

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO  
ON MONDAY, 9th APRIL 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) and Sgt. M. Ward together with Constable A. Gray also attended.

141. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
142. Planning. Plan 581/84 - Erection of double garage at 'Moorside Cottage', Moor Lane, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. J. Lorriman. No objections were raised to this plan by Members. However, it was felt that the design of the up and over door was not suitable in a rural area and the <sup>parish</sup> council would have preferred the use of local stone instead of the natural stone chosen. These views would be forwarded to the Planning Department of Woodspring D.C.

Plan 571/84 - Siting of small towing caravan - 'Loretto', Down Road, Walton-in-Gordano. It was pointed out that the original dwelling had been removed under a Demolition Order but the toilet area had been left and was in use by the occupiers of the caravan. Woodspring D.C. were concerned at this arrangement, as they felt this could enable the owners to occupy the caravan for long periods and, at a future date, ask for permission to build a permanent dwelling on the site. Members supported the District Council in their refusal to approve this plan as at present, and the Clerk was asked to notify the appropriate department accordingly.

143. Visit by Police. The Chairman welcomed Sgt M. Ward and Constable A. Gray to the meeting. Sgt Ward notified members that he would arrange for a representative from the Police to attend our meetings when possible and explained the position with regard to policing in the Village.

Various subjects were discussed, including the traffic situation by The Tree, the fouling of pavements by dogs and road signs generally. Sgt Ward also agreed to send a Constable to the Youth Club meetings in the Village Hall in order to encourage a better liaison between the Police and local youths.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Ward and Constable Gray for attending. They then left the meeting.

144. A.P.M. and A.G.M. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on the 30th April 1984 and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on the 14th May 1984.

It was decided to invite the representatives of the Parochial Church Council, the W.I., the local Youth Club and the Village Hall Management Committee to give a talk on the activities of their respective organisations at the APM. It was also suggested that refreshments be provided at the end of this meeting.

Mr A.G. MacIvor kindly agreed to place a notice to this effect in the monthly newsletter.

145. Clerk's Report

- (i) Works of maintenance. The Clerk informed the meeting that after the road works by the Gas Board in the village had been completed, the Highways Dept of Avon C.C. hope to commence the re-surfacing of the road. She had complained about the damaged kerbs by Plum Tree Cottage and was reassured that all broken kerbs would be replaced when the road works are in progress. The Clerk was asked to keep this matter under review.







THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON FRIDAY, 27th APRIL 1984 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs.R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, E.S.Storey, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. B.M. Adkins, together with the Clerk.

Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor), 12 parishioners and 4 visitors also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs.P.Wills and Mr.A.G.MacIvor.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.
2. The Clerk read the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting which were approved and signed.
3. The Chairman first presented his financial statement as follows:
  - (i) Parish Rate. A 2.6p rate had been levied for the year 1984/85 which would raise £600. Councillor Mrs.McEwen-Smith informed the meeting, however, that Woodspring D.C. would contribute a percentage out of their bulk grant to parishes and, consequently, the parish precept would only be 1.4p.  
The Chairman thanked Mrs.McEwen-Smith for this explanation.
  - (ii) Finances. The receipts for the period 31st March 1983 to 31st March 1984 totalled £836.63; the various expenses incurred for the same period were £589.70, leaving a balance at the 31st March 1984 of £246.93.

The Chairman then reported that in the past year the Council had received various plans for consideration. He also reminded the meeting that the parish council meets on the second Monday each month, except August.

He informed the meeting that Mr.Storey and Mr.MacIvor were our community advisers; and also that definite arrangements had been made to keep Mariners Path clear.

In October a Referendum was held on a Return to Somerset; the result was that 75 out of an electorate of 171 voted and all these were in favour of returning to Somerset.

Mr.A.Barrow had resigned and was replaced by Mrs. B.Adkins.

An Information Sheet was started during the year in the hope that more people in the parish would know what was happening. Mr.MacIvor who is the editor would like to receive any comments of suggestions. The council has decided to plant a shelter belt of trees to the east of the village and it is hoped that this will be both useful and a visual attraction.

Constable A.Gray from the Clevedon Police had agreed to extend his community beat to include the village. Avon County Council had promised to re-surface the main road through the village when funds are available.

In December the council received a petition from 28 parishioners objecting to the re-siting of the bus stops in the village and to the erection of a bus shelter and street lighting. The Chairman explained that the council did not have the powers to make decisions with regard to changes in the village on its own, but had merely discussed these matters during a meeting in November when the question was raised about the provision of a seat at the bus stop by the gateway to Home Farm. The Chairman assured the meeting that the parish council did not want to turn the village into a 'quasi suburbia'.

At the end of this report the Chairman asked if there were any comments or questions, but none were forthcoming.

He then thanked Mrs.Pope and her family for their efforts in planting flowers around the tree and keeping the area in the centre of the village tidy.

Special thanks were conveyed to Mrs.McEwen-Smith for her genuine interest in our parish and for her help and advice during the past year.

He also expressed thanks to the Councillors and to the Clerk for their help and support.



4. Mr.E.S.Storey informed the meeting that he and Mr.MacIvor had attended the lectures and seminars in connection with the Community Adviser Training scheme for civil defence and found them very informative and interesting. He stressed that it was essential for parishes to be prepared in case of an emergency and asked whether anyone would like to volunteer for these training sessions in future.
5. Father Norman Martin gave a very thought-provoking talk about St.Pauls Church in Walton-in-Gordano. He suggested that, if parishioners wanted to know about their Church, they should attend some of the services. Unfortunately, the Church has to depend on various events to raise money, whereas a small regular contribution would help meet the £1500 per year needed to keep the Church open as a place of worship. He went on to say that the villagers are the custodians of a very lovely little Church and we should be responsible for seeing that our children and grandchildren have a church in the village where they can get married and in which their children can be baptised.

Father Martin gave the dates for future functions including the floral display for thanksgiving day and ended his report by reiterating the need for villagers to use the Church otherwise they may lose it.

The Chairman thanked Father Martin for attending our meeting and for his talk.

6. Mrs.Janet Bracher, the President of the local W.I., thanked the parish council for inviting her to speak on the activities of the W.I. and informed the meeting that each year the W.I. contribute to a charity and this year they have collected towards a 'bouncer' for Clevedon's Cottage Hospital. They have an average of 40 people attending their meetings which are held once a month. They hold various social events and would welcome visitors. The W.I. is now 55 years old and always look forward to new members joining.

The Chairman thanked Mrs.Bracher for attending and for her interesting report.

7. Mr.Storey read a report sent by Mrs.Wills, the Chairman of the Village Hall Steering Committee, in which she thanked all concerned for the money raised for the repairs to the Hall. The work of repair and improvements was progressing satisfactorily. A new Youth Club has been formed in the village and was proving very successful.

