discussed at our earlier meeting vide Minute No.3.

A letter had been received from Woodspring's Planning Department stating that they are discontinuing the present system of sending monthly lists to parish councils. In its place it is intended that an extract from the Statutory Register be sent. However, if no planning application has been received for a particular town or parish, this document will not be sent.

After discussion, it was agreed that the P.C. support other parishes in objecting to this new scheme and notify Woodspring accordingly.

In the meantime, as this matter was to be discussed at the ALCA meeting to be held the following evening, it was decided to await the decision of that Committee.

11. Clerk's Report

(i) Air Guns. This matter is being dealt with by Woodspring D.C. and parishes will be notified in due course of the outcome of their discussions. In the meantime, the Clerk was instructed to write to Woodspring D.C. assuring them of our support in legalising the use of these weapons and a copy of this letter to be sent to Mr.Paul Dean, our M.P.

It was also felt that the Council should congratulate Mr.Paul Dean on his recent appointment as Deputy Speaker to the House of Commons.

(ii) Village Hall. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Arbutnot who had agreed to meet Members of the Council and discuss the new lease in more detail. It was agreed that a meeting be convened for this purpose.

(iii) Cornhill Insurance. The new Proposal Form had been received from this firm and the Clerk was instructed to send a cheque for £6.70 for the annual premium. She was also asked to verify what further items this new policy covered, and what the additional cost would be to insure against libel and slander.

(iv) Maintenance and repairs in the Village

(a) The Clerk was asked to inform Mr.Penn that the signpost had not been collected, and it would be appreciated if this work could be put in hand as soon as possible.

(b) Members agreed that they would attempt to deal with the broken signpost outside "Springhead Cottage" themselves. The Clerk would notify Mr.Penn accordingly.

(c) Mr.Ross informed the meeting that he had been in touch with Mr.Baker regarding the notice board and that the work should be completed shortly.

(v) Bus Services. The Clerk informed the Council that Tripp Robbins Ltd had decided to alter the times of the bus service along the Coast Road in order to encourage more passengers. Notices to this effect will be displayed stating that the bus will now start from Portishead at 9.30 a.m. and leave Clevedon at 11.30 p.m. for the return journey.

(vi) ALCA Meeting. It was agreed that Mrs.P.Wills and the Clerk attend the ALCA meeting at Tickenham on the 15th June 1982.

12. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) A Member asked if the Bristol Omnibus Company could be contacted about fixing the broken time table post by the bus stop. It had been reported previously, but had still not been repaired. The Clerk was asked to deal with this matter urgently.
- (ii) It was pointed out that the tree at the cross roads needed staking and Mr. Wilyman and Mr. Barrow agreed to carry out this work.
- (iii) The Clerk was instructed to write to Woodspring D.C. complaining about their decision to introduce 'pay and display' car parks at Clevedon and Portishead. The P.C. felt it was grossly unfair that shoppers should have to pay for car parking in these two towns while visitors were able to park free of charge. *in certain areas.*
- (iv) The question of providing concessions in the form of assisted bus fares for pensioners and the disabled was again raised and it was finally decided to await Woodspring's decision on this matter.

13. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter and literature was received from the Avon Wildlife Trust pointing out that this organisation is important both for flora and fauna in Avon, and that we should try and raise funds for this Trust.
- The Clerk was asked to contact the local W.I. and the Restoration Fund in the Village to ask if they would be interested in attending a talk with film shows on this subject. It was also suggested that we confirm when the Village Hall would be available for such an event, possibly in September or October 1982.
- (ii) The "Public Transport Plan 1982/83" had been received from ALCA and was circulated to Members.
- (iii) Two booklets "Alternatives to Domestic Rates" and the "Draft Code of Policy" had been received from the National Association of Local Councils.
- (iv) The "Avon Conservation News" had been circulated to Members.

14. Finance. The Clerk asked for the authority of the Council to request payment of the 1982/83 precept for Walton-in-Gordano and she was instructed to write to The Treasurer of Woodspring D.C. accordingly.

A cheque for £83.28 for the June quarter was passed for payment to Mrs. D. McLaughlin as follows:

Salary	£21.00
Office Room	10.00
Telephone rental	7.00
Telephone calls	8.60
Expenses	25.50
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A cheque for £6.70 was also passed for payment to Cornhill Insurance Company in respect of the annual premium to the 1st June 1983.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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12th July 1982

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 12th JULY 1982 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

15. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
16. Planning. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had written to the Planning Dept. of Woodspring D.C. regarding their concern at the change in the system whereby town and parish councils were to be notified of planning applications. This matter had been discussed at the ALCA meeting held on the 15th June 1982 and it was suggested that a trial period be allowed to see whether this new method proved satisfactory.
- Plan No.1574/82 for "Channel View", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano was examined and approved.
- The plan for an extension to "Moorside Cottage", Moor Lane, Walton-in-Gordano (No.1711/82) was discussed and the Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Department that they approved of the plan in principle, but suggested the following changes:
- (a) That the proposed windows be similar in scale to the existing windows and that the window sills be of the same height. The new windows should also match the original ones.
 - (b) A plain garage door would be more suitable as the proposed design is too suburban and out of character in a small village. Members also did not approve of the design of the canopy over the garage.
 - (c) It was felt that, during storms or heavy rain, water running off the large roof area could block the brook at the rear of the dwelling and this aspect of the plan caused concern amongst Members.
17. Village Hall. A letter setting out the details, which had been discussed at a meeting held with Mr.Arbutnot regarding the Village Hall lease, had been circulated to Members, who now agreed that the Official Custodian should be elected as trustee for the Hall. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of this letter to the solicitors acting for Sir William Miles, and to enquire whether they would agree to a meeting being convened in order to finalise this matter.
18. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Cornhill Insurance. It was agreed that no action be taken by the P.C. in respect of a policy for libel and slander.
 - (ii) Signpost. Mr.Penn had returned the broken signpost to the Manor House as it could not be repaired. Work to erect a new signpost was now in hand. In the meantime, the Clerk was to make enquiries as to whether the old signpost could be repaired locally and, if so, this could either be donated to a museum or kept in the Village for future interest.
 - (iii) Notice Board. An invoice for £32.95 was received for the work of repairing this notice board and the Clerk was authorised to pay this account.
 - (iv) Concessions on buses for the elderly and disabled. Members were notified that this matter was discussed at the ALCA meeting held on the 15th June, and it was pointed out that Woodspring D.C. were looking at the likelihood of introducing this concession. In the meantime, it was felt that the P.C. should write to the Press making it clear that this facility should be implemented as soon as possible because of the hardship being caused to the elderly and the disabled.
 It was therefore agreed that the Chairman should contact the Editor of The Evening Post and the Clerk would notify the South Avon Mercury accordingly.
 - (v) Avon Wildlife Trust. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had made a provisional booking for a meeting of this Trust in the Village Hall for the 8th October 1982. She was instructed to confirm this booking and to notify the local W.I. and the Village Restoration Fund of this event. It was decided to finalise the programme at our September meeting.

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19. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The subject of boundaries in this area was discussed at the recent ALCA meeting and there was some controversy amongst parishes as to whether they would prefer to remain in the County of Avon or return to Somerset County. It was decided that Walton-in-Gordano should join a group of parish-councils who preferred to change to the County of Somerset. It was pointed out that we must give this matter serious thought as the boundary question will be finally decided in 1984.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Secretary of ALCA that the P.C. would like this item to be included on the agenda for their next meeting. Other parishes should also be contacted to enquire what steps they were taking in this connection.

- (ii) Councillors Messrs. A. Barrow and N. Wilyman were thanked for the work done by them of staking the tree at the cross roads, and it was agreed that the pruning of this tree should be left until later in the year.
- (iii) It was pointed out that Mariners Path was becoming very overgrown again and the Clerk was instructed to contact Avon County Council with regard to tidying up this very popular walk. Another footpath leading from the Coast Road to the Coast Path was also in need of urgent clearing.

20. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) A letter had been received from Mr. Wethey thanking the Parish Council for their contribution towards the presentation on his retirement as Secretary of ALCA.
- (ii) The County of Avon had sent copies of their booklet "Pocket Guide to Services" and these had been distributed to Members.
- (iii) ALCA had sent their account for our annual subscription and also an order form for posters and notices. The Clerk informed the Council that the subscription fee was now £9.90. Authority was given for payment of this amount, plus £3.50 for the necessary notices and posters.

21. Finance. The Clerk had received a cheque for £636 from Woodspring D.C. in respect of the precept, and this had been paid into the Council's deposit account at the Bank.

The following cheques were passed for payment:

S.W.E.B.	£5.70
A.B. Conversions (notice board)	£32.95
ALCA (notices etc. & subscription)	£13.40

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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D. W. R. P. W. 13th Sept '82

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P.Wills (in the Chair) and Messrs. R.Baldwin, A.Barrow and M.Ross, together with the Clerk.

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

22. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
23. Planning. A reply had been received from the Planning Department in respect of Minute 16 explaining the advantages of the new system of processing planning applications. It was decided to keep this matter under review for the time being.

A letter had been received from the Planning Department informing the Council that the application (1711/82) for "Moorside Cottage", Moor Lane, Walton-in-Gordano had been refused by the Council's Northern Area Planning Committee on the 16th August 1982. The reason given was that "the site lies within an approved extension of the Bristol Green Belt and the proposal would be contrary to the policy of the District Planning Authority for extensions to existing dwellings in the Green Belt".

24. Clerk's Report

- (i) Village Hall. The Clerk had been informed by the solicitors that the work of altering the draft Lease in connection with the trusteeship of this Hall was in hand. After the Charity Commissioners and the Avon Community Council have had a sight of the document, it will be sent to the P.C. for final approval.
- (ii) Avon Wildlife Trust. After discussing details of this event, the Clerk was instructed to write to Rev. Martin and the Secretary of the local W.I. informing them of this function. She was also asked to contact other interested organisations as it was felt there should be a good attendance for this worthwhile cause. It was decided that the charge for admission should be 50p for adults and 25p for school children, which would include light refreshments. There would also be a raffle.

The Clerk was asked to display posters advertising this event and to notify the South Avon Mercury accordingly.

- (iii) Audit. The Clerk had been notified that the audit for 1982 will be held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 11th October 1982 and she was instructed to post the necessary Notice of Audit on the Village notice board.
- (iv) Mariners Path. The Clerk had contacted Avon C.C. and was informed that this Path had now been cleared and, in future, this work would be done regularly in the spring and autumn.
- (v) Business Meeting of Chairmen/Clerks. It was decided that the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting on the 24th November 1982 at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare.
- (vi) Signpost. Councillors Daws had been contacted regarding the original signpost and had advised the Clerk that he would look into the possibility of repairing it.

