

MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON THE 11TH APRIL, 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor), together with 6 parishioners attended, and there were 4 visitors present.

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 pointed out that the Parish Council had agreed to allocate 10 minutes at the beginning of their Council meetings in order that parishioners could attend to put forward their comments or views. Unfortunately, this proposal had not proved successful. He went on to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wills for the work done to the Village oak tree and expressed appreciation to Mrs.Barrow and Mrs.Pope for their efforts in planting flowers and keeping this area tidy. He also thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for their help and support during the past year.

The Chairman then presented the Annual Report of the Parish Council which included the following matters:

- (i) Parish Rate. A 2p rate had been levied for the year 1983/84 which would raise £440.
- (ii) Finances. The receipts for the period 31st March 1982 to the 31st March 1983 totalled £894.78 and the various expenses incurred for the same period were £573.08. This left a balance at the 31st March 1983 of £321.70.
- (iii) Venue for Annual Audit. The Parish Council had instigated enquiries for a change of venue for the Annual Audit from Weston-super-Mare to Portishead for local parishes, and the Auditors have agreed to this suggestion. This will save time and expense for local parishes.
- (iv) Tree Planting. As the original trees proved to be unsatisfactory, the Woodspring D.C. agreed to replace them and the new trees have now been planted with suitable guards for protection. The Parish Council hope to plant more trees in the Village in the future.
- (v) Maintenance of Roads. Unfortunately, the roads in and around Walton-in-Gordano have deteriorated, mainly due to flooding during heavy rains. Avon C.C. Highways Department have assured us, however, that as soon as practicable the work of repair to these roads will be carried out.
- (vi) Local Community Police Constable. Avon and Somerset Constabulary have arranged for the Local Community Beat Constable to attend some of our meetings in order to create a better understanding between the Police and the public. This Constable also cycles through the local villages between Clevedon and Portishead and the Parish Council felt this was a very good way of the Police keeping in touch with the local residents.
- (vii) Village Hall. It was pointed out that the Hall now has a Steering Committee which is endeavouring to legalise the position regarding trustees for the Hall. A more detailed report will be given later at this meeting on the finances and the works of repair to be done to the Hall.
- (viii) Avon Wildlife Trust. On the 8th October 1982 the Avon Wildlife Trust held a film show with a talk at the Village Hall which proved very successful and a donation was sent to the Wildlife Fund from the proceeds of this evening.
- (ix) Litter. The Parish Council decided to bring this matter up with ALCA as Members were very concerned at the increase of litter in the Village. This problem was discussed at the ALCA meeting at Winford, and it was decided that there was adequate legislation in force which enable Woodspring D.C. to deal with this problem. There will be further discussion on this question later at this meeting.

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3. Chairman's Report (Contd)

(x) Planning. Woodspring D.C. had decided on a new policy with regard to notifying town and parish councils of planning applications and Walton-in-Gordano had experienced some difficulty in obtaining notifications of planning applications as, due to the confusion of our postal address, some of these had been sent to Clevedon in error. Woodspring D.C. had ensured, however, that we would receive the correct planning notifications in future.

4. Police Constable R. Rowen was then introduced to the meeting and explained the various ways in which parishioners could help to keep the village free of litter. He said it was an offence to allow debris to fall from lorries and drivers could be charged with having an insecure load if Members of the public took their numbers. This also applied to drivers of cars seen throwing rubbish out of vehicles.

On the question of 'on the spot' fines, P.C. Rowen did say that the Police had reservations about these since they would be difficult to operate. Mrs. Wills, however, pointed out that though it would necessitate a lot of work at the beginning, once people became used to this legislation, they would be more careful because of the fine.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that Woodspring D.C. had a scheme whereby they would contribute £85 per annum, together with the appropriate tools, to any interested parish enabling them to engage a Village Warden to keep the village clear of litter. The Parish Council would look into this suggestion at their Parish meeting next week.

P.C. Rowen was thanked by the Chairman for attending the meeting and enlightening us on this controversial subject.

5. A letter had been received from the Emergency Planning Officer of Woodspring D.C. for volunteers from parishes within Woodspring who are prepared to undertake some training in Civil Defence. Anyone interested should contact a Member of the Parish Council when more details would be given.
6. Dr. W.P. Kelly, the Chairman of the "Return to Somerset" campaign then addressed the meeting and gave his views why he wished local parishes to agree to return to Somerset. He admitted the campaign was mainly an emotional one at present, but pointed out that there were very good reasons for returning to Somerset, especially as Avon did not cater for rural communities since it was essentially an urban county. Various arguments were raised, that of education and rates being paramount, and Dr. Kelly answered questions from the floor. Mrs. McEwen-Smith defended the present system and hoped that Woodspring D.C. was a good and compassionate council.

Dr. Kelly hoped that a series of local referenda could be held on this issue and he urged Walton-in-Gordano to hold such a referendum.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Kelly for attending our meeting and for his interesting talk.

The meeting then agreed that the question of whether to support this campaign and to hold a referendum should be discussed at the AGM to be held on the 16th May 1983.

7. Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that, since reporting on the Gordano Drainage Scheme at the last APM, the Wessex treatment works has progressed as far as Clapton Lane and is slowly, but surely, proceeding along the Gordano Valley.

Woodspring D.C. have been considering the question of bus concessions for the elderly and the disabled and this matter is in hand at present.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith admitted that the difficult problem of homelessness in the district is still with us, but every effort is being made to house as many as possible in this category.

She did wish to clarify, however, that the maintenance of roads referred to earlier at this meeting is the responsibility of the County Council and not of the District Council.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith was thanked for her remarks and also for her help during the past year.

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8. Mrs.P.Wills, the Chairman of the Village Hall Steering Committee, then reported that the work of re-cladding and rendering the exterior of the Village Hall will be starting shortly. She also informed the meeting that a different firm of Solicitors had been engaged to deal with the legal aspect of appointing trustees for the Hall and they hope to have this problem settled in the very near future. The accounts for the Village Hall now show a balance of over £2,000 and she thanked individuals and various organisations for the marvellous support given in raising funds for the Hall.
9. Councillor A Barrow enquired when the new road signs would be erected in the Village and was informed by the Clerk that she had heard from Avon C.C. that the matter was in hand, and the signs would be erected as soon as possible.
10. Mr.Cannell asked the Parish Council to ascertain from Woodspring D.C. why waste paper was not collected in Moor Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact the Technical Services Department with a request that the 'paper chase' vehicle call in Moor Lane, Walton-in-Gordano, in order that waste paper can be collected from the houses there.
11. There being no other business for discussion, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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27th April 1984

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 18th APRIL 1983 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 and District Councillor Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith.

64. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
65. Planning. Two plans were discussed at this meeting and it was agreed that Plan No.623/83 for the proposed utility room and w.c. and septic tank at "Breezeland", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano, be approved.

Plan No.724/83 - planning only for construction of replacement dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling at "Channel View", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano, be approved, subject to the roof tiles being of a colour appropriate to the area.

The Clerk to notify the Planning Department accordingly.

66. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Best Kept Village Competition. It was decided that Walton-in-Gordano would not enter the competition this year but that the item be entered on the agenda for next year's Annual Parish Meeting in order that local residents can be involved in the decision.
- (ii) Black Ditch - dumping of rubbish. The Clerk has contacted Woodspring D.C. and been informed that the Technical Services Department will arrange for this rubbish to be cleared. However, it was pointed out that villagers should be on the alert and report the numbers of any suspect cars to the Police.
- (iii) Litter. The Clerk had been notified by Mrs.Ellis of C.P.R.E. that her organisation would support the Parish Council in their efforts to solve the problem of litter. In the meantime, it was pointed out that Woodspring D.C. had a scheme in operation whereby they would contribute £85 per annum, plus the necessary tools, to any Parish who wished to engage a village warden to keep the village clean and tidy. It was therefore agreed that a notice to this effect be placed in the notice board, asking for volunteers.
- It was also agreed that a letter be sent to Inspector R.Day of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary to thank P.C. Rowen for attending our APM and advising us about the problems of litter.
- (iv) Fence by "Springfield Cottage". The work of erecting a fence by the stream has been completed, and the Clerk was asked to convey the thanks of the P.C. to Mr.Blissett for a very satisfactory job.
- (v) Bus Service. A letter had been received from Bristol Omnibus Company regarding the new service No. 124 from Portishead to Weston-super-Mare which would run four times a day via the Coast Road and Walton-in-Gordano. This service would commence on the 22nd May and run for the duration of the summer. The Clerk pointed out that this service could be extended after the summer if it was well supported.
- (vi) Hedge cutting. The Clerk had been in touch with Avon C.C. who informed her that the cutting of hedges by the County did not commence until April. Consequently, the clearing of the large hedge cuttings from the roads was the responsibility of the farmer. Members were asked to contact the Clerk if there is a repetition of this complaint.
- (vii) Road Signs. The Clerk had received an acknowledgement card from Mr.Boxhall stating that the matter was in hand.
- (viii) Civil Defence. Mr.E.S.Storey had volunteered to act as the Community Adviser for Walton-in-Gordano and the Clerk was asked to thank Mr.Storey for his offer and to inform Mr.Kelly, the Emergency Planning Officer of W.D.C., accordingly.

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66. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (ix) "Return to Somerset" campaign. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting on the 16th May for a decision. The Clerk to thank Dr. W.P.Kelly for his attendance at the APM when he opened the debate in support of this campaign.
- (x) Paper Chase. The Clerk has contacted W.D.C. after an enquiry about the collection of waste paper in Moor Lane, Walton-in-Gordano. Arrangements have now been made for collection of waste paper on the 4th Thursday of each calendar month.
- (xi) Picnic Area, Mariners Path. Mr.Young had notified the Clerk that it was now urgent for the fence to be erected along his land by the picnic area. The Clerk had been in touch with Mrs.Reed of Avon C.C. who has agreed to arrange for the work to be put in hand.

67. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) A Member pointed out that the pavement from Plum Tree Cottage to the gate of Home Farm was falling away and was below the level of the road in some places, making it dangerous to walk on. The Clerk to contact the appropriate Department of Avon C.C.
- (ii) Concern was also shown about a large crack that had appeared in the road by "The School House" along the brook which could be caused by subsidence. The Clerk would contact Mr.Blissett for his views.
- (iii) The danger of children falling into the stream by "Springfield Cottage" was again brought up, and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Blissett about the possibility of a grid being placed here to prevent this hazard occurring.
- (iv) It was pointed out that the litter bins in the lay-by along the Coast Road by the Signal Station were broken and should be replaced. The Clerk to contact the Technical Services of W.D.C. asking for more suitable bins to be placed in this vicinity.
- (v) A complaint was also made about the gate in the fencing around the S.W.E.B. sub-station in Moor Lane which was not fastened properly. The Clerk to contact SWEB.
- (vi) Mr.R.Baldwin, our representative on the Village Hall Steering Committee, gave a report on the present position with regard to the Hall. This Committee has now been notified by Mr.Urquhart of Osborne Clarke that he would like a sight of all the relevant correspondence and of the old lease relating to the Hall so that he can settle the legal aspect regarding the trustees of the Hall as soon as possible.

The Parish Council were also informed that work on the re-cladding and rendering of the Hall should commence in the 1st or 2nd week of May. Members were also informed that the accounts of the Village Hall Steering Committee showed a balance of £2,700 at present.

After discussion, it was agreed that a Resolution be passed at the A.G.M. on the 16th May whereby the Parish Council would be invoiced for the materials for work on the Village Hall in order to reclaim the VAT, and the Village Hall Steering Committee will then reimburse the Parish Council with the full amount.

- 68. Finance. The Clerk asked for authority to claim the 1983/84 precept of £440 from Woodspring D.C., and this was agreed.

A cheque for £6.04 was passed for payment to S.W.E.B. for street lighting.

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PRESENT: Councillors Mrs.P.Wills and Messrs. A.G.Barrow, R.J.Baldwin, A.G.MacIvor,
 and E.S.Storey, together with the Clerk.

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

Two parishioners attended this meeting.

It had not been necessary to hold an election for Walton-in-Gordano on the 5th May 1983 as there were five nominations for the five available seats. The five Councillors had signed the forms of acceptance of office before the start of this meeting.

69. Election of Chairman. Mrs.P.Wills proposed that Mr. R.J.Baldwin be elected as Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Mr. A.G.Barrow.

70. Election of Vice-Chairman. Mrs.P.Wills proposed that Mr. A.G.Barrow be elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Mr. E.S.Storey.

Forms of acceptance were signed accordingly.

Councillor Mr. R.J.Baldwin then took the Chair.

71. "Return to Somerset" campaign. After discussion, it was finally agreed that a referendum be held to decide whether Walton-in-Gordano wished to remain in Avon or to return to Somerset. It was pointed out, however, that the Clerk be asked to contact Dr. W.P.Kelly, the Avon C.C. and the Somerset C.C. for some guidance as to the procedure to be followed for such a referendum. The Parish Council would like some more information regarding this subject in order that a comprehensive fact sheet can be compiled and distributed to parishioners to help them decide.

72. Clerk's Report.

(i) Litter. A notice had been displayed on the notice board regarding a Village Orderly but no replies had been received to date. The Clerk had confirmed with the Treasurer's Department of Woodspring D.C. that their contribution would be £80 and not £85 as quoted in Minute 66 (iii). It was explained that this amount was based on per head of population and, consequently, Walton-in-Gordano was only eligible for the minimum contribution, i.e. £80.

The Clerk had contacted the Magistrates' Court and had been informed that the throwing of litter is not a civil crime but a criminal one, and the fine for a first offence is £100, with £200 for a second offence. For the dumping of rubbish, however, the maximum fine is £200 or 3 months imprisonment. It was pointed out that there is adequate legislation to deal with this problem as there are three Litter Acts at present in force.

The Clerk was then asked to enquire from the County Courts what further information they had on this subject.