Mr.Cannell expressed concern about the removal of the old asbestos cladding from the hall. Mr.Storey assured him there was no danger.

The Chairman thanked Mr.Storey for this report on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

8. Mrs.McEwen-Smith began her talk by explaining her duties as a District Councillor and of the various tasks she undertakes. One of the points she raised was the fact of the Police attending council meetings, and the advice they give with regard to preventing vandalism, i.e. 'neighbourhood watch'. The question of the Heron Development at Portbury was a major concern to all local councils, but she confirmed that providing leisure parks and building a convention centre are acceptable in the green belt. The Severn Barrage is of great public interest now, though she had no concrete facts to give us at present. There will, however, be a report on this subject later in the year.

The question of the Gordano Drainage scheme was again brought up and Mrs.McEwen-Smith reiterated her remarks of last year that the work was progressing slowly along the valley. Some residents in Moor Lane were anxious about whether the scheme would extend to include their houses, and she agreed to look into this matter on their behalf.

She then confirmed that building in the green belt area is very strictly controlled, but that building can take place in white land areas. The question of the new development by The Deans in Portishead was brought up, and she confirmed that, as this area is designated 'white land', building can take place. The holding of an Inquiry in these cases is very expensive and has to be borne by ratepayers. She assured us that it was better for one block of dwellings in one place to be allowed, rather than permitting small estates being built at random.

The Chairman thanked Mrs.McEwen-Smith for her informative and helpful report.



9. Any other business.

- (i) The Chairman asked the meeting to vote on whether the village should be entered for the Best Kept Village competition. It was unanimously decided that Walton-in-Gordano enter the Best Kept Village competition in 1984.
- (ii) The Chairman informed the meeting that the Bristol Omnibus Company were very pleased with the response and support given to the new bus service which operated between Portishead and Weston-super-Mare during the winter. They were, therefore, now extending the service until the end of the summer. It was agreed that this bus service is appreciated by villagers.

There being no other business for discussion, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m., after which refreshments were served.

*L. J. Balda*

*D. W. Langley*



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 14th MAY 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs.B.M.Adkins and Messrs.R.J.Baldwin and E.S.Storey, together with the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs.P.Wills, Mr.A.G.MacIvor and Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor).

149. Election of Chairman Mrs.P.Wills had intimated that she would like to nominate Mr.R.J.Baldwin as Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Mr.E.S.Storey. The Declaration of Acceptance was accordingly signed by Mr.R.J.Baldwin.
150. Election of Vice-Chairman. Mr.R.J.Baldwin proposed that Mr.E.S.Storey be elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Mrs.B.M.Adkins.  
Councillor Mr.R.J.Baldwin then took the Chair.
151. Appointment of Committees.
- (i) Planning Committee. It was agreed that Mrs.P.Wills be elected as our representative on this committee.
  - (ii) Tree Planting Committee. It was agreed that Mrs.P.Wills and Mr.R.J.Baldwin remain as our representatives.
  - (iii) Village Hall Steering Committee. It was agreed that Mrs.B.M.Adkins and Mrs.P.Wills be elected to act as our representatives.
152. Annual subscriptions. The parish council pay two annual subscriptions each year, i.e. Avon Community Council and A.L.C.A. It was decided to continue as members of these two bodies.
153. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April 1984 were approved and signed.
154. Clerk's salary. It was decided to put this item on the next agenda for discussion.
155. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had returned the necessary form for entry to this competition and the judging will take place between 15th June and 1st July 1984.
  - (ii) Civic Service. A suggestion had been made by Rev. N.Martin for a Civic Service to be held in St. Paul's Church, Walton-in-Gordano. It was agreed to leave this matter for discussion at a full meeting.
  - (iii) Monument Trust. The completed form had been sent to this Trust but no reply has yet been received.
  - (iv) Signpost in Moor Lane. Avon C.C. had notified us that work of repair to this signpost would be put in hand shortly.
  - (v) "Cross Roads" signpost by Manor Drive. A letter had been received from the Surveyors Dept of Avon C.C. stating that they consider the sign to be appropriately sited and do not consider this a problem that warrants the provision of a distance plate.
  - (vi) Clevedon Golf Course. The Clevedon Golf Club had been contacted about complaints by walkers and the Clerk was notified by the Club that this matter would be discussed at their meeting in May, after which they would be in touch with us. The Clerk had also notified the Gordano Footpaths Group about this matter.
  - (vii) Planning Book. On the instructions of the Chairman, the Clerk had enquired about keeping a book for recording the receipt of plans, but had been notified this was not necessary. The Clerk had separate files for planning applications and correspondence and this was felt to be adequate.

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156. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Mrs. P. Wills had met Mr. J. Flower to discuss the question of the erection of fences around the trees proposed to be planted in the village and an estimate was now awaited. It was also pointed out that W.D.C. had agreed to help with a contribution towards the cost of fencing of trees.
- (ii) Mrs. McEwen-Smith had intimated that, when the Gordano Drainage scheme eventually reaches Walton-in-Gordano, it will include all dwellings in Moor Lane. This was in answer to a query raised at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 27th April 1984.
- (iii) The Chairman asked Police Constable A. Gray to explain the 'neighbourhood watch' scheme and the meeting was told how it worked. Constable Gray also stressed the need for the public to relate to a community policeman and hoped that a better liaison would now exist between him and the villagers. The Chairman thanked Constable Gray for attending and for his helpful advice.

157. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon C.C. had sent posters and leaflets concerning the mentally handicapped for display and distribution.
- (ii) Woodspring D.C. sent a letter and leaflets regarding new byelaws relating to acupuncture, earpiercing and electrolysis and tattooing. After perusal by members, the Clerk was instructed to file these for reference.
- (iii) A letter had been received from the solicitors acting for Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Johnston, the new owners of the Post Office Stores in Walton-in-Gordano, in respect of the transfer of a Justices licence. The Clerk had sent the necessary reply.

158. Finance. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received the precept of £600 for 1984/85 from Woodspring D.C. and this had been paid into the Council's deposit account at the Bank.