Councillor Daws had informed the Clerk that he would like to come to some of our meetings in his capacity as a Councillor. Members decided, however, that as Mrs.McEwen-Smith, our District Councillor, attends most of our meetings and has been very helpful, it would be unnecessary for another Councillor to be present officially.

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24. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vii) Return to Somerset Campaign. The Clerk had contacted the Secretary of ALCA to ensure that this item would be included on the agenda of their meeting to be held on the 13th September 1982. We will be notified in due course of the decision taken at that meeting.
- (viii) Use of Air Weapons. A reply had been received from Woodspring D.C. stating that a publicity campaign will be launched later in the year aimed at heightening public awareness and creating a sense of responsibility about the dangers of air weapons' misuse. This matter will be kept under review.
- (ix) Car parking charges in Clevedon and Portishead. A reply had been received from Woodspring D.C. stating that our complaint would be filed for future reference.
- (x) Concessions for the elderly and disabled on buses. Vide Minute 18(iv), the Chairman had sent a letter to the Editor of the Evening Post and the Clerk had also notified the South Avon Mercury of the views of the P.C. in this matter.

25. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A Member was concerned at the number of cars parking outside the Village Hall when functions are held there and asked whether a notice could be prominently displayed pointing out that cars should be parked in Moor Lane. After discussion, it was agreed that individuals should write independantly to the Village Hall Management Committee stating their views.
- (ii) After complaining to S.W.E.B. that the street light in the Village had been coming on too early in the evening, this has now been rectified.
- (iii) A Member pointed out that the flail cutter had been tidying hedges in the Village, but unfortunately the cut branches of bushes and small trees had been left by the verges. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Penn to enquire whether these could be collected and disposed of by his Department.
- (iv) The Council was informed that two willows and the oak tree which had been planted in the spring in the Village had died and the Clerk was instructed to contact the appropriate department of Woodspring D.C. about replacement trees.

26. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) The Chief Superintendent of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary had sent a letter asking whether the P.C. would agree to the Local Community Beat Constable attending some of our meetings in order to create a better understanding between the Police and the public.
The Council agreed that this was a good idea and instructed the Clerk to inform the Chief Superintendent accordingly.
- (ii) A letter had been received from Woodspring D.C. regarding cycling on footpaths. The Clerk was asked to reply stating that there are no specific lengths of footpath in our Parish where difficulties exist due to cycling.
- (iii) A letter, together with a report from Woodspring D.C., was received in connection with the proposed Enterprise Zone adjoining Royal Portbury Dock. The views of Members were sought as a reply had to be sent to Woodspring D.C. in time for the Council meeting to be held on the 21st September. The D.C. had apologised for the shortness of time for discussion by the Parish of this important document but pointed out that this situation was not of their making. This matter will be discussed in more detail at our next Council meeting.

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26. Correspondence not previously dealt with (Contd)

(iv) A letter had been received from the Planning Department of Woodspring D.C. enclosing a booklet on conservation areas in Woodspring. The Clerk was asked to order copies for Members and also for distribution to interested residents.

27. Finance. A cheque for £70.94 was passed for payment to the Clerk for her salary and expenses for the September quarter, details of which had been circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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D. M. Longdon

11th October 1982.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 11th OCTOBER 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

28. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
29. Planning. In connection with the plan for "Moorside Cottage", Moor Lane, Walton-in-Gordano, the Clerk was asked to enquire whether the land in question in the Gordano Valley was 'white' land, or did it come within the Green Belt area.
30. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Village Hall. The Clerk had been notified by the solicitors that the Lease for this Hall had now been finalised and would be sent for the Council's approval within the next few days.
- (ii) Avon Wildlife Trust. The Clerk reported on the success of the talk by Mrs. M.Ayling in connection with wildlife in Avon held on the 8th October at the Village Hall. Members decided, however, that as the precept for the Parish is small, it would not be feasible for the Council to become a member of the Trust, but the Clerk was asked to point out that we hope to support them by donations in the future.
- It was also suggested that the booklet explaining membership of this Trust should be displayed on the Village notice board for the attention of parishioners.
- (iii) Audit. The Clerk informed the meeting that she would attend the Audit on the 5th November at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare. The Council's accounts are with the District Auditor at present.
- (iv) Proposed Enterprise Zone adjoining Portbury Dock. After discussion and by a majority decision, Walton-in-Gordano agreed to endorse the comments of Portbury P.C. regarding the application by Bristol City Council for the establishment of an Enterprise Zone adjoining Portbury Dock.
- Mrs.P.Wills declared her interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.
- (v) Attendance of Police at Council meetings. The Clerk had written to the Avon Constabulary agreeing to their suggestion to send a Constable to some of the Parish meetings. However, the Clerk was asked to contact the Police Supt again reiterating that the P.C. would like the local Community Beat Constable to attend our meetings as this would create a better liaison between him and the villagers. It was also decided that it would be a good idea if this Constable could be invited to certain events in the Village in order to meet local residents.
- (vi) 'Request' bus stop. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been contacted by the Clerk of Weston-in-Gordano regarding a complaint made by Miss D.Burden of 'Underwood', Clevedon Road, Walton-in-Gordano that some buses have not been stopping by her house. As suggested to her, Miss Burden had been in touch with the Bristol Omnibus Company and their representative had in turn informed the Clerk that he had passed this complaint to the Area Superintendent who would keep the matter under review.

31. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Mr. R. Baldwin informed the meeting that at the talk given by the Avon Wildlife Trust, a total sum of £32.25 had been raised - £18.25 for admission and £14.00 on the raffle. Members agreed that a cheque for £27.25 should be sent as a donation to the Avon Wildlife Trust and £5 given towards funds for the Village Hall.
- (ii) Mrs. P. Wills suggested that the Oak tree by the cross roads should be staked when the leaf fall is complete and said that she and Mr. Wills would prune the tree at the appropriate time. Members expressed appreciation at this offer of help.
- (iii) Mrs. P. Wills brought up the subject regarding road signs being erected in the Village - the first along the Coast Road being a red triangle with a silhouette of a horse and the word "Riders", and the second, at the entrance to the Village by Spring Head, with the words "Drive slowly through Village". Councillor Mrs. McEwen-Smith told the meeting that similar signs had been erected in Tickenham and it was decided that the Clerk contact the Highways Department of Avon C.C. to seek the advice of the officer concerned.

32. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) Clerks Course at Torquay and Weymouth. After discussion, it was decided that the Clerk write to Woodspring D.C., pointing out that, as the Parish precept is very small, it is regretted that the Clerk would be unable to attend either of these courses. Members appreciated that Woodspring had agreed to pay 50% of the fee in connection with these courses for small parishes but, unfortunately, it was not possible to incur this expense from the limited resources available to the Parish Council.
- (ii) Revision of Operational Arrangements - Public Offices. A letter had been received from Avon C.C. notifying parishes of the new officers to contact in connection with highway maintenance.
- (iii) Market in the Village Hall. A letter had been received from the Planning Dept of Woodspring D.C. regarding this matter. It was decided that the Clerk send a copy of this document to the Village Hall Management Committee for their information and necessary action.
- (iv) Public Transport Plan. Avon C.C. had sent a letter regarding this Plan which was circulated to Members.
- (v) Establishment of Conservation Area Advisory Committee. A meeting had been arranged for the 14th October by Woodspring D.C., and parishes were asked to attend for an inaugural meeting of the combined District Conservation Forum. Because of the short notice given, it was regretted that Members of the P.C. were unable to attend, but it was agreed that the District Council be notified that Walton-in-Gordano would like to be represented on this Committee.
- (vi) British Telecommunications Union Committee. After discussion of this letter, it was decided that no action be taken.

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

<u>Mr. R. Baldwin</u> (cutting & clearing footpaths)	£42.00
<u>Village Hall Management Committee</u>	£20.00
(6 bookings of the Village Hall @ £3 a session + £2 as part of donation from Avon Wildlife Trust event)	
<u>S.W.E.B.</u>	£ 6.04
<u>Avon Wildlife Trust</u> (donation)	£27.25

A sum of £3 in cash was also paid to the Village Hall Management Committee making up the agreed total of £5.00 as a donation - See Minute 31(i).

The question of the purchase of a typewriter for the Clerk was discussed and it was decided that advice be sought from other similar parishes and also from ALCA as to the procedure to be followed.

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

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

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

The Chairman welcomed Inspector R.Day of the Nailsea Branch of Avon Constabulary.

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

35. Planning. Vide Minute 29, the Clerk had received confirmation from the Planning Dept of Woodspring D.C. that the land in question comes within the non-statutory extension to the green belt and will be absorbed within this category when the new Avon Structure Plan comes into force in about two years' time.

Councillor Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the Council that she had contacted our Vice-Chairman in connection with the plan for the erection of a replacement bungalow to the east of Walton Bay House, Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano. Unfortunately, notification of this plan had not been received by the Parish Council in time for discussion, and as the proposed plan was a 'one for one' extension, it was decided to approve the application. The plan in this case was No. 2630/82.

However, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Department expressing the Council's concern at the failure by that Department to notify on proposed plans within the parish.

Members wished to place on record their appreciation to Mrs. McEwen-Smith for her advice and action on behalf of the Parish Council.

Trees. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Parks Superintendent of Woodspring D.C. of the urgency of replacing the dead trees, which had been planted earlier in the Village, by the end of November.

36. Clerk's Report.

(i) Village Hall. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr.Arbutnot of the Avon Community Council had received the draft of the Lease for the Village Hall for approval and the solicitors had reiterated that when the lease had also been seen by the Charity Commissioners, it would be sent to the Parish Council for their comments. It was pointed out, however, that as the Village Hall Management Committee were holding their A.G.M. in the first week of December, it was imperative that they have a sight of the document prior to discussion. The Clerk was asked to contact the solicitors pointing out the urgency of the matter.

(ii) Avon Wildlife Trust. The Clerk read a letter of thanks which she had received from this Trust for the Parish Council's donation of £27.25.

(iii) Attendance of Police at Council meetings. The Clerk had written to Inspector Marshall of the Avon Constabulary at Weston-super-Mare as instructed at the last meeting, and she had been informed that the Inspector would only come to the first meeting to introduce the local Constable and that the latter would be in attendance thereafter.

Inspector Day informed the meeting of the arrangements being made for better liaison between the Police and the public.

(iv) "Request" bus stop - Miss D.Burden. The Clerk had written to Mr.Forester of the Bristol Omnibus Company according to the instructions given at the last meeting.

(v) Clerks Courses. A letter had been sent to Woodspring D.C. as suggested at the last meeting.

(vi) Signpost. Councillor Daws had informed the Clerk that he would be collecting the broken signpost shortly.

(vii) Insurance. The Auditor had informed the Clerk that the Parish Council should consider the question of a Fidelity Guarantee Insurance and the Clerk was instructed to write to Cornhill Insurance Company asking for details.