(ii) Litter Bins. The Clerk informed the meeting that the broken bins along the Coast Road had now been replaced with new ones which were more suitable, both in strength and design. The Clerk to thank Woodspring D.C. for their prompt action in this matter.

(iii) Works of Maintenance.

(a) Vide Minute 68 (i), Mr.Blissett had replied that, although some kerbs have subsided along the footway near Home Farm, he felt it was not dangerous at present. However, the raising of the kerbs and surfacing of the footway would be put in hand as soon as possible.

(b) Mr.Blissett had inspected the crack in the road opposite "The School House" and felt this was due to surface cracking rather than subsidence and not in immediate danger. He would keep an eye on this and seal the area if it deteriorates any further.

(c) Mr.Blissett did agree that the stream near "Springhead Cottage" could be dangerous for children and he will have a grill made and fixed there.

72. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (iv) S.W.E.B. Sub-Station. With regard to Minute 67 (v), the Electricity Board had informed the Clerk they will examine the fastening on the perimeter fence around the building, but felt it is not a matter of urgency as the lock on the actual sub-station is secure.
- (v) Audit. The Clerk had been notified that the Audit for the year ended 31st March 1983 would be held on the 24th June at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare. She will arrange for the necessary notice to be displayed in the notice board setting out the dates on which parishioners can examine the accounts of the Parish Council if they so wished.

73. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Arising out of Minute 71 (ii), a Member asked if the old litter bin opposite the Cross Tree Stores could be replaced with a new bin, bearing in mind that, as Walton-in-Gordano is in a conservation area, care must be taken in selecting a suitable design.
- (ii) The Council was informed that Mariners Path had become very overgrown and Avon C.C. should be approached as they had agreed to clear and tidy this Path before the holiday season. It was also pointed out that a section of this Path below the Signal Station on the Clevedon side is in a dangerous condition, due to the erosion of the bank on the channel side. The Clerk would contact Avon C.C. as a matter of urgency, with the suggestion that this section should be closed until it is safe.
- (iii) Councillor A Barrow had been approached by a parishioner who expressed concern at the blocked gullies along the Coast Road from Black Strip to the Signal Station. During heavy rain, water flows down from the main road causing considerable inconvenience to residents of this part of the caravan park. It was felt that this could be due to the incorrect camber of the road which allows the surface water to flow down to the dwellings instead of entering the drains.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department of Avon C.C. pointing out the inconvenience being caused to residents living in this vicinity and also to get in touch with the complainant informing him of our action.

74. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Gordano Footpath Group. A letter had been received from this Group pointing out that they are prepared to carry out minor maintenance of local footpaths. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to reply with the following suggestions - steps could be made by the footpath leading to Hackswood House; the footpath through the spinney could be waymarked, and the footpath leading to the new picnic area along Mariners Path could be waymarked and a public stile erected. Councillors A.Barrow and R.Baldwin agreed to accompany members of this Group along the footpaths in our parish to help identify the works to be done. In the meantime, the P.C. expressed their appreciation of the co-operation and help given by this Group.
- (ii) Woodspring Handbook. The Clerk read a text on Walton-in-Gordano received from Woodspring D.C. for inclusion in their official handbook. To give a clearer picture of the history of the Village, the Clerk was asked to telephone the Press Officer of Woodspring D.C., suggesting that he contact Mrs.P.Wills who would be able to give him more accurate items of interest for this handbook.
- (iii) Speed Limits. A letter had been received from Avon C.C. regarding speed limits and this was read out to the Council. It was felt that, as Walton-in-Gordano was not affected, no action be taken.

75. Finance. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received the precept of £440 for 1983/84 from Woodspring D.C. and this had been paid into the Council's deposit account at the Bank.

Messrs. Tanner, Vowles & Cheshire, the solicitors acting for the Parish Council in connection with the Village Hall lease, had now sent their account for professional charges. After perusal, Members approved the payment of this account. Mrs. P. Wills declared her interest and took no part in this discussion.

Vide Minute 67 (vi), it was proposed by Mr. A.G. MacIvor, seconded by Mr. A.G. Barrow and RESOLVED: THAT the Parish Council be invoiced for the materials for work on the Village Hall in order to reclaim the V.A.T. and the Village Hall Steering Committee then reimburse the Parish Council with the full amount.

Councillors Mrs. P. Wills and Mr. E.S. Storey declared their interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The following cheques were passed for payment:

Tanner Vowles & Cheshire	£40.25
Cornhill Insurance Co.	£ 7.70
ALCA (subscription plus posters and forms)	£13.80

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

R.J. Bell

Wm. Langford

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 13th JUNE 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr.R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs.P.Wills, Mr.A.G.MacIvor, together with the Clerk.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.G.Barrow and E.S.Storey.

76. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and it was agreed that they be signed at the next meeting as the minute books were with the District Auditor at present.
77. Planning. Members discussed plan No.1153/83 for an extension to "Rosebank", Walton Down, Walton-in-Gordano and no objections were raised to the actual building. The Clerk was asked, however, to investigate the position with regard to the proximity of plot 19 adjoining this dwelling.
78. Clerk's Report
- (i) Litter. The Clerk had been notified by the County Court that the legal system in the U.K. did not incorporate 'on the spot' fines. This system could work in other countries as court action was not necessary, whereas all legislation here is through the courts and would involve a change in ^{the} law. They felt adequate laws were in force at present to cover all eventualities.
- Mr.Blissett had written confirming that, as soon as 'no tipping' signs are to hand, a sign to this effect will be erected in Moor Lane.
- The question of a replacement litter bin opposite the Cross Tree Stores was discussed, and it was agreed that the new bin should match the existing one by the telephone kiosk. The Clerk was asked to contact Miss Brimacombe accordingly. She was also asked to enquire whether the P.C. was expected to pay the cost of this new bin.
- (ii) Works of maintenance. The various outstanding works of repair in the Village, i.e. roads and footpaths, were discussed, and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Mr.R.Y.Edwards, our County Councillor, to acquaint him of the general state of roads and pavements in the Village. Mrs.McEwen-Smith confirmed that she would again inspect the footpath from Plum Tree Cottage to Home Farm.
- (iii) Mariners Path Mrs.Reed of Avon C.C. had telephoned the Clerk to say that she had walked this Path from Clevedon to the Signal Station and, as far as she was concerned, the condition of this Path was satisfactory. However, after discussion, the Chairman suggested that he would walk the same route and inspect the section reported to be in a dangerous condition.
- Mrs.Reed had also informed the Clerk that the overhanging brambles and bracken along this Path would be trimmed this week thus ensuring the Path clear for holidaymakers.
- (iv) Blocked drain at Walton Bay. This problem had been reported to Woodspring D.C. by Avon C.C. and the matter was now in hand. A further report would be given at the next meeting.
- (v) Audit. The accounts and books were at present with the District Auditor, and the Clerk would be attending the Audit on the 24th June at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare.
- (vi) Gordano Footpath Group. The Clerk had been notified by the Secretary of this Group that our suggestions were under review by them, and we would be advised of the outcome shortly. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to check whether the landlord and/or the tenant had to be notified before work could be started on the footpaths in question.