The following cheques were passed for payment:

Village Hall Steering Committee	£21.51
Cornhill Insurance Co.	£ 7.70
S.W.E.B.	£ 5.92

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

*A. Balder*  
*D. W. Dapkin*



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO  
ON MONDAY, 11th JUNE 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

159. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
160. Planning. Plan 1147/84 - Extension for bedroom and dining room at "Windy Ridge", Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. K.H.Carr - was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk notify the Planning Department of W.D.C. that no objections were raised in connection with this plan.
161. Clerk's salary and expenses. After discussion, it was proposed by Mr.A.G.MacIvor, seconded by Mrs.P.Wills and agreed nem con, that the Clerk's salary be increased to £120 per annum, and that the cost of using a room in her home as an office be increased by £10 per annum. This increase would take effect from September 1984. The Clerk expressed her thanks to the council.
162. Tree-planting. An estimate which had been received in connection with the fencing around the proposed shelter belt to the east of the village, was discussed and approved. The Chairman and Mrs.Wills had met Mr.Cornick from Woodspring D.C. on site and agreed on the trees and shrubs to be planted. The Clerk was instructed to apply to Woodspring D.C. for a grant towards this tree-planting scheme.
163. A.L.C.A. The Chairman raised the question of our continued membership of this Association. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance until our September meeting when a definite decision could be made. Payment of the account for subscription to this Association would also be decided at that meeting.
164. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Clevedon Golf Club. The Secretary of this Club had telephoned the Clerk stating that they had now erected four notices reading "Beware of golfers. Please remain on footpath" on and around the golf course and, hopefully, this would alleviate the trouble caused recently to both golfers and walkers.
  - (ii) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk reminded the meeting that judging for this competition would commence on the 15th June and notices to this effect will be displayed in the village.
  - (iii) ALCA meeting. The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk would be attending this meeting on the 12th June at Clevedon.
165. Councillors' Reports.
- (i) The Chairman advised the meeting that Rev Norman Martin had made a suggestion for a Civic Service to be held in St. Paul's Church, Walton-in-Gordano. Members felt, however, that such services are usually held by larger councils. It was suggested that possibly a Remembrance Sunday Service would be more appropriate to which parishioners could be invited to attend, together with representatives from the W.I., the Parish Council and the Youth Club. The Clerk was asked to write to Rev. Martin accordingly.
  - (ii) A complaint had been received from a member of the public that the picnic area along the Coast Road had not yet been completed. The Chairman stated he would contact Mrs.Reed of Avon C.C. about this matter.

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166. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from the Project Officer of the Conservation Training Scheme asking for possible project work in our area. Members discussed this scheme and the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.
- (ii) A copy of the Public Transport Plan for 1984/85 was received from Avon C.C. and had been circulated to Members.
- (iii) A Rural Communities Project has recently been established by Avon Community Council and one of the elements of the Information Project is a Local Information Directory 'Pack' for use by parish councils. Members decided that this could be useful and the Clerk was instructed to make further enquiries.
- (iv) It was decided that no action be taken with regard to the two requests from the County of Avon Playing Fields Association and the South and West Concerts Board.
- (v) A letter from the Emergency Planning Officer re the Community Adviser Newsletter for May 1984 was circulated to Members.
- (vi) Woodspring D.C. had sent a letter advising parish councillors and clerks about a system operating at the Town Hall whereby letters can be left for District Councillors. This was duly noted.
- (vii) It was decided that the parish council should not be represented at the A.G.M. of the Avon Community Council to be held at Long Ashton on the 18th September 1984.
- (viii) Woodspring D.C. had requested an up-to-date entry for the 'Handy Guide' published by them. This had been done.
- (ix) The Local Council Line-Up had been circulated to Members.

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

Woodspring D.C.	£2.00 (maps and explanatory notes - limits to development-boundary of green belt)
Mrs. D. McLaughlin (salary & expenses for June quarter)	£87.51 (details had been circulated to Members)

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

*R. Ball*  
*D. McLaughlin*



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO  
ON MONDAY, 9th JULY 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) and Constable A.Gray also attended.

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

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

170. Tree-Planting. Mr.Cornick of Woodspring D.C. had requested details of the species, sizes and numbers of trees proposed to be planted, together with the cost of materials in connection with our tree-planting scheme in order to present his report to the appropriate committee for grant purposes. The Clerk had accordingly sent this information.

After discussing the advice given by the Conservation Training Scheme, it was decided to write to the Project Officer of this organisation stating the parish council had made other arrangements for a shelter belt to be planted, and thanking him for his offer to help.

The Clerk also informed the meeting that she had not yet heard from The Monument Trust about a grant for tree-planting.

171. Listed Buildings. As instructed, the Clerk had been in touch with the Department of the Environment in London with regard to the Listed Buildings re-survey of England. After discussing this matter, it was felt there is adequate protection for listed buildings within the parish boundary as it is within a conservation area. It was, therefore, decided to ask the Conservation Officer of Woodspring D.C. for a list of such buildings within the parish and to put this item on the agenda for the September meeting for further discussion.

172. Clerk's Report

- (i) Civic Service. Rev. Norman Martin had agreed to our suggestion for a Remembrance Sunday Service at St.Pauls Church,Walton-in-Gordano on the 11th November. The Clerk was asked to contact Rev.Martin asking for arrangements to be made for such a Service in which the parish council and the Youth Club would participate.
- (ii) Annual Audit. The Auditors, Arthur Young McClland Moores & Co notified us that the annual audit for the year ended 31st March 1984 will be held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 21st August 1984. All accounts and documents are to be deposited at the Town Hall on the 23rd July. Anybody interested can inspect the accounts on the 20th August at 2.30 p.m. Notice to this effect has been displayed on the notice board in the village.
- (iii) Rural Communities Project. After discussion, Members decided this project did not apply to smaller councils. However, it was agreed to include the various details mentioned in the information directory in our own monthly newsletter.
- (iv) ALCA Meeting. The Chairman reported on the items discussed at the meeting held in Clevedon on the 12th June and it was agreed to postpone sending our subscription to this organisation until after our meeting in September.
- (v) Village Hall Steering Committee. A letter had been received from Mrs.P.Wills resigning from the Village Hall Steering Committee. The meeting was informed that Mrs.B.Adkins and Mr.A.G.MacIvor had agreed to act as our representatives.



172. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vi) Picnic Area. Avon C.C. notified the Clerk that the idea of the proposed picnic area along the Coast Road has now been abandoned.
- (vii) Works of maintenance. The Clerk had been in touch with the Highways Dept of Avon C.C. regarding the following:
- (a) The brook in Moor Lane and opposite The School House was very overgrown and could overflow when it rained. Avon C.C. stated this work would be put in hand as soon as possible.
  - (b) A suggestion was made that a mirror be placed at the top of the lane leading to Walton Bay House from Two Acres along the Coast Road in order to help drivers using this lane. The Clerk was informed by Avon C.C. that mirrors cannot be placed on highways. Constable Gray also explained the reasons for this refusal.
  - (c) Avon C.C. also informed the Clerk that the pavement by Plum Tree Cottage, the kerbing and the main road will be attended to after the trench excavations by the Gas Board have had time to settle.

173. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Chairman had asked the Clerk to enquire whether there was any 'white' land in the parish. The Clerk had contacted the Planning Dept of Woodspring D.C. and was informed that all the land in question is non-statutory green belt. Mrs. McEwen-Smith reiterated this statement, but agreed to look into this matter and give us more details at our September meeting.
- (ii) A Member complained that a mattress had been dumped in Moor Lane and the Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate department of Woodspring D.C. for its removal.
- (iii) The Chairman told the meeting that he was pleased at the steps taken by Woodspring D.C. to alleviate the problem of dogs fouling pavements and public places. He brought up the subject of dog licences and Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that the district council was keeping this matter under review.

174. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Woodspring D.C. had sent a copy of a set of Byelaws for the Control of Vehicles on the Foreshore at Weston-super-Mare which came into operation on the 14th June 1984.
- (ii) A notice in respect of the Pageant of Sport to be held on the 14th July in Weston-super-Mare had been received from Woodspring D.C. for display in the village.
- (iii) Copies of the 'Handy Guide' had been received from Woodspring D.C. and were circulated to Members.
- (iv) The Annual Report from Southmead Community Health Council was received and circulated.

175. Finance. The Clerk reported that a cheque for £68.92 in respect of V.A.T. was received and paid into our deposit account at the Bank. This was made up as follows: Village Hall Steering Committee £62.18 and the Parish Council £6.74. It was agreed that the amounts of V.A.T. claimed remain in the parish council's account at the Bank until all the accounts for work on the village hall are paid. A lump sum of the total amount will then be handed over to the Village Hall Committee

Two cheques for materials in respect of work on the village hall were signed by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. These were as under:

Graham Reeves	£302.19
Weston Hire	£ 50.60

*F. J. Bull*  
*Wm. Longhen*

The meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO  
ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs.R.J.Baldwin,Chairman and E.S.Storey,Vice-Chairman  
 Mrs.B.M.Adkins, together with the Clerk.

Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith,District Councillor, also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs.P.Wills  
 and Mr.A.G.MacIvor; and Police Constable A.Gray.

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

177. PLANNING. Plan 1685/84 - planning only for conversion of disused schoolbuilding into a dwelling and demolition of sheds - Sir William Miles. As there was no meeting in August, this plan was circulated to members for their inspection and comments, and as this proposed conversion is adjacent to St.Paul's Church in Walton-in-Gordano, the approval of the Church had to be obtained. However, after receiving letters of objections from both the parish council and from the diocese officials, the Planning Department had deferred consideration of this plan until their meeting on the 1st October.

Mrs.McEwen-Smith explained to Members that the village boundary has not been changed very much from the original one and confirmed that the whole of the Gordano Valley is within the non-statutory green belt. She reiterated that there is no white land in the parish, although there could be some in-filling in future. Mrs.McEwen-Smith also agreed to investigate the procedure whereby local planning applications were made available to the Press. She would report on this subject at our next meeting.

178. LISTED BUILDINGS. As requested, Woodspring D.C. had submitted details of listed buildings in the parish, but pointed out that a re-survey of rural parishes in this connection by the Department of the Environment would commence in 9 - 12 months time.

179. CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) Tree-Planting. The Clerk had been notified by Woodspring D.C. that, as a result of a temporary moratorium on capital spending by the Secretary of State for the Environment, grant assistance for our tree planting scheme this winter will not now be available. However, they point out that hopefully the situation will be revised in the autumn. The Monument Trust had also refused grant aid towards our tree-planting scheme.
- (ii) Civic Service. The Clerk had been in touch with Rev. Martin about the proposed Remembrance Service to be held in St Paul's Church in Walton-in-Gordano; details would be available nearer the date.
- (iii) Annual Audit. The Clerk had attended for audit on the 21st August at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare and was notified that the parish accounts were correct. Members were informed that the audit fee was £34.50 (VAT £4.50) and authority was given for a cheque for this amount to be sent to the auditors.
- (iv) ALCA. The question of sending our subscription to this Association was deferred until our next meeting when all Members would be available to vote on remaining as a member of ALCA.
- (v) Mr.J.Allcock. The Clerk read a letter received from our County Councillor stating that he would make every endeavour to attend our meetings when a subject arose on which he could advise the parish.
- (vi) Bus Services. A letter had been received from the Bristol Omnibus Company stating that, due to the success of service 123 from Weston-super-Mare to Portishead, they had decided to retain this service during the forthcoming winter period, commencing on the 23rd September 1984. Members expressed their appreciation at the action taken by the Bristol Omnibus Company.

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179. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vii) Avon County Structure Plan. This document had been circulated to Members for perusal and comment. A meeting to discuss this Plan had been held at Portbury on the 6th September and we now await the outcome of this meeting and of further comments on this Plan.
- (viii) Works of maintenance. The Clerk notified Members that the stream opposite The School House and the one in Moor Lane had now been cleared and the damaged wall had been repaired. It was explained that the grating over the stream in Walton Road had to be cemented in place due to vandalism, but Avon C.C. had informed the Clerk that they would arrange to 'jet' all debris out between the bars of this grating to prevent the brook overflowing. It was noted that Avon C.C. had arranged for the village to have a 'clean-up' and work of repairing the pavements and kerbs had

180. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Dog Licences. The Chairman enquired from Mrs. McEwen-Smith if Woodspring D.C. had further thoughts on this subject, and was informed that District Councils had received no directive from Central Government in this connection as yet. Parish Councils would be notified in due course when further legislation was to hand.

181. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) Ham Green Hospital. The Clerk had received a letter from the Secretary of an Action Committee formed to prevent the closure of this hospital. The Clerk sent our apologies for non-attendance due to our parish meeting being held on the same evening, but assured the Action Committee of our support.
- (ii) ALCA Meeting at Nailsea. The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk were unable to attend this meeting on the 3rd October; apologies to be sent accordingly.
- (iii) Emergency Planning Officer. Mr. Kelly, the Emergency Planning Officer of Woodspring D.C., had attended most local parish council meetings for talks on Community Adviser Training. It was decided to invite Mr. Kelly to talk at our APM in 1985.
- (iv) Community Project Funding. A letter had been received from Avon C.C. in this connection. After discussion, it was decided that no action be taken in this matter.

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

Arthur Young McClelland & Moores (Auditors)	£34.50
S.W.E.B.	£5.93
Mrs. D. McLaughlin (salary & expenses for September quarter)	£81.31 (details had been circulated to Members)

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman signed a cheque for Clifton Paints (Bristol) Ltd (£58.25) in respect of work on the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.

*A J Ball*

*D McLaughlin*



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON  
MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

184. Planning. Plan 2320/84 - 'Orchard Lea', Walton Street, Walton-in-Gordano, for Mr. and Mrs. P. Thorpe (full application for extension to bungalow to provide lounge and additional bedroom). Members examined this plan and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Department stating that no objections were raised to the approval of this plan.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith had notified the Clerk that the plan for the conversion of the disused school building in Walton Street had again been deferred until the next meeting of the North Area Planning Committee in November. The Chairman asked the Clerk to ascertain whether the parish council in the past had any dealings with the owner of this property or the land in question, and was assured that no negotiations had taken place between the parties concerned. It was decided to await the outcome of the decision taken at the November meeting by W.D.C.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith had also notified the Clerk that she would report on the procedure regarding planning applications for Press release at our next meeting.