(viii) Market in Village Hall. It was pointed out that this matter had been settled satisfactorily.

Mrs.P.Wills declared an interest in this item and also in connection with Minute 32(iii).

36. Clerk's Report. (Contd)

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- (ix) Road Signs in the Village. Vide Minute 31(iii), the Clerk had contacted Mr.Boxhall of the Avon C.C. and was informed that the County felt it undesirable to have too many signs in a small village, especially as the environmentalists were against the idea. It had also to be proved that there was a danger hazard by horses being ridden across a main road before the relevant sign could be erected. The other sign welcoming careful drivers was again felt not to be necessary as the village was too small.

Members discussed these points carefully, and it was finally proposed by Mrs.P. Wills, and seconded by Mr.M.Ross that the Clerk write to Mr.Boxhall suggesting the words "Welcomes careful drivers" be displayed beneath the present "Walton-in-Gordano" signs at the three main approaches to the Village.

Two Councillors voted against this decision and the Chairman used his casting vote. Members agreed nem con to ask for a sign of a red triangle with a silhouette of a horse and the word "Riders" to be displayed on the existing "Road narrows" sign along the Coast Road. The Clerk was also asked to contact the local Riding Stables to ask for their support.

- (x) Picnic Area - Mariners Path. The Clerk had been contacted by the Superintendent of the Manpower Services Commission about the possibility of paving a small piece of land by Back Hill as a picnic area. After consulting with Members, the Clerk had approached Sir William Miles for permission and was informed that he had no objections to the proposal, but that the Clerk should get in touch with Mr.Young who leased this land from Sir William. Mr.Young had informed the Clerk he would let her have his views shortly.

37. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Flooding by Cross Tree. The Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Surveyor about the severe flooding by this tree and also to reiterate the complaint about the camber of the stretch of road opposite the Village Hall where water collects in deep puddles. In this connection, the Clerk was instructed to also write to our County Councillor, Mr.R.Y.Edwards, expressing concern about the state of the roads generally in the parish.
- (ii) Tree planting. It was decided to defer a decision on the second phase of this programme in the parish until the Clerk had approached Mr.Brody for permission to plant trees along the old railway site.
- (iii) Clerk's typewriter. It was decided to pay the Clerk £3 per quarter for the rent of her typewriter, plus the cost of any repairs. The Clerk expressed her due appreciation.

38. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) Parish Expenditure 1983/84. A letter had been received from the Treasurer of Woodspring D.C. asking for the Council's co-operation in restricting expenditure in the ensuing year to the minimum.
- (ii) The Society of Local Council Clerks - Annual Conference - Llandudno - 8th/10th April 1983. The Council felt unable to send the Clerk to this Conference as the cost is £40 plus £10 delegate fee.
- (iii) Bristol Omnibus Company. A letter had been received from the County Engineer and Surveyor of Avon C.C. with suggested bus service alterations for 1983/84. Members discussed this question and expressed disappointment at the withdrawal of Service 805 during off-peak periods. The Clerk was asked to notify the Omnibus Company of the Council's concern on their proposals.

39. Finance. Two cheques were passed for payment as under:

Audit Fee £29.90

Mrs.D.McLaughlin £10.56 (Clerk's headed paper)

It was decided to discuss the precept for 1983 at the next meeting of the Council.

Before the meeting closed, the Chairman thanked Inspector R.Day for attending and enlightening Members about various Police matters.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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W. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

40. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed with the following amendment:

Minute 37(ix) The Third paragraph should read "Two Councillors abstained and the motion was carried nem con!"

41. Planning. Plan No. 2982/82 for the proposed widening of the existing gateway at "Sandstone Cottage" for footpath and vehicular access was approved, subject to the following suggestions:

- (a) There should be a proper splay access and entrance;
 (b) After the completion of the works, the front wall should be replaced in natural stone as the dwelling is in a conservation area.

The question of "Loretto" was again discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk await the receipt of the relevant correspondence relating to this dwelling; after which time, the owner be notified that the Council cannot help without the necessary documents being to hand.

42. Precept. It was agreed the Council should precept for £440 in 1983/84, and it was therefore unanimously RESOLVED: THAT a 2p rate be levied for 1983/84.

43. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Village Hall. The Council were informed that the former Village Hall Management Committee had now been disbanded and a new Steering Committee had been formed. This latter Committee had been asked to contact the Charity Commissioners to ask Mr.Urguhart of Osborne Clarke, who is the legal adviser to the Avon Community Council, to act on their behalf.

The Clerk was, therefore, instructed to write to Tanner Vowles and Cheshire stating that the new Steering Committee would not be requiring their services any longer, as the Community Council was the correct authority to deal with such matters.

- (ii) Fidelity Guarantee Cover. The Clerk informed the Council that she had been in touch with Cornhill Insurance who had sent a form for completion. The minimum premium is 25p per £100 and the Clerk was instructed to inform the Insurance Company that they would require a cover of £400, which would mean an additional payment of £1 on the premium already paid by the Parish Council.

- (iii) Road Signs. The Council decided to have the new combined "Walton-in-Gordano" - "Welcomes careful drivers" erected at the two approaches to the Village. It was agreed that three signs warning of horses and ponies being ridden be erected in the Village - one opposite "Old Rectory Farm" by the "Road Narrows" sign; the other by "Taggart" below the golf course along the Coast Road and the third outside "The Manor House" entrance by the "Cross Roads" sign.

