

THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, the 15th APRIL 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

226. Planning. Mrs.McEwen-Smith had contacted the Clerk in connection with work on the School Room (plan 1685/84) and confirmed the Planning Department of W.D.C. is aware of the established rights of the Diocesan authorities and that all the relevant facts in this connection are on record in that Department.

The District Councillor also clarified the position with regard to the demolition of a wall between two fields at the back of The Manor House. In the circumstances, no action can be taken by the Planning Department.

The Chairman had been approached by the new owner of The School Room for approval to lay an easement from Cross Tree Farm through the village pound to reach the cesspit on her land. She had received permission from Sir William Miles and also from the owner of Cross Tree Farm, but requested approval, if necessary, from the parish council. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Councillor for her advice.

227. Clerk's Report.

- (i) The Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk had written to Mr.Bradley of the N.C.C. inviting him to attend our meeting on the 26th April 1985 and had received an acceptance from him. A notice of this meeting would be inserted in The South Avon Mercury and it was hoped for a good attendance. It was agreed that refreshments be served at the conclusion of the meeting.
- (ii) Tree Planting. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Goldstone who confirmed that, with the approval of Mr.J.Flower, partial fencing and gates had been erected on this site to enable the farmer to proceed with the necessary ploughing of the land in question. Arrangements had also been made to complete the fencing and other necessary works at a later date. Members agreed with the action taken.
- (iii) Works of maintenance. Avon Highways Dept had confirmed that the reflector lights around the Cross Tree had now been erected; the pot-holes had been repaired; and white arrows had been painted on the road by the Cross Tree to prevent motorists from turning right at this junction.
- (iv) Damaged bus stop on Coast Road. The appropriate department was again contacted in this instance and the Clerk was informed the matter was in hand.
- (v) Litter Bins along Coast Road. The Technical Services of W.D.C. had already been informed of the damaged litter bin and work was in hand. Another bin had also been damaged and the Clerk had informed this department of the complaint.
- (vi) ALCA Meetings. As instructed, the Clerk had written to the Secretary of ALCA expressing our concern at the confusion about voting at these meetings. A reply had been received which was shown to Members and it was agreed to await the outcome of the decision at the next ALCA meeting.

228. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Chairman informed the meeting that a letter of resignation had been received from Mrs.P.Wills and that the necessary notice in respect of a Casual Vacancy for a parish councillor would be displayed on the notice board in the village.
It was the unanimous wish of the council that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs.Wills expressing appreciation of the work done by her as a parish councillor.
- (ii) It was also the wish of the council that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr.R. Knight for his offer of help in repairing the damaged guard around the Cross Tree.

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228. Councillors' Reports (Contd)

- (iii) The Chairman informed the meeting that the gullies in the village had been cleared and expressed appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which this work was carried out.
- (iv) It was pointed out that the wall opposite The School House had again been damaged. The Clerk would contact the Highways Department of Avon C.C. for their action.

229. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Notices for the election of County Councillors on the 2nd May 1985 had been received from Woodspring D.C. and had been displayed as instructed.
- (ii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been circulated to Members.
- (iii) A copy of Southmead Health Authority's Draft Strategic Plan 1985/1995 had been received and circulated to Members.
- (iv) A letter from The Ramblers Association to Mr. Barrett of the Gordano Footpaths Group had been received by the Chairman regarding the steps leading to Hackswood House. The letter was noted.
- (v) A poster and leaflets 'Could their future be your job?' had been received from the County of Avon for display and distribution.

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

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had signed three cheques in respect of works of maintenance to the Village Hall as under:

A R C Southern Ltd	£32.82
A.E.Usher & Sons	£151.80
Graham Reeves Ltd	£110.06

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The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON FRIDAY, 26th APRIL 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor), 16 parishioners and 2 visitors also attended.

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 presented his financial statement as follows:

(i) Parish Rate. A 4.5p rate had been levied for the year 1985/86 which would raise £1021. Most of this money is to provide a shelter belt in Moor Lane; it is hoped to start work on this tree-planting scheme in the autumn of this year.

(ii) Finances. The receipts for the period 31st March 1984 to 31st March 1985 totalled £5052.18; the various expenses incurred for the same period were £4303.13, leaving a balance at the 31st March 1985 of £749.05.

Various plans for consideration were received but not much development had occurred in our parish during the last year. It had been necessary for the Golf Club to erect notices "Beware of Golfers" by footpaths on the golf course as walkers had been wandering across the greens during play.