185. ALCA- Membership. The question of our continued membership of this organisation was again discussed and it was finally agreed that we send our subscription for this year, but that a letter be sent to ALCA expressing the parish council's concern about the lack of effectiveness in the handling of the various items discussed by ALCA. The Clerk was asked to advise the Secretary of ALCA to put our objections on the agenda for their next meeting in December.

186. Clerk's Report

(i) Tree-Planting. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had not had any notification by W.D.C. regarding the grant for this project.

(ii) Return to Somerset Campaign. A letter had been received from Dr. Kelly which was duly noted.

(iii) Footpath by Village Hall. The Clerk had been notified by the Highways Department of Avon C.C. that they would consider this suggestion when preparing their programme of works for next year.

(iv) Community Adviser Training 1984/85. A letter had been received from Mr. Kelly asking for volunteers for this course. It was agreed to include this request in our next newsletter.

187. Councillors' Reports.

(i) The Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. to ascertain who is responsible for clearing the untidy piece of land along the gateway by Plum Tree Cottage.

(ii) The question of the ridge tiles on 1 Manor Cottage was again discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact Miss Brimacombe with regard to this matter.

(iii) A complaint had been received about the dumping of rubbish over the cliff by Mariners Path. It had been ascertained that this section of the Path was in Weston-in-Gordano and the matter had been referred to that parish council.

(iv) The Chairman notified the meeting that the footpath by Hackswood House had now been cleared by the Gordano Footpaths Group. It had also been waymarked.

(v) It was agreed that the signpost proposed by the Clevedon Golf Club had now been erected.



187. Councillors' Reports (Contd)

- (vi) The Chairman read a letter received from Arthur Young McClelland & Moores, the new Auditors, in which certain procedures were recommended to be carried out by town and parish councils. The various points were clarified by the Chairman, who assured Members that everything was satisfactory.
- (vii) Members were informed that the land on which the village hall stands has been given by Sir William Miles to the Village Hall Committee. They have expressed appreciation of this generous gesture.

188. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon C.C. Community Conference 2/3 November 1984. It was decided the parish council would not be represented at this Conference.
- (ii) County of Avon - Loan of Equipment. This letter was discussed and it was agreed that, as some of the equipment mentioned could be useful to the villagers, the letter be kept on record.
- (iii) Avon C.C. 'Cycling in Avon'. It was felt that as this facility did not apply to our parish, no action be taken.
- (iv) Woodspring D.C. Annual Business Meeting with Chairmen and Clerks. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk attend the meeting at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 28th November.
- (v) The Community Rights Project Ltd. The copies of the Secrets File No.5, which give details of this campaign, were circulated to Members.
- (vi) Woodspring D.C. A letter had been received enclosing a set of Byelaws with respect to Straw and Stubble Burning. These would be kept on file for record purposes.
- (vii) County of Avon. Leaflets with regard to the Welfare Rights Take-up Campaign were circulated to Members. It was also agreed to display a leaflet in the Post Office and to mention this facility in our newsletter to enable people concerned to make the necessary claims.

189. Finance. A cheque for £16.50 had been signed on behalf of ALCA, being £14.00 subscription and £2.50 for posters and notices.

A cheque for £307.42 was sent to Graham Reeves for materials in connection with work on the Village Hall. Accordingly, a cheque for the same amount had been received from the Village Hall Committee for deposit in our Bank.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

*R. B. B. B.*

*D. M. L. L.*



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO  
ON MONDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 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, together with the Clerk.

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

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

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

191. Planning. Plan 2457/84 - Walton Bay Caravan Park - Planning only for the replacement of existing timber framed bungalow with residential mobile home. After discussing this plan, it was agreed to notify the Planning Department that there were no objections to the approval of this application.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that plan 1685/84 for the conversion of the disused schoolroom in Walton-in-Gordano had now been approved by the North Area Planning Committee of W.D.C. She confirmed that the various conditions imposed by the Planning Dept had now been complied with and reported on the points raised.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith clarified the position with regard to planning applications being displayed in the Press. Members thanked her for the explanation.

The question of ridge tiles on 1 Manor Cottage in Walton-in-Gordano was again discussed and our District Councillor stated that she had been informed by the Conservation Officer of W.D.C. that, until a source is found for the purchase of the original design of ridge tiles, no further action can be taken at present.

192. Clerk's Report.

(i) ALCA. The Clerk read a letter received from the Secretary of this organisation expressing concern about Walton-in-Gordano's dissatisfaction with the operations of ALCA. Our remarks had been passed to Mr. Horry for inclusion on the agenda for their next meeting in December. In the meantime, the Chairman indicated that he would prepare a letter detailing the complaints we wish to raise at that meeting.

(ii) Land by Plum Tree Cottage. Vide Minute 187(i), it had been confirmed by the Avon County Highways Dept that the landowner is responsible for the tidying-up of this piece of land. Accordingly, the Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles.

(iii) Village Hall. It had been confirmed by Woodspring D.C. that the parish council could transfer the money precepted for the tree-planting scheme to the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of improvements to the village hall. It was agreed to make a resolution at our next meeting along these lines.

The Clerk had ascertained from Mr. Bailey of Woodspring D.C. that members of the council, who are also representatives on the Village Hall Committee, are eligible to discuss and vote at parish meetings on matters relating to the village hall, after declaring a non-pecuniary interest.

193. Councillors' Reports.

(i) A complaint had been received about two dangerous sections of Mariners Path. The Clerk had contacted Mrs. Reed of Avon C.C. and she had made arrangements with Mr. Storey to inspect the areas in question.

(ii) A complaint had been received from a parishioner about the disappearance of the large stones around the cross-tree in the village. It was felt this may be due to the level of the road being raised. However, the Clerk would contact Avon C.C. in this respect.

(iii) It was pointed out that the footpath across field No. 2114 (17/1) has been eroded by ploughing. In the last two years this footpath has become very narrow and it was agreed that Sir William Miles be contacted in this instance. The Clerk would also seek advice from the Gordano Footpaths Group.



194. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Best Kept Village competition - A letter had been received from the organisers of this competition enclosing a list of the results and also a summary of the judges' remarks on our village. The comments were noted.
- (ii) Southmead Community Health Council - Literature had been received in connection with public meetings for the Health Authority's draft strategic plan for 1985-1995. These documents were circulated to Members.
- (iii) Avon C.C. National Playing Fields Association - After discussion, it was decided that no action be taken in this matter.
- (iv) ALCA - 'Field Fare' - This document was circulated to Members.
- (v) W.D.C. Annual Report 83/84 - A copy of this report had been distributed to Members for their attention.
- (vi) Imperial Cancer Research Fund - It was decided to make a request for two collection boxes in connection with this Fund. The boxes will be displayed in the two shops in the parish.