A letter was read from Mrs.Sims of Brent Cottage Riding Stables thanking the Council for their action in this matter.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to Inspector R.Day asking him for the present position with regard to the study of traffic and road signs in the Village which had been discussed at our previous meeting. Inspector Day had notified the Council that he would look into this problem on our behalf.

43. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (iv) Tree Planting. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. Riou with regard to the replacing of the trees and this matter was in hand.
- Mr. Brody had been contacted with regard to the second phase of tree planting along the old railway line site, and he informed the Clerk that he had no objection to this being done.
- (v) Maintenance of roads. Vide Minute 37(i), Mr. Blissett of Avon C.C. had been notified about the flooding and the matter was now in hand.
- (vi) Picnic Area - Mariners Path. Mr. Young had given his permission for a picnic area to be constructed on the site mentioned and Mr. Windell, the Superintendent of the Manpower Services Commission, would be liaising with Mr. Young about the work to be done.
- (vii) Proposed Enterprise Zone adjoining Portbury Dock. A letter had been received from Woodspring D.C. pointing out that the Government had refused the District Council's request for the establishment of this enterprise zone.
- (viii) Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had attended this meeting on behalf of the P.C. at the Town Hall on the 24th November.
- (ix) Venue for Audit. The Clerk asked for the Council's authority to contact the District Auditor and the Portishead Town Council for their views on the suggestion that the smaller parishes attend for audit at the offices of the Portishead T.C. while the District Auditor is in attendance, rather than make two trips to Weston-super-Mare for this purpose. This would save considerable expense, as at present this involves two trips to Weston-super-Mare - one for the deposit of the accounts and the second to attend the audit.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Auditor and to the Clerk of the Portishead Town Council as suggested.

44. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) It was pointed out that there was a large pot-hole outside Brighton Cottage. The Clerk to notify Mr. Blissett of Avon C.C.
- (ii) Mr. Baldwin informed Members that he had been ^{appointed to} ~~elected on~~ the new Steering Committee of the Village Hall and would be pleased to act as the Council's second representative. Members expressed due appreciation.
- (iii) Mr. Barrow informed the Council that work had been done on the Church clock which now works satisfactorily. Members expressed their thanks to Mr. Barrow.
- (iv) Concern was expressed at the state of the "film" house along Mariners Path which had been the subject of discussion at our meeting on the 14th December 1981. The Clerk was asked to contact the H.T.V. Television Centre and the Planning Department of Woodspring D.C. in this connection, with a copy to Mr. Young for his information.
- (v) It was pointed out that the verge outside "Taggart" was in a very bad state with cars parking along it. The Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. with a view to seeing what could be done to prevent cars "churning up" the grass on this verge.

45. Finance. The Clerk informed the Council that she had paid the £7.50 into the Bank in connection with the error in the 1981/82 accounts.

A cheque for £100.76 was passed for payment to the Clerk for her salary and expenses for the December quarter, details of which had been circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

46. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
47. Planning. Mrs.McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that the Planning Department of Woodspring D.C. had asked that they be notified by letter of all planning applications received from them by Parish Councils, whether approved or otherwise. This matter was noted.

Correspondence had been received from Mrs.Wright's solicitors regarding "Loretto". It was agreed to write to these solicitors thanking them for their co-operation and advising them that the matter could be left with them for the time being, but that the Parish Council would help in any way they could if required.

Plan No.3160/82 for the proposed extensions and alterations to the existing dwelling house at 1 Manor Cottage, Walton-in-Gordano, was discussed at some length and it was finally agreed that the plan be approved, subject to the following suggestions:

- (i) The windows in the extension should match the existing windows; and
- (ii) It was felt the existing cesspit was not adequate for the additional usage and the applicant be asked for an independent form of drainage to be incorporated, whether it be a septic tank or a cesspit.

A letter had been received from the occupier of 2 Manor Cottage pointing out that the sitting room window on the south east elevation of the new extension will overlook his patio; and that the present septic tank only holds 1000 gallons which he feels is not large enough and suggests that a separate septic tank be installed at 1 Manor Cottage.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Department of these points.

48. Public attendance at Meetings. Members discussed the various ways in which the Parish Council meetings could be better attended and it was finally proposed by Mr. M.Ross, seconded by Mr.Baldwin and **RESOLVED:** THAT 10 minutes be set aside at the beginning of each meeting for the public to put forward their comments or views. This resolution would apply until the next Parish elections in May 1983.
49. Clerk's Reports.
- (i) Village Hall. The Clerk had written to Tanner Vowles and Cheshire according to the instructions received at the last meeting.
 - (ii) Fidelity Guarantee Cover. The Clerk had completed and returned the requisite form to Cornhill Insurance Company and had been informed by them that, although it would not be necessary to send the £1 premium for this year, the Parish Council would automatically be covered from the 15th December 1982.
 - (iii) Road Signs. Inspector Perry had visited the Village and inspected the hazards discussed at our earlier meeting. He would be reporting back to Inspector Day.
 The Clerk had written to Mr.Boxhall regarding the new road signs in the Village and had received an acknowledgement from ~~that~~ ^{his} department. This matter would be kept under review.
 - (iv) Tree Planting. No further communication had been received from the Planning Department about this project and the Clerk would be contacting Mr.Riou of the Parks Department again.
 - (v) Maintenance of roads. The pot-hole outside Brighton Cottage had been repaired and the Clerk was informed by Avon C.C. that the work on the verge outside "Taggart" and the flooding by the tree were in hand.