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78. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vii) Woodspring Handbook. The text for inclusion in this handbook had now been agreed with the Press Officer and we would be receiving a copy of this in February.
- (viii) Community Advisers Programme. This programme had been received from Mr. Kelly, the Emergency Planning Officer of Woodspring D.C., and had been distributed to the officers who would be representing the Parish Council at the Civil Defence courses.
- (ix) Waste Paper collection. The Clerk distributed leaflets which she had received from Woodspring D.C. stating when the 'paper chase' vehicle would be in the Village. Copies would also be available in the two shops. The Clerk would display a notice to this effect in the notice board.
- (x) Village Hall. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Urquhart of Osborne Clark had had a sight of the file but, as it was necessary for him to have further access to these documents, he had given a written undertaking that he would be responsible for these papers while in his care. Members agreed to his request.

Mrs. P. Wills declared her interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion.

79. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mrs. P. Wills pointed out that there was a pothole about 100 yards south of the Manor House gate which could be dangerous. The Clerk was asked to report this to Mr. Blissett.
- (ii) Mr. R. Baldwin informed the meeting that his telephone number was now Clevedon 879268.

80. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon Community Council. An invitation to attend the A.G.M. at Saltford on the 23rd June had been received from the Avon Community Council, and the Chairman informed the meeting that he would attend on our behalf.
- (ii) ALCA Meeting at Puxton. It was decided that the Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting on the 21st June.

81. "Return to Somerset" Referendum. After discussion, it was agreed that a notice be distributed to householders in the Parish asking them to vote on this issue. The wording was finally approved, and the Clerk was asked to prepare an original copy which could then be duplicated. She was also asked to contact Dr. Kelly informing him of the Parish Council's action in this matter.

82. Finance. A cheque for £87.49 was passed for payment to the Clerk for her salary and expenses for the June quarter, details of which had been circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

R. Baldwin *D. McLaughlin*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 11th JULY 1983 at 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs.P.Wills, and Messrs.A.G.MacIvor and E.S.Storey, together with the Clerk.

83. The Minutes of the two previous meetings were approved and signed as agreed vide Minute 76.
84. Planning. With regard to plan 1153/83 for an extension to "Rosebank", Walton Down, Walton-in-Gordano, the Clerk had been notified that plot 19 adjoining this property was within the green belt area and could not be built on.

General discussion then took place about the difficulties being experienced in connection with the new system by W.D.C. of notifying parishes of planning applications and it was pointed out that this matter had again been brought up at the recent ALCA meeting. It was decided to keep this matter under review.

85. Referendum - "Return to Somerset" It was agreed that arrangements be made to hold this referendum when the question of the boundaries review for Avon is imminent. The Clerk was asked to notify Dr. Kelly about the present position.

86. Clerk's Report

- (i) Village Hall. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr.Urquhart of Osborne Clarke had now examined all the documents and correspondence in connection with the Village Hall lease and would be communicating with us in due course.
- (ii) Litter Bins. The Clerk notified the meeting that, after contacting the Conservation Officer of Woodspring D.C. , she had been informed the District Council had agreed to provide the Village with two additional litter bins of similar design to the existing one by the telephone kiosk. The D.C. will purchase and erect these bins free of charge. It was decided that one bin should be erected opposite the Cross Tree stores and the other outside the Church.

The Clerk was asked to convey the thanks of the P.C. to the appropriate Department and Members thanked the Clerk for her action in this matter.

- (iii) Maintenance of Roads. County Councillor R.Y.Edwards had inspected the footpath from Plum Tree cottage to Home Farm in the company of Mr.Baldwin and he agreed that repairs were needed here, especially to the kerbs. Councillor Edwards also confirmed that it would be in the interests of safety for the footway from Moor Lane to be extended to the Village Hall. He had contacted Mr.Blissett who did not agree that these works were urgent and as Avon C.C. had only limited resources, he felt that there were works of higher priority on his list.
- (iv) Coast Path. It was again pointed out that this Path was now in a very overgrown state and some sections were dangerous. It was decided that the Clerk contact Woodspring D.C. to enquire whether they could help in clearing this Path. In the meantime, Avon C.C. was to be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the condition of this Path, and a suggestion made that perhaps a representative from that Department may inspect this Path with Mr.Storey.
- (v) Audit. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had attended for audit at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 24th June when the parish accounts were declared to be correct. She was informed that it was sufficient for two Councillors only to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council, and the Clerk's signature was not necessary.

86. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vi) Cutting of Footpaths. The Clerk pointed out that, although Mr. Baldwin had been appointed to cut the footpaths in the Parish on the 23rd May 1979 for twelve months, it was necessary to make a firm resolution enabling Mr. Baldwin to continue with this task. It had been established from ALCA that it is in order for the Parish Council to make this appointment, provided that a resolution is passed to this effect.

It was therefore proposed by Mrs. P. Wills, seconded by Mr. A. G. MacIvor and unanimously RESOLVED: THAT Mr. R. J. Baldwin be appointed to carry out the cutting and tidying of footpaths in Walton-in-Gordano for the sum of £42.00.

Mr. R. J. Baldwin declared his interest and took no part during the discussion of this item.

87. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) A Member pointed out that two of the new litter bins along the Coast Road have been damaged. The Clerk would contact the appropriate Department of W.D.C.
- (ii) Mrs. P. Wills reported on the Church Fete held at the Manor House on the 2nd July. Unfortunately, this occasion was not as successful as expected. Members discussed this matter and it was suggested that in future it might be better to set aside one day for a combined event, i.e. a fete in the afternoon and a barbecue in the evening. The proceeds could then be divided between the Church and the Village Hall. This matter would be reviewed again.
- (iii) The Chairman gave his report on the ALCA meeting which he attended on the 21st June. The main subjects under discussion were: (a) the Structure Plan and in this connection ALCA confirmed they would represent the parishes; (b) planning generally - see Minute 84; and (c) the report by the Treasurer of Woodspring D.C. who spoke on the question of rating and precepts for parishes.

The next meeting of ALCA will be held in September at Banwell.

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

Village Hall Steering Committee	£18.00
(hire of Village Hall from July - December 1983)	
The Audit	
Commission for Local Authorities in England & Wales (Audit Fee)	£31.05

The Clerk informed the meeting that a cheque for £14.49 had been received in connection with V.A.T. and this had been paid into the Council's deposit account at the Bank.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

R J Baldwin
D MacIvor

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. R.J.Baldwin (Chairman), Mrs.P.Wills and Mr.E.S.Storey, together with the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr.A.G.Barrow and Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor)

89. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
90. Planning. Members examined plan No.1831/83 for replacement of the existing garage at "Rivendell", Moor Lane, Walton-in-Gordano and it was agreed that the Planning Department be notified that there were no objections raised to the approval of this plan.
91. Referendum - "Return to Somerset" After discussion, it was decided to hold a referendum in Walton-in-Gordano at the same time as Weston-super-Mare. The Clerk informed the meeting that ballot papers in this connection had been ordered and should be to hand shortly. Members also agreed that notices be displayed in the two shops, on the village notice board and also in the "Scan" and the "South Avon Mercury" in order to make certain that residents in the village are aware of the date for this referendum.
92. Clerk's Report
- (i) Works of maintenance. Mrs. McEwen-Smith had notified the Clerk that she had been in touch with the appropriate department of Woodspring D.C. who had agreed to contact Avon C.C. with regard to the untidy state of the pavements due to weeds. The Clerk was pleased to report that the work of clearing the weeds and generally tidying up had now been completed. She was asked to convey the Parish Council's appreciation to Avon C.C.
- It was pointed out that the weeds in the stream opposite "The School House" had also been cleared. However, it was noted that the stream further down in Moor Lane was now full of weeds and the Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. in this connection.
- (ii) Clerk's salary. Notification had been received from the Society of Local Council Clerks that the minimum salary for a parish clerk had been increased to £100 per annum. It was therefore agreed that an additional sum of £4 per quarter be allowed in the 1984/85 precept to cover this increase.
- (iii) Litter Bins. The Clerk had been in touch with Miss Brimacombe of Woodspring D.C. who advised that, as soon as the new litter bins were to hand, they would be erected on the sites agreed by the Parish Council.
- (iv) Coast Path. Mrs. Reed of Avon C.C. had been in touch with Mr.Baldwin who had agreed to cut the overgrown vegetation and clear the section of this path within the parish boundary. It was pointed out that most of this path had been cleared, and the Chairman suggested that he would be clearing the overgrown brambles etc. as and when it needed doing in order to maintain this path in its present satisfactory state.
93. Councillors' Reports.
- (i) It was pointed out that the damaged litter bins along the Coast Road had now been repaired by Woodspring D.C.
- (ii) The Chairman read a letter from Woodspring D.C. in connection with the new procedure with regard to parish elections and this was duly noted.

93. Councillors' Reports (Contd)

- (iii) It was decided that the Chairman, Mrs.P.Wills and the Clerk represent the Parish Council at the ALCA meeting at Banwell on the 26th September.
- (iv) Invitations for Councillors to attend various courses were discussed and it was left for Members to decide whether they would attend.

94. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from the Emergency Planning Officer of Woodspring D.C. in which he enclosed the Community Adviser Training Programme. As agreed previously, two representatives of the Parish Council will attend these training sessions.
- (ii) A copy of the Public Transport Plan had been received and this has been circulated to Members.
- (iii) A letter from the Chairman of Woodspring D.C. in connection with premises for small industrial developments was received but, after discussion, it was agreed that no action be taken in this instance as Walton-in-Gordano was not affected.
- (iv) The Annual Business Meeting with Town/Parish Council Chairmen and Clerks is to be held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 2nd November 1983. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting.

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

S.W.E.B. £ 5.92

The Clerk - salary £67.00 (details circulated to Members)
& expenses for the
September quarter

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

A Baldwin
D.W. Langhein

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

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. R.J.Baldwin (Chairman) and Messrs. A.G.MacIvor and E.S.Storey, together with the Clerk.

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

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

96. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
97. Planning Plan No. 2234/83 for the proposed conversion of existing garage into a garden library at The Manor House, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. and Mrs. S.M.Wills was inspected by Members. After discussion, it was agreed the Planning Department be notified that there were no objections to the approval of this plan.
- Mrs.McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that a plan had been received by Woodspring D.C. for the erection of a dwelling and double garage at 'Alston' (the existing bungalow to be demolished) and, after discussion, it was agreed to look into this plan in more detail at our next meeting in November.
98. Referendum - "Return to Somerset" The ballot papers in connection with this campaign had now been received and it was finally decided that this referendum be held at the Village Hall, Walton-in-Gordano on Saturday, the 22nd October. Mr.Storey agreed to act as presiding officer, and the Clerk was instructed to inform the Press about this event. Notices will also be placed on the village notice board and in the two shops within the parish.
99. Clerk's Report
- (i) Works of maintenance. It was pointed out that Avon C.C. had agreed that, when labour is available, the stream in Moor Lane would be cleared. However, this work had not yet been carried out, and the Clerk would contact the appropriate department again.
 - (ii) Litter Bins The meeting was informed that the two new litter bins had now been erected in the village. The Clerk was asked to express the Council's appreciation to Woodspring D.C. for their co-operation in this matter.
 - (iii) Bus Service. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Bristol Omnibus Company had confirmed that the new bus service No.123 from Portishead to Weston-super-Mare had been extended through the winter. They do point out, however, that unless this service is well supported, they may have to withdraw this facility. Notices have been displayed on the notice board and in the two shops of the new service.
 - (iv) Nature Conservancy Council On the instructions of the Chairman, the Clerk had contacted the N.C.C. at Taunton to enquire why parish councils have not been informed of the negotiations being taken at present in the scheduling of the Gordano Valley as a S.S.S.I. She had been informed that at present the N.C.C. were merely negotiating with the landowners and farmers and when final arrangements had been made, parish councils would then be notified. This matter was discussed at some length and it was finally agreed to keep this matter under review for the time being.
100. Councillors' Reports.
- (i) A Member again pointed out the problem with regard to the speed of traffic along the narrow stretch of road when entering the Village from the Coast Road. The Clerk was asked to enquire from the Highways Dept of Avon C.C. what further action could be taken to improve this hazard.

101. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of Field Fare had been received and had been circulated to Members.
- (ii) The Minutes of the 9th AGM of ALCA held at Keynsham on the 11th November 1982 had been received, together with a copy of their Annual Report.
An invitation to attend the AGM on the 13th October 1983 at Keynsham was also received. The Clerk was asked to convey the apologies of the Council at not being represented at this meeting.
- (iii) Mr. Kelly (Emergency Planning Officer of Woodspring D.C.) had sent a copy of the community surveys with regard to Civil Defence and this was handed to our representatives for their information and action.

102. Finance. A cheque for £42 was passed for payment to Mr. R.J. Baldwin for his service in cutting and clearing the footpaths in the Village.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

R.J. Baldwin

Wm Langley

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 1983 at 7.30 p.m

PRESENT: Councillors Mr.R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs.P.Wills and Messrs.A.G.MacIvor and E.G.Storey, together with the Clerk

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

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

104. Planning. Members approved Plan 2430/83 for the extension of temporary consent for garage at "Cosy Corner", Coast Road, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr.M.Ross.

Plan No.2166/83 for the demolition of the existing bungalow at "Alston", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano and the erection of a house and garage was examined by members and they agreed with the decision of the Planning Dept of W.D.C. to refuse this plan on the grounds that the proposed building would be much larger than the official limit of 50%. This decision was in keeping with the policy of the district council in order to prevent larger buildings replacing existing dwellings in a green belt area. Woodspring D.C. had asked the applicant to submit a revised plan, and when and if this received, the matter will be reviewed.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Dept of the parish council's views.

Mrs.P.Wills suggested that perhaps a member of the parish council could visit applicants in the parish in order to get their views where the plans submitted were controversial. Members agreed with this suggestion, and the Chairman, with the approval of the other Councillors, asked Mrs.P.Wills to act as the parish council's representative in this respect. Mrs.Wills accepted this appointment.