195. Finance. Two cheques were passed for payment as follows:

S.W.E.B.	£5.93	(street lighting)
Mr.R.J.Baldwin	£45.00	(cutting and clearing footpaths)

A cheque for £196.79 had been signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for Graham Reeves in connection with materials for improvements to the village hall. Accordingly, a cheque for the same amount had been received from the Village Hall Committee for payment into the parish council's deposit account.

The Clerk notified the meeting that she had sent a claim on the 31st October 1984 for VAT payments of £320.13, made up as under:

Village Hall Committee	£313.87
Parish Council	£6.26

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

*R.J. Baldwin*  
*D. W. D. D. D.*



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

Police Constable A. Gray also attended.

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

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

197. Planning. Members were informed that the Planning Dept of W.D.C. had refused permission for the replacement of the existing timber framed bungalow at Walton Bay Caravan Park (plan 2457/84) as they felt the new mobile home should be sited further back off the road. It was pointed out that the owner of this property had placed the matter in the hands of his solicitors and the parish council agreed to support the applicant in his appeal.

198. Village Hall. Mrs. P. Wills proposed that the word 'grant' should be substituted for the word 'donation' in the Resolution set out in the agenda and this was seconded by Mr. R.J. Baldwin.

It was therefore RESOLVED; THAT the Parish Council make a grant of £700 for the renovation of the Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall. This was proposed by Mrs. P. Wills and seconded by Mr. E.S. Storey.

Members were informed that the Village Hall Committee had received a cheque for £700 from Woodspring D.C. towards the improvements to their hall. The new committee is as follows: Mr. E.S. Storey, Mr. A.G. MacIvor, Mrs. R. Tucker, Mr. B. Tucker, Mr. C. Johnstone, Mr. I. Meier and Mr. W. Charlesworth.

199. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Tree-Planting. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Planning Dept of Avon C.C. had intimated they were prepared to make a grant towards the tree-planting scheme proposed by the parish council. However, the parish council must first pay the entire account themselves and then Avon C.C. will reimburse them with 50% of the amount sometime in May 1985. After discussion, it was decided that the Clerk contact the contractor to enquire whether he would delay receiving payment until May. The cost of this tree-planting scheme will be precepted for in the 1985/86 budget.
- (ii) ALCA. Our representatives had attended the meeting on the 6th December and made our views known by letter to the Secretary. Various points were raised and it was agreed that in future ALCA will give more details on their agendas to help parishes to discuss the relevant facts before attending these meetings. It was also felt that firm resolutions be passed at these meetings on controversial subjects where a definite decision was necessary. Members noted these points and it was decided to await further developments. The Clerk also reported on the other subjects discussed at this meeting, including the Police Liaison Committee; dog licences and the views of the Committee on the new arrangements for audit.
- (iii) Footpath (17/1). The Chairman had contacted Sir William Miles with regard to the complaint made regarding this footpath. The Gordano Footpaths Group had also been asked to inspect this footpath and both reports received were in agreement that this footpath was satisfactory.
- (iv) Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks. The Chairman reported on the various items discussed at the meeting held at The Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 28th November. These included the closure of Ham Green Hospital; the more relaxed position regarding precepts for town and parish councils and the sports and leisure facilities for parishes in the north of the District.
- (v) Grass verge by Plum Tree Cottage. The Chairman had been informed by Sir William Miles that it was proposed to plant a double hedge on this site which would improve the untidy condition of the verge.
- (vi) Stones around the Cross Tree. The Highways Dept of Avon C.C. had confirmed that, as this land is privately owned, they are unable to replace the stones. However, it was suggested that the complainant might have a word with Sir William Miles to see what his views are on this subject.



199. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vii) Damaged wall opposite The School House. The Clerk had notified Avon C.C. that this wall had been damaged again. The suggestion that reflector lights be erected along this stretch of road was not accepted by the Highways Dept as they said these would also be damaged. Constable Gray agreed to inspect this site and to report back to the council. It was also agreed that the Road Safety Officer be asked for his advice.

200. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) A complaint had been received that the two gullies by Spring Head and opposite The School House had become blocked. The Clerk would notify Avon C.C. accordingly.
- (ii) Concern was expressed at the proposed cuts in the local fire service in rural areas. It was decided that a letter be sent to the Avon and Somerset Fire Department in Bristol protesting at these cut-backs and pointing out the danger hazards which could be expected when only one fire engine is based locally.
- (iii) The Clerk was asked to check with Mrs. McEwen-Smith regarding the question of the proposed sewage outfall at the National Nautical School where a new building development is proposed. A very disturbing report had appeared in the Press with regard to the number of mobile homes being erected along the coast which would add to the present problem of sewage disposal in this area. A report would be given at the next parish meeting on this matter.
- (iv) The Chairman pointed out that the glass in the notice board in the village had been broken and was in a dangerous condition. Mr. Storey agreed to make arrangements for the work to be put in hand.
- (v) A complaint had been received by a parishioner that Walton Brook, at the rear of 'Moorside' in Moor Lane, had been dammed to form a fish pool. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact the Wessex Water Board to enquire whether permission had to be sought from the Board before damming a stream.
- (vi) The Chairman informed the meeting that the Chief Executive of Woodspring D.C. had again indicated that the district council was prepared to pay part of the cost for the Clerk to attend courses and would also pay half of the travel expenses. These comments were noted.
- (vii) Mr. Storey informed the meeting that a representative from Avon C.C. had inspected Mariners Path and agreed to repair the three dangerous sections along this coastal path during the second week in January.

201. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter, together with some literature, had been received from Avon County Community Environment Scheme (ACCES). After discussion, it was felt that Walton Common is now out of control, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Sir William Miles asking him whether he would like this organisation to have a look at this site and to advise him of any necessary improvements.

202. Finance. A cheque for £372.22 had been signed by the Chairman and Mrs. Adkins for Graham Reeves in connection with materials for improvements to the Village Hall. Accordingly, a cheque for the same amount had been received from the Village Hall Committee for payment into the parish council's deposit account.

A cheque for £86.62 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 8.57 p.m.

*R J Balder*

*W H Longdon*



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO  
ON MONDAY, 14th JANUARY 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

An apology for absence was received from Constable A.Gray.

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

204. Planning. The Clerk informed the meeting that there were no plans for consideration this month.

205. Precept. Members were informed that the lp rate for 1985/86 was £227. After discussion, it was agreed that the proposed tree-planting scheme be carried out during 1985 as Avon C.C. had agreed to make us a grant of 50%. The grant by the parish council to the Village Hall Committee for improvements to the village hall had also been approved and it was therefore suggested that a 4.5% rate be levied; this would raise a precept of £1021 for 1985/86.