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49. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vi) Venue for Audit. Vide Minute 43(ix), the Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a letter of approval from the Portishead Town Council but was awaiting a reply from the District Auditor.
- (vii) "Film" House, Mariners Path. The Planning Department had notified the Clerk that they were looking into the condition of this house, and she had been informed by H.T.V. that they would not now be using the house for filming and would be demolishing it shortly. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Young in this connection.

50. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) "Return to Somerset Campaign". The Clerk was asked to contact the Chairman, Dr. W.P.Kelly, pointing out that the Parish Council had agreed that this item should be included on the agenda for their Annual Parish Meeting in May and inviting him to attend this meeting and give us his views. Arrangements should also be made for someone in opposition to be present.
- (ii) Tree Planting. A suggestion was made that some trees should be planted along the hedgerow between half-way house and the entrance to the Village, and the Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles and Mr. Brody for their views. It was also suggested that the Parish Council arrange to plant these trees themselves.
- (iii) Tree at Cross Roads. Mr. and Mrs. Wills had kindly agreed to prune this tree at the proper time.
- (iv) Litter. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Paul Dean, our M.P., regarding the increase of litter in public places and the possibility of a bye-law being passed whereby 'on the spot' fines could be imposed on anyone throwing litter around. It was felt that this could prove a deterrent. Copies of this letter should also be sent to the local W.I., the Avon Federation of W.I's, the National Farmers Union and the Chairman for the Protection of Rural England. It was also agreed the Clerk notify the Secretary of ALCA that this item be included on the agenda for the next ALCA meeting.

51. Finance. Two cheques were passed for payment as under:

Society of Local Clerks	£6.50
(subscription)	
S.W.E.B.	£6.04

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON IN GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY 1983 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs.P.Wills and District Councillor Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith.

Notices had been displayed to the effect that ten minutes would be set aside at the beginning of the meeting for parishioners to put forward their views. However, as there was no response from the public, the Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.40 p.m.

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

53. Planning. The Clerk had been informed that the Planning Department approved the plan regarding 1 Manor Cottage, Walton-in-Gordano on the condition that a separate septic tank be installed. This had been agreed by the owner of the property. It had, however, been pointed out by the Planning Department that as the windows on the new extension would only be at the back of the property, they felt it unreasonable to insist on them matching the existing windows. Members agreed to this decision.

Plan No.038/83 for the "Gargoyles", Walton-in-Gordano was discussed and approved. The Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Department accordingly.

54. Clerk's Report.

(i) Road Signs. A letter had been received from Inspector R.Day in which he pointed out that a site meeting had been held at the Cross Tree junction in the Village by his department and representatives of Avon C.C. when careful scrutiny had been made of all traffic using this road. The consensus was that the state of the present road markings were partially to blame for drivers positioning incorrectly at this junction, and Inspector Day gave an assurance that repainting of these road markings would be carried out at an early date.

The question of a width and weight restriction for the coast road would also be considered by Avon C.C. but it was pointed out that, as the Coast Road is on an omnibus route, this would be an obvious problem to the recommendation. The Clerk was instructed to reply to Inspector Day emphasizing that this road is not now on an omnibus route and this fact should be brought to the attention of the Avon C.C.

No reply had yet been received from Mr.Boxhall regarding the new road signs in the Village.

(ii) Tree Planting. The Clerk had been informed by the Parks Department of Woodspring D.C. that the replacement trees had now been planted. Members felt that before payment was made to Woodspring D.C. for this tree planting scheme, we should wait and see if the trees were satisfactory.

After contacting Sir William Miles about the possibility of planting trees along the hedgerow from half-way house to the entrance of the Village, the Clerk had been informed that consideration of this matter should be left for the time being as there may be changes in the future and Sir William would not like to make a firm decision at present. Members agreed to this suggestion.

(iii) Maintenance of roads. The Clerk had been informed by Avon C.C. that the verge outside "Taggart" could not be attended to as there were a number of verges in a similar condition around the district and funds were not available for all these works to be carried out.

However, they were looking into the flooding problem in the Village and would be contacting us shortly.

54. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (iv) Venue for Audit. The Clerk had now heard from the Auditors who thought the suggestion of auditing the accounts of several of the local parishes in the Portishead area a feasible one and arrangements were to be put in hand accordingly.
- (v) "Film" House. The Planning Dept of Woodspring D.C. had now heard from H.T.V. that this house would be demolished shortly. The matter would be kept under review. As instructed the Clerk had written to Mr.Young in this connection.
- (vi) "Return to Somerset" Campaign. The Clerk had written to Dr.Kelly vide Minute 50 (i) but had not received a reply. The matter would be pursued.
- (vii) Litter. The Clerk read letters received from Mr.Paul Dean, Woodspring D.C. and the President of the Avon Federation of W.I's. After discussing this matter at some length, the Parish Council felt that there is adequate legislation for Woodspring D.C. to deal with this matter.

55. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Village Hall. Mr.Baldwin informed Members that the Leader of the Youth Opportunities group had notified the Village Hall Committee that it would be better if the timber cladding could be changed to the use of roof felt with wire mesh and rendering. He also pointed out that it would be more economic for the four walls to be repaired and painted instead of only three as originally planned, and also for the building to be insulated. Members agreed to these suggestions.

Mr.Baldwin also told the meeting that it had been suggested that a Village Festival be held, perhaps on August Bank Holiday, and asked for the Council's views. Members approved of the idea and agreed that individuals would be prepared to help.