105. Referendum - "Return to Somerset" The Chairman informed the meeting that at the referendum, held on the 22nd October, 75 people voted out of an electorate of 171 and these were all in favour of returning to Somerset. The Clerk was asked to inform Dr.Kelly, the Chairman of the "Return to Somerset" campaign, of this result.

106. Clerk's Report.

(i) Works of maintenance. The Clerk had been notified by Avon C.C. that work on clearing the stream in Moor Lane would be put in hand shortly.

Avon C.C. were informed that two traffic notices along the Coast Road needed attention and they also have this matter in hand.

(ii) Speed limit on Coast Road. Vide Minute 100 (i), the Clerk was informed that, unfortunately, the position with regard to traffic speeding along this section of road is unchanged as Avon C.C. felt that there are adequate warning traffic notices along this road.

(iii) Talk on Crime Prevention. The Clerk informed the meeting that a letter had been received from the Avon and Somerset Constabulary confirming that Sgt. J.A. Brown, the Crime Prevention Officer, would be attending this meeting later to talk on the subject of crime prevention.

(iv) Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks at Weston-super-Mare. The Chairman and the Clerk attended this meeting as agreed. The subjects discussed were procedures with regard to planning applications, gulley emptying, tipping in rural areas, and the precepts for towns and parishes in Woodspring. In the latter instance, Mr.Barnes (the Treasurer of W.D.C.) reiterated the need for town and parish councils to budget for a nil increase in 1984/85 and to avoid building up large reserves or balances. He also stressed it would be appreciated if W.D.C. could be informed of the amounts required in January.

Mr.Moon then informed the meeting that the first session of the Community Adviser programme had been successful with an attendance of 63 people. Councillors R. J.Baldwin and E.G.Storey attended as representatives of the parish council.

107. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Resignation of Councillor A.G.Barrow. The Chairman informed the meeting he had received a letter of resignation from Mr.A.G.Barrow. The Clerk was instructed to place a notice to this effect on the notice board asking for any nominations to fill this vacancy.
- Members expressed their appreciation of the excellent work done by Mr. A.G.Barrow during his term of office as a parish Councillor.
- (ii) Gordano Footpath Group. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been in contact with this Group regarding their offer of maintaining the footpaths in the parish. He was informed that this organisation would provide the labour necessary to carry out work on these footpaths, but that the parish council would be expected to supply any equipment needed.
- (iii) Tree Planting. The Chairman pointed out that the two trees, planted in the field at the entrance to the village from Clevedon, had died. Mr.Baldwin suggested that an 'adopt a tree' scheme could be introduced in the village which would encourage people to look after a tree once it had been planted. Members expressed their approval of this idea.
- It was also agreed that a letter should be written to Sir William Miles asking if he knew of any sites in the village where new trees could be planted. After discussion, it was agreed to put this item of tree planting generally on the agenda for the December meeting.
- (iv) Home Defence Meeting. The Chairman informed the meeting that he and Mr.Storey had found the Community Adviser programme very interesting. He suggested that a short meeting should be convened to fill in the details on the planning guide which had been sent to town and parish councils some time ago, and which were now urgently required by Woodspring D.C. to be completed.
- The Chairman and Mr.Storey would be attending the next Home Defence meeting on the 24th November 1983.
- (v) Bus Stop. Mr.Baldwin notified the meeting that he had been approached by some residents in the village for the erection of a bench outside "Home Farm" by the bus stop. Members approved this suggestion and agreed to precept for this amenity next year.
- While on this subject, the question of the re-siting of the bus stop^s was discussed, and the Clerk was asked to contact the Bristol Omnibus Company in the first instance to enquire the procedure as to re-siting of bus stops. When this information is to hand, a site meeting could be arranged with the Police and the County Highways Department.

108. Crime Prevention Talk. The Chairman introduced Sgt. J.A. Brown of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary who gave a very interesting and informative talk on this topical but alarming subject. He distributed various pamphlets on the prevention of crime generally which contained useful hints for householders and the public.
- Members expressed their appreciation to Sgt. Brown for attending our meeting and for the interesting and useful talk.

109. Finance. A cheque for £5.92 was passed for payment to S.W.E.B.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

A. Baldwin *W. Langford*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr.R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs.P.Wills and Mr.A.G.MacIvor, together with the Clerk.

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mr.E.S.Storey.

110. It was proposed by Mr.R.J.Baldwin and seconded by Mr.A.G.MacIvor that Mrs. B.M. Atkins be appointed as Councillor to fill the casual vacancy on Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council.
111. It was proposed by Mrs.P.Wills and seconded by Mr.A.G.MacIvor that Mr.E.S. Storey be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the coming year.
112. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
113. Planning. The Chairman informed the meeting of the reasons why Woodspring D.C. had refused approval of plan No.2166/83 for "Alston", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano. The Clerk then informed the meeting that she had received a letter from Mr. B.P.Tyler of "Weston Farm", Weston-in-Gordano, asking our parish council to withdraw its objections to his proposed plans for relief roads and associated residential development in Weston-in-Gordano.
- At this stage, the Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and the Chair was taken by Councillor Mrs.P.Wills.
- After discussing the plan of the proposed site in Weston-in-Gordano, and taking into consideration the points raised in Mr.Tyler's letter, Members agreed to support Woodspring D.C. in their decision to refuse approval of this development and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr.Tyler accordingly.
- It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Planning Department of W.D.C. for their help and co-operation in this matter.
114. Tree-Planting. The Chairman informed the meeting that Sir William Miles had no objection to the planting of trees between the light railway track and the B3124 road on the eastern approach to the Village, provided the tenants of the farms in this area were agreeable. Mrs.Wills advised Members of several types of trees that would be suitable and the approximate cost of protecting them.
- A suggestion was made by the Chairman that a small committee could be formed for tree planting generally, including the farmers who tenanted the land and two Members of the parish council. Mr.Baldwin and Mrs.Wills agreed to act as the Council's representatives.
- The Clerk was instructed to enquire from Woodspring D.C. the position with regard to the payment for the tree-planting scheme in Walton-in-Gordano carried out in January 1982.
115. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Works of maintenance. The Clerk informed the meeting that Avon C.C. had now cleared the section of the stream in Moor Lane. She had also asked the C.C. to check on the wall along the stream opposite "The School House" as it had been damaged and was in a dangerous condition. Avon C.C. had agreed to inspect this wall and, if necessary, put the work in hand as soon as possible.
- (ii) Petition. Vide Minute 107(v) of the last meeting, a petition was received from 27 parishioners, following a newspaper report of the P.C. meeting on the 14th November, when it was decided to seek advice on the siting of bus stops in the Village. Fear were also expressed about the erection of street lights and bus shelters. The Clerk was asked to reply to the petition, assuring the people concerned that no decision would be taken until after the A.P.M. in May 1984 when the question on bus stops could be fully discussed.

115. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (iii) Register of Electors. Two copies of the 1984 Register had been displayed in the Village for the inspection by members of the public, together with a notice as to making of claims and objections.

116. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) ALCA Meeting at Portbury. The Chairman informed the meeting that he and the Clerk had attended this meeting on the 6th December and among the subjects discussed were the audit of parish accounts, the proposals for the Convention Centre at the Royal Portbury Dock and the proposed increase by ALCA for subscriptions in 1984. There was also lengthy discussions about the new Police Liaison Committee which has been set up under the Executive Committee. Hutton P.C. had prepared a report on "Return to Somerset" and this was circulated to all the parishes in Woodspring.
- (ii) Community Adviser Training. It was pointed out that in this connection Mr.A.G.MacIvor had now agreed to act as our representative, together with Mr.E.S.Storey. They had both attended the last training session and a report would be given to the council at the end of the course.
- (iii) Village Hall. Mrs.Wills told the council that the Village Hall had now been granted Charity status and a new lease was being prepared accordingly.
- (iv) Councillor A.G.Barrow. It was the unanimous wish of the Members that a letter be sent to Mr.A.G.Barrow expressing the Council's appreciation of the work carried out by him as a Councillor.
- (v) Notice Board in Walton Bay. A suggestion was made that a notice board be erected in Walton Bay to enable the many residents who live in that part of the parish to be kept informed of the various events taking place in the village.

Alternatively, it was pointed out that an 'Information Sheet' could be published monthly setting out the dates and other information for events taking place locally. Mr.A.G.MacIvor kindly offered his services as editor and Mrs.Wills kindly agreed to do the printing. A copy of this news-sheet will be delivered by hand to every house in the parish for a trial period of a year.

- (vi) Rural Tree-Planting. Mrs.Wills thanked the parish council for giving her and Mr.Wills the opportunity of attending this seminar at Old Sodbury on the 27th November. They found this course both interesting and informative.

117. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon C.C. had asked that posters and pamphlets 'Help Make Jimmy's Day' be displayed in parishes. The Council agreed to this request.
- (ii) Notification had been received from ALCA about the Biennial National Conference of Local Councillors at Plymouth on the 13th-15th April 1984. The Clerk intimated that she would like to attend this Conference and she was asked to enquire from W.D.C. about the possibility of a contribution towards her costs in this connection.
- (iii) The Planning Department of W.D.C. had now sent a copy of the model planning conditions as agreed at the Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks in Weston-super-Mare on the 2nd November 1983.

118. Finance. The Clerk had received a letter from the Treasurer of W.D.C. with the suggested target figure for our precept in order that we can formulate our budget for 1984/85. The parish precept will be discussed at our next meeting in January.

A cheque for £78.91 was passed for payment to the Clerk for her salary and expenses for the December quarter, details of which had been circulated to Members.

E. Ballin *W. Chapman*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 9TH JANUARY 1984 at 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs. R.J. Baldwin, Chairman, E.S. Storey, Vice-Chairman Mrs. B.M. Adkins, Mr. A.G. MacIvor and Mrs. P. Wills, *together with the Clerk.*

An apology for absence was received from Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (Dist. Cllr)

119. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
120. Planning. Members inspected Plan 2874/83 - Mr. C.J. Iles, "The Cot", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano - for the sale of trees and agreed to raise no objections, provided the level of sales remain as at present. The Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Department accordingly and also send copies of advertisements placed by Mr. Iles in the local papers.
- A letter received from the Department of the Environment with regard to Mr. B.P. Tyler's appeal was read to Members and the Clerk also notified Members about a letter received from Woodspring D.C. enclosing a copy of report and decisions taken by the Secretary of State regarding the three appeals by Sladeland Ltd for the proposed development on Portishead Down. Both letters were noted.
121. Precept. After discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED: THAT the Parish Council levy a 2.6 rate for 1984/85 which would raise £600. This sum would cover the intended tree-planting scheme which the parish council hope to carry out during the current financial year.
122. Village Services 1984. The Chairman informed Members of the document received from Avon C.C. in conjunction with the Avon Community Council. After discussing the various items, the Chairman confirmed he would complete the document for return to the County Council.
123. Clerk's Report
- (i) Tree-planting. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Cornick of Woodspring D.C. and confirmed that the parish council's share of the cost for the tree-planting carried out in January 1982 was £62.50. Sir William Miles had agreed to pay half of this amount and the Clerk was instructed to write to him asking for his contribution of £31.25. It was pointed out that Woodspring D.C. would replace any of the original 7 trees if necessary.
 - (ii) Works of maintenance. The Clerk was notified by Avon C.C. that the damaged wall opposite "The School House" had now been repaired. Additional work would be carried out on this wall when labour and materials were available.
 - (iii) Biennial Conference at Plymouth. As instructed, the Clerk had asked Mr. Moon (Woodspring D.C.) about a contribution towards the cost of her attendance at this Conference, but was notified that the District Council was only prepared to contribute towards the S.W. Provincial Councils' Clerks Courses. It was therefore decided that Walton-in-Gordano should not be represented at this Conference.
 - (iv) Society of Local Council Clerks It was decided that the Clerk resign from membership of this Society.
124. Councillors' Reports.
- (i) A Member raised the question of housing accommodation being offered at Porthury to a couple living in Walton Bay when they specifically had asked for housing at either Clevedon or Portishead. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs. McEwen-Smith for her advice and necessary action.

124. Councillors' Reports(Contd)

- (ii) Litter Mrs.Wills informed the meeting that she had been notified just before Christmas about litter being dumped in a private field in Moor Lane. She had contacted the Police at Weston-super-Mare who said they would look into this matter. As there has been no further development in this connection, the Clerk was asked to contact the Police again to enquire about the present position.
- (iii) Village News-sheet Further details for this facility were discussed and a detailed report would be given at the next meeting.

125. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) SWEB - Public Lighting Routine Maintenance Charges 1984/85 The Clerk was asked to confirm that the parish council accepted the revised charges as suggested.
- (ii) Wessex Water It was agreed that a poster with regard to Customer Consultative Committees be displayed on the village notice board.
- (iii) Gordano District Scout Council It was decided that no action be taken with regard to the letter received in this connection.

126. Finance. A cheque for £21.00 was passed for payment to the Village Hall Steering Committee as under:

Hire of hall for 6 months for parish council meetings (January '84 to June '84)	£18.00
Hire of hall on the 22nd October 1983 for "Return to Somerset" referendum	£ 3.00

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

R. Baldwin
D. Langley

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs. R.J. Baldwin, Chairman, E.S. Storey, Vice-Chairman Mrs. B.M. Adkins, Mr. A.G. MacIvor and Mrs. P. Wills, together with the Clerk. Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended.

127. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
128. PLANNING. Members inspected Plan 107/84 - a revised plan for 'Alston', Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano and raised no objections to the approval of this application. The Clerk was asked, however, to point out to the Planning Dept that the parish council felt the colour of the re-constituted stone being used should be nearer to the local stone in colour and that the rendering should not be white but a more neutral colour to blend in with the environment. Members also agreed with the comments made by the applicant on the question of a waiting bay and felt it unreasonable for such a condition to be imposed.
- Plan 2970/83 - Members raised no objection to this plan for a vehicular access to NG 6927 Pt (Portishead/Clevedon Road) for Sir William Miles after hearing Mrs. McEwen-Smith's comments regarding the tarmacing of the new accessway. She also allayed the concern shown at the proximity to the wall by Plum Tree Cottage.
- Plan 2874/83 - "The Cot", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano. Members were notified that the Planning Dept of W.D.C. were aware of the parish council's views with regard to the 'limit of sales of trees' and also the question of advertising. These points had been taken into consideration when approving the application.
- Plan 2430/83 - "Cosy Corner", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano. Members agreed with the report of the Northern Area Planning Committee dated the 19th December 1983 with regard to this plan.
129. Village Hall repairs. Vide Minute 75, it was pointed out that repairs to the Village Hall would commence on the 1st March 1984 and that the Village Hall Steering Committee would notify the parish council of the cost incurred in order to reclaim the V.A.T.
130. Best Kept Village Competition. After discussion, it was agreed to notify villagers of this event in the monthly newsletter and to ascertain their views with regard to entering this competition.
131. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Precept The Clerk notified W.D.C. that the parish council's precept for 1984/85 would be £600 which would levy a 2.6 rate.
 - (ii) Tree-planting The agreed sum of £31.25 had been received from Sir William Miles and a cheque for £62.50 would be sent to W.D.C. for the parish council's contribution towards this tree-planting scheme.
 - (iii) Housing accommodation Vide Minute 124(i), Mrs. McEwen-Smith had contacted W.D.C. in this connection and her comments were noted.
 - (iv) Litter The Clerk informed the meeting that the Police had confirmed they would be calling to see Mrs. Wills in this connection. However, as they have not been in contact with any member of the parish council, the Clerk was asked to pursue this matter further.
 - (v) Typewriter repairs Members agreed to the payment for repairs to the Clerk's typewriter (See Minute 37 (iii)).
 - (vi) Bus Stops. The Clerk had been notified by the Highways Dept of the Avon C.C. that, together with a representative from the Bristol Omnibus Co., they had visited the village to inspect the bus stops, but would await the parish council's views on this matter after the A.P.M. in May 1984.

132. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman advised the meeting that Mr.J.Flower had agreed to the planting of two shelter belts on the boundary of field No.9240 and between fields Nos 8424 and 7515. This matter would be further discussed after a site meeting with all parties concerned. In this connection, the Chairman had instructed the Clerk to ascertain from W.D.C. whether a contribution towards the cost of erecting fences to protect these trees could be given. She had been informed that W.D.C. would require details of the work to be carried out before offering financial help.
- (ii) The Clerk had contacted the Avon Community Council with regard to the present position regarding snow wardens, and was advised that this matter was to be discussed again at the next ALCA meeting as, unfortunately, no further progress had been made.
- (iii) The Clerk was asked to notify Avon C.C. about the large pothole outside Plum Tree Cottage. The problem of flooding by the cross tree was again discussed and this complaint would also be reported.
- (iv) Mr.Baldwin informed the meeting that he had received a letter from the Chairman of W.D.C. asking for the names of residents who provide a valuable service to the community to attend a social evening on the 22nd March. Mr.Baldwin suggested some names and it was agreed that he reply accordingly.

133. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Copies of the 'Local Council Line-Up', 'Field Fare' and Community Council Area surgeries had been received and these had been circulated to Members.
- (ii) Posters 'Use your Local Post Office' had been displayed in the Village.
- (iii) It was decided that the parish council should not be represented at the Training Day for Councillors on the 17th March 1984 in Bristol or at the Village Hall, Long Ashton on the 14th April for a talk on 'Natural History in your Parish' by the University of Bristol.
- (iv) Woodspring D.C. had sent copies of the 1984/85 Register of Electors for display in the village.
- (v) The Chairman notified the meeting that he had received a letter from a resident congratulating the parish council on the publication of the local newsletter. Members expressed their appreciation to Mr.A.G.MacIvor for his work as editor.

134. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment.

Woodspring District Council (tree-planting scheme)	£62.50
S.W.E.B.	£ 5.92
Repairs to Clerk's typewriters	£15.00

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

A.J. Baker
W. Chapman

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 12th MARCH 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs.R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, E.S.Storey, Vice-Chairman A.G.MacIvor and Mrs.P.Wills, together with the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.B.M.Adkins and Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor).

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

136. Planning. There were no plans for discussion this month.

137. Clerk's Report.

(i) Litter. The Clerk informed the meeting of the present position with regard to this problem.

(ii) Works of maintenance. The pothole outside Plum Tree Cottage had been rectified. Avon C.C., Highways Dept. had indicated that, should funds be available, the re-surfacing of Clevedon Road through the village may be completed this year; this would prevent the flooding experienced during the past years.

(iii) ALCA Meeting at Kewstoke. The Chairman and the Clerk would be attending this meeting on the 15th March 1984 on behalf of the parish council.

(iv) 'Information Pack' for newsletter. This document had been received from Avon Community Council and was circulated for the information of Members.

138. Councillors' Reports.

(i) A Member had received two complaints from residents living in the Walton Bay area that affluent had been left in the gardens of their properties after their cesspits had been emptied. The Clerk was asked to contact Woodspring D.C. in this connection.

(ii) Concern was expressed at traffic turning into The Manor House drive as the "Cross Roads" sign was erected just before the turning. It was suggested that the words '100 yards' be added to this sign to help motorists. The Clerk would get in touch with Mr.Blissett of Avon C.C.

(iii) The question of the broken signpost (see Minute 18 (ii) dated 12.7.82) was again discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact Miss Evans at the Museum in Weston-super-Mare about the possibility of this original signpost being accepted by them. The Clerk was also asked to enquire from Avon C.C. the position with regard to a new signpost being erected at the junction of Clevedon Road and Moor Lane.

(iv) Concern was expressed about the lack of Police protection in the village as it was felt that Walton-in-Gordano was neither covered by Clevedon nor Portishead in this respect.

It was agreed, therefore, that a letter be written to Police Constable A.Corkell inviting him to attend the parish meetings in order that a better liaison could exist between the Police and the general public.

139. Correspondence not previously dealt with

(i) The Community Rights Project Ltd. A letter was received from this organisation asking for the support of parish and town councils to the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill 1984. After discussion, it was agreed to write supporting this Bill.

139. Correspondence not previously dealt with (Contd)

- (ii) Bus Services. A letter was received from the County Engineer and Surveyor of Avon C.C. stating that service 123 from Portishead to Weston-super-Mare had been extended until May 1984 as surveys showed that 15-20 passengers daily used this bus. They further stated that in the summer, service 124 will operate again along this same route. Members expressed their pleasure at the success of this service.
- (iii) Home Defence Plan. Notes on the Community Organisation for Walton-in-Gordano Parish, together with a list of the addresses of Community Advisers were received from Woodspring D.C. Our Representatives had also received copies of these documents.

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

Avon Community Council £5.20 (£4.00 subscription plus £1.20
for 'information pack')

Mrs. D. McLaughlin (Clerk) £76.00 (salary and expenses for March
quarter; details of which had been
circulated to Members)

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

R. B. Ballin

W. McLaughlin