It was, however, agreed that the Clerk contact the Treasurer of Woodspring D.C. in order to ascertain whether the parish council could precept for this amount. It was also suggested that parishioners could be informed of this action in the monthly newsletter. A resolution with regard to the precept for 1985/86 will, therefore, be made at the February meeting.

206. Clerk's Report.

(i) Tree-planting. The Clerk had been informed that the officer dealing with our grant from Avon C.C. had gone abroad and that a new officer had been appointed in this connection. The matter was in hand and Avon C.C. informed the Clerk that the necessary forms would be received shortly for completion by the parish council. Members suggested the contractor should be notified that no action can be taken in connection with the tree-planting scheme at present until the amount of the precept had been agreed.

Mrs.Wills reported on the number and species of trees to be planted and the work necessary to prepare the land before the scheme could be implemented.

(ii) Works of maintenance

(a) Avon C.C. has been informed of the damaged wall opposite the Old School House and of our suggestion that railings might be erected here. However, the Highways Dept of Avon C.C. felt that these railings could also be damaged, but agreed to look into this matter. ~~and report to us.~~

(b) After reporting on the deterioration of the railings along the golf course, the Clerk was informed that Avon C.C. had already been advised of the unsatisfactory condition of these railings and the matter was in hand.

(c) With regard to the stones around the Cross Tree, Members were advised that the ownership of this piece of land was in question, but the matter would be looked into further.

(d) Unfortunately the supervisor in charge of the work of clearing the blocked gratings was away on sick leave, but the Clerk had been informed by the Highways Dept of Avon C.C. that this would be done as soon as possible.

(e) It was agreed that no action be taken regarding the complaint about the unsightly reflector lights around the Cross Tree as they were necessary to prevent accidents at this junction.

(iii) Walton Stream. The Clerk had contacted Wessex Water Authority at Bfidgwater about the use being made of the stream at the rear of "Moorside". She was informed that permission had to be sought for use of a main river and that this section of the stream is classified as such. A letter had been sent to the occupier of the premises, but it was felt that the Water Authority should now deal with this matter. A further report will be given at our next meeting.



206. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (iv) ACCES. As instructed, the Clerk had written to Sir William Miles and enclosed the literature in this connection. However, Sir William felt The Common should be left in its present natural state. He had made arrangements to maintain this land in a satisfactory condition himself. Concern was expressed by Members at the attitude of the National Conservancy Council in delegating areas of S.S.S.I and not informing local councils of their decision.

In this connection the Clerk was asked to produce any correspondence on this subject at the next meeting for consideration and any necessary action.

- (v) Sewage Outfall. Mrs McEwen-Smith explained the position with regard to the new development proposed at the National Nautical School and the question of the sewage outfall. A partial scheme will take place this year as the present outfall is unsatisfactory. This new scheme, together with the action of the tide, will help to dissolve the effluent more efficiently.

Members were informed that 25 residential units proposed at Charlcombe Park will be connected to the new sewerage system at the National Nautical School and that Wessex Water Authority hope to start this work in 1986.

- (vi) Fire Service. The Clerk informed the meeting that no action was necessary in this instance as the cuts proposed in the fire service had now been refused by the Chief Fire Officer of Bristol.

- (vii) Speeding of traffic in the village. Constable A.Gray had informed the Clerk that this matter was now in the hands of the Accident Prevention Officer and a report will be given at our next meeting.

207. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Clerk was asked to contact Avon Highways Department to provide grit along the Coast Road and in the Village during the snowy weather as the roads were icy and dangerous. This had been done and the matter was in hand.

208. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Leaflets and a poster received from Avon C.C. on Welfare Rights Take-up Campaign had been displayed.
- (ii) A letter had been received from Woodspring D.C. regarding loan of plans for planning applications. This was duly noted.
- (iii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been circulated to Members.
- (iv) A letter from the House of Commons had been received with regard to the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill and was noted.
- (v) A notice had been received for display from Avon C.C. regarding Avon's Budget Consultation Public Meetings. This was displayed on the notice board in the village hall.

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

Village Hall Committee	£33.00	(hire of hall for parish meetings July 84; Sept - Dec 84 and Jan - June 85)
S.W.E.B.	£5.93	

Two cheques had been sent to Graham Reeves for materials in connection with the improvements to the Village Hall, one for £45.07 and the other for £11.67. Cheques for the same amounts had been received from the Village Hall Committee and paid into the council's deposit account at the Bank.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO  
ON MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

210. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
211. Planning. Plan 069/85 - Replacement of timber framed bungalow with residential mobile home and relocation of car park - Walton Bay Caravan Park, Walton-in-Gordano. No objections were raised to the approval of this plan, but the Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Dept that the applicant should be asked to reinstate the boundary hedge which is not shown on the amended plan.
212. Tree Planting. The Clerk was asked to ascertain from Avon C.C. whether the grant for the tree-planting scheme would still be available if the project was postponed until this autumn. She had been assured that the amount agreed could be transferred to their 1986 budget. It was explained that due to the severe winter weather, the contractor had been unable to commence work on the site and Members agreed it would be better to delay the tree planting until the autumn. The Clerk was asked to notify Avon C.C. accordingly. However, it was suggested that in the meantime the fencing could be erected and the site prepared for the actual tree-planting. The Clerk had been informed by a representative of the Avon Wildlife Trust that he would ask for volunteers to help with the tree planting when necessary.
213. Precept. The Clerk had contacted the Treasurer's Dept of Woodspring D.C. and been informed that parishes were eligible for a percentage from their block grant which would therefore reduce the rate requested by Walton-in-Gordano from 4.5% to 3.06%.  
 It was therefore proposed by Mrs. P. Wills, seconded by Mr. A.G. MacIvor and **RESOLVED:** THAT the Parish Council levy a 4.5 rate for 1985/86 which would raise £1021.
214. Clerk's Report
- (i) Cancer Research. The Clerk informed the meeting that £25.86 had been collected by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and had been forwarded to this charity. The appreciation of Members was noted.
  - (ii) The Common. Vide Minute 206(iv), the Clerk had again been in touch with Sir William Miles who reiterated his previous remarks in connection with ACCES tidying this site. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the Avon Wildlife Trust for their opinion as it was felt that the flora and fauna on this land are excellent and should be preserved.  
 The Clerk had also checked with Avon Wildlife Trust regarding areas of SSSI and had been assured that the N.C.C. were a very capable Government body who had the interests of the public in mind when dealing with such sites. The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Bradley of the N.C.C. had contacted Sir William with the intention of attending one of our meetings to talk to parishioners. It was decided to invite Mr. Bradley to our APM to talk on this subject.
  - (iii) Walton Stream. The Wessex Water Authority confirmed that they have been in touch with the owner of 'Moorside' and the matter has been dealt with them satisfactorily.
  - (iv) Reflector lights by Cross Tree. The Clerk had notified the Highways Dept of Avon C.C. about the damage to these reflector lights and was informed the matter would be dealt with as soon as possible.