It was also pointed out that the Village Hall land should be owned by the Parish Council and, after discussion, it was agreed to leave this matter under review.

56. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from Woodspring D.C. regarding the closure of out-stations for the registration of births, deaths and marriages. This was noted.
- (ii) The Avon Wildlife Trust had sent pamphlets and posters for circulation and display and the Clerk also read a letter from this Trust regarding their work
- (iii) The Avon Local Councils Association had asked Parish Councils to complete a form regarding the choice of venue for their future Annual General Meetings. Members asked if these meetings could be held at Weston-super-Mare instead of Keynsham. A copy of "Field Fare" and other relevant posters and pamphlets were also received. These were circulated to Members
- (iv) Avon C.C. had sent a notice in connection with the Avon Structure Plan which had been posted on the notice board.
- (v) Woodspring D.C. had sent forms and literature regarding parish elections to be held on the 5th May 1983. These were distributed to Members for completion and return to the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare by the 28th March 1983.
- (vi) The Chairman of Woodspring D.C. had sent a letter asking for the names of members of the public who provide a valuable service to the community to attend a social evening. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to reply stating that there were no nominations from Walton-in-Gordano.

57. Finance. Two cheques were passed for payment as under:

Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall £18.00
(hire of hall for 6 months -
January 83 to June 83)

Avon County Council £4.00
(subscription "Field Fare")

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

W. D. McLaughlin

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

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

58. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
59. Planning. As instructed the Clerk had written to the Planning Department of Woodspring D.C. approving plan No.038/83 for the "Gargoyles", Walton-in-Gordano.
60. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Road Signs. A letter had been sent to Inspector Day on the lines suggested at the last meeting with regard to the width and weight restriction along the Coast Road.

A letter had now been received from Mr.Boxhall, the County Engineer and Surveyor, with a copy of a drawing showing the proposed replacement village name plates, and the "horses and ponies crossing the road ahead" signs. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk reply, stating that there are no objections to these proposals, and asking for the work to be put in hand.

- (ii) Tree Planting. Mr. J.Flower had approved the planting of the replacement trees and the Clerk would be reporting on their progress.

- (iii) Maintenance of roads. Mr.Blissett (Avon C.C.) had been contacted regarding the flooding in the village and had informed the Clerk that, as soon as other more urgent jobs had been completed, this problem would be rectified.

- (iv) "Return to Somerset" campaign. The Clerk had heard from Dr. Kelly who agreed to attend our Annual Parish meeting to talk on this subject. This meeting will be held on the 11th April 1983 at 7.30 p.m. and the Clerk was asked to notify Dr.Kelly of the date and time. It was also agreed that the Clerk make enquiries for an opposition speaker to attend this meeting.

- (v) Litter. The Clerk attended the ALCA meeting at Winford on the 10th March where this item was included on the agenda on the instructions of Walton-in-Gordano P.C. It was pointed out that, after discussion, the meeting felt adequate legislation was in force which enabled Woodspring D.C. to deal with this problem. However, it was suggested that this item be included on the agenda for the next Avon Community Council meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to contact Inspector R.Day of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary with an invitation to the Local Community Constable to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on the 11th April to give Members the views of the Police with regard to the suggestion of 'on the spot' fines for anyone throwing litter in public places.

- (vi) ALCA Meeting. Vidé Minute 56 (iii), the Clerk had returned the completed form to ALCA and we now await their final decision.

- (vii) Parish Elections. Attention was drawn to the forms to be filled in by prospective Councillors for the forthcoming elections on the 5th May 1983. Councillors N.Wilyman and M.Ross both declared that they would not be seeking re-election.

- (viii) "Film" House. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Young who informed her that the demolition of this dwelling was now in hand.

61. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) It was pointed out that the safety fence near the brook at "Springhead Cottage" had broken and, consequently, the pavement now fell away into the brook, creating a dangerous hazard to pedestrians, especially children, who could fall into the brook in the dark. The Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C.
- (ii) A Member asked whether some action could be taken with regard to the large cuttings left in the road after the hedges had been cut by the flail cutter. It was agreed that these cuttings could be dangerous, and possibly cause accidents, to motor-cyclists. The Clerk to notify the Avon Highways Dept.

62. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) Civil Defence - Community Adviser Training. A letter had been received from the Emergency Planning Officer of Woodspring D.C. enclosing a draft syllabus for the proposed Community Adviser Training Programme and asking for two members of the community who might wish to give their services to Civil Defence. After discussion, it was felt that this subject be included on the agenda for the Annual Parish Council on the 11th April for general discussion.
- (ii) Avon Community Council had sent a letter of thanks and a certificate confirming our affiliation to the Avon Community Council for the coming year.
- (iii) Bus Service Revisions 1983/84. A report had been received from the County of Avon which gave details of the revised services and the Clerk was pleased to inform the meeting that both Services 358/9 and 805 (Bristol - Portishead) are to be retained in their present form.
- (iv) Avon Structure Plan - a survey form, designed to check and up-date the existing information on village facilities, had been received from ALCA for completion by Parish Councils. The Chairman agreed to fill in the details and return this document by the 31st March. It was also pointed out that Examination in Public of the Avon Structure Plan will be held on the 21st June 1983 at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol.
- (v) Director of Education, Avon County Council - a letter had been received with regard to the Education Act 1980.
63. Finance. A cheque for £72.48 was passed for payment to the Clerk for her salary and expenses for the March quarter, details of which had been circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Philipa Iles
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