The Clerk had also been informed about the damage caused by cars during the snowy weather to the Cross Tree and pointing out that the protective guard had also been bent. Mrs. Wills agreed to inspect the tree and report back to the Clerk for further action.



215. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Chairman informed the meeting that the Gordano Footpaths Group had notified him work would commence on the making of steps by footpath 17/4 leading to Hackwood House. The Clerk was asked to notify Sir William accordingly.
- (ii) Mr.E.S.Storey reported that fencing had been erected along the dangerous sections of Mariners Path and the work had been done very satisfactorily.
- (iii) Mrs.P.Wills complained that a Gas Board van and a Post Office van created a danger hazard by turning right onto the B.3124 road whilst driving down from the Coast Road. The Clerk was asked to report these incidents to the Police for their action.
- (iv) Concern was expressed about the condition of the notice board in the village. The Clerk would contact Mr.Storey.
- (v) After discussion, it was agreed to retain the present format of the parish newsletter.

216. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) Various leaflets and literature were received from ALCA which had been circulated to Members and displayed on the notice board. A note was made of the increased subscription and it was decided to discuss the question of membership at a later meeting.
- (ii) It was decided that the parish council would not be represented at the seminar on 'Parish Paths' being held on the 2nd March at the Henbury Village Hall
- (iii) Members expressed their agreement at the steps being taken by local councils in connection with dog licensing.
- (iv) The Clerk was authorised to reply to a request from the Clevedon Printing Co to publish councillors' names, addresses and telephone numbers in their 'Guide to South Avon 1985', together with the time and place of our meetings.
- (v) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members.
- (vi) Copies of the 1985 Register of Electors were received and displayed in the Post Office and the Church Porch as requested. A third copy would be displayed in the shop at Walton Bay.
- (vii) A letter was received from Woodspring D.C. in connection with future elections of District and Parish Councillors, the contents of which were noted.
- (viii) The Chairman had received a letter from the Chairman of Woodspring D.C. asking for two representatives from the community to attend the annual social and informed the meeting he would be dealing with this matter.

217. Finance. There were no cheques for payment this month.

*E. S. Storey*  
*D. W. Lapham*

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO  
ON MONDAY, 11th MARCH 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

219. Planning. The meeting was notified that Woodspring D.C. had now approved the amended plan (No.069/85) for the replacement of timber framed bungalow with residential mobile home and relocation of car park.

Concern was expressed at the commencement of work to the School <sup>Room</sup> ~~House~~ in the village (Plan No.1685/84) and various points were raised regarding the conversion of this building into a private residence. Mrs.McEwen-Smith assured the meeting that the Planning Department of W.D.C. are aware of the parish council's views with regard to this plan and that mutual agreements between Sir William Miles and the Church authorities were necessary. She would endeavour to obtain the relevant facts in this connection and report at our next meeting.

The letter received from W.D.C. on the 11th December expressing concern at the length of time some parish councils are retaining plans will be discussed at the ALCA meeting on the 14th March. The proposition is "that plans and applications should be available to local Councils for sufficient time for Councils to make considered comments". A report will be given at our next meeting.

220. Dates of the A.P.M. and the A.G.M. It was agreed that the parish council hold their Annual Parish Meeting on the 26th April 1985 and the Annual General Meeting on the 13th May 1985.

The Chairman suggested that Mr.D.B.P.Bradley of the Nature Conservancy Council be invited to talk at our A.P.M. and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr.Bradley accordingly.

221. Clerk's Report.

(i) Tree planting. The Clerk had notified Mr.Goldstone, the contractor, of the delay in the commencement of this scheme and he agreed with our decision to wait until the autumn for the actual tree-planting. Miss Gilder had also confirmed that the postponement by the parish council of this scheme should not jeopardise our request for a grant towards this scheme, but that the parish council should re-apply to Avon C.C. in September.

(ii) Traffic - complaints. Vide minute 215 (iii), the Police had investigated these two incidents and the matter had been dealt with. However, Members again discussed the question of drivers turning right onto the B3124 whilst coming down the Coast Road and the Clerk was asked to contact the Police reiterating the Council's concern at this dangerous practice. It was suggested that the painting of two white arrows at this junction might help drivers and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary enquiries.

(iii) The Cross Tree. The Clerk had notified Avon Highways Department about the damaged reflector lights and this matter would be dealt with as soon as possible. The Clerk had also informed the Police with regard to the damage done to this tree and also to the guard but, unfortunately, without details of the vehicles involved, they could not take any action. Mrs.Wills informed the meeting that the tree would be attended to as soon as possible.

(iv) Pot holes. Mr.Bull of the Avon Highways Department had notified the Clerk that these potholes would be repaired shortly as they had commenced road maintenance works along the Coast Road that week.

(v) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk had received literature and details of this competition for 1985 and it was decided to include this item for discussion at the A.P.M. on the 26th April.



221. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vi) The Common. Mr. Barrett of the Gordano Footpaths Group had notified the Clerk that all the footpaths in this area were well maintained and he confirmed that his Group would be starting work on the steps leading to Hackswood House shortly. He reiterated that the Gordano Footpaths Group were prepared to clear and tidy this area should the parish council think it necessary.

However, the Clerk was asked to write to the Avon Wildlife Trust for their comments and views on the condition of The Common.

- (vii) Audit. Notification had been received from ALCA that a scheme had been initiated by the NALC whereby councils could ask their auditor to accept them for triennial audit. After discussion, however, Members agreed to have the council's accounts audited this year as usual.

222. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Mr. Storey informed the meeting that the notice board in the village had now been repaired satisfactorily at a cost of £5.00. It was agreed that a cheque for this amount be paid to Mr. Storey. Members expressed their appreciation to Mrs. V. Baldwin for painting and cleaning this notice board.
- (ii) Complaints had been received that one of the refuse bins along the Coast Road had been damaged; also the bus stop along the Coast Road at Walton Bay had fallen down. The Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate officials in both these instances.

223. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) An acknowledgement had been received from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund thanking the parish council for the donation of £25.86.
- (ii) A letter had been received from the House of Commons re the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill and this was noted.
- (iii) Notification had been received that the ALCA meeting would be held at Kingston Seymour on the 14th March. The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk would be attending.
- (iv) Various posters and leaflets had been received from ALCA and these had been either displayed or circulated.

224. Finance. Three cheques were passed for payment as under:

Avon Community Council	£4.00 (yearly subscription)
Mr. E.S. Storey	£5.00 (repairs to village notice board)
Mrs. D. McLaughlin (Clerk)	£86.79 (salary and expenses)

Two cheques had been signed by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman in respect of works of maintenance to the Village Hall; one for £54.19 (Graham Reeves) and the other for £95.45 (Art Prima).

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

*F. J. Barrett*

*W. McLaughlin*