The tree planting scheme had to be postponed due to the moratorium imposed by the Government on all district councils. However, Avon County Council had agreed to give us a grant of 50% towards the proposed scheme in the village and the parish council had accepted this offer.

The Highways Department of Avon C.C. had re-surfaced the B.3124 road through the village which has made a vast improvement. Sir William Miles had expressed concern at the condition of the railings at the top of the golf course along the coast road; the necessary work has been carried out.

Two collections had been made in the village for the Cancer Research Fund and a sum of £25.86 had been collected for this charity.

A complaint received about the disappearance of the stones around the Cross Tree had been passed to Avon C.C., who had informed the parish council that the Miles estate owned this land and, consequently, they could not carry out any work here.

The parish council had supported the petition against the closure of Ham Green Hospital and were pleased at the successful outcome of this campaign. Mariners Path along the coast had been cleared and the dangerous sections along this path had now been repaired by Avon C.C.

Mrs P Wills had resigned as a councillor of the parish council and the necessary action had been taken to advertise the casual vacancy in order that the parish council could co-opt a new councillor. The Chairman thanked Mrs.Wills for her services to the council.

Thanks were also extended to Mr.A.MacIvor for his work as editor of the monthly newsletter and to Mr.R.Knight and Mr.W. Barton for repairing the damaged guard around the Cross Tree. Mrs.Pope and her family were again thanked for their continued help in planting flowers and keeping the area around the Cross Tree both tidy and colourful.

Special thanks were conveyed to Mrs.McEwen-Smith, our District Councillor, for her invaluable help and support during the past year. The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the support given to him by the parish councillors and to the Clerk for her help.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions or comments but none were forthcoming. A vote was then taken on whether the parish council should enter the Best Kept Village competition for 1985 and it was the unanimous wish of the meeting that Walton-in-Gordano should enter this competition.

4. Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that Woodspring D.C. have agreed to hold future elections of district and parish councils every fourth year and, therefore, the next election of parish councils will be in 1987.

The question of dog licences was brought up, and Mrs. McEwen-Smith explained the position up to date, but pointed out that no final decision had yet been taken by the district council in this matter.

She also confirmed that Woodspring D.C. would be contributing towards the parish rates as in previous years from their block grant, and consequently our rate would be reduced by one third percent.

The Gordano Valley drainage scheme was progressing slowly; it had reached North Weston and the Wessex Water Authority ^{hope} to continue this scheme ~~to Walton-in-Gordano sometime~~ in 1986. Some parishioners asked whether it was compulsory for everyone to participate in this scheme as, in some cases, where there are long connections from individual houses to the main scheme, the cost would be very high. Mrs. McEwen-Smith agreed to look into this matter and to report further to the parish council.

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

5. Mrs. Janet Bracher, the President of the local W.I., presented her report in poetry form, which was very novel and interesting. She informed us that they usually have an attendance of 45 at their meetings and were pleased to enrol 15 new members last year. They have held various social events, and the special charity they supported this year was the Muller's Children's Home in Clevedon.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Bracher for attending our meeting and for her enjoyable report.

Mr. E. S. Storey informed the meeting that the work on the Village Hall is now nearly complete; the new toilet block should be ready in about two weeks. The District Council and the Parish Council have each given the Village Hall Committee a grant of £700 towards these works. It is estimated that a further £1000 needs to be spent by the end of July.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Storey for his report.

Any other business

- (i) Mr. Charlesworth expressed concern at the tipping of rubbish in Moor Lane and discussion took place at the continued dumping on this site. The Chairman explained that, unless people can identify the vehicle concerned and are prepared to go to court, the Police are unable to act. It was also pointed out that Woodspring D.C. have always acted promptly when such complaints have been made.

A suggestion was made that 'no tipping' notices be erected on this site and the Chairman proposed that this matter be discussed at the A.G.M. to be held on the 13th May.

As there was no other business for discussion, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that, after refreshments had been served, Mr. D. Bradley of the Nature Conservancy Council, together with Mr. B. Corns and Mr. P. Mountford would be giving a talk and showing slides of the proposed Nature Reserve in the Gordano Valley.

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Mr. Bradley gave an introduction of the responsibilities of the Nature Conservancy Council generally and then introduced Mr. Corns to show slides and explain the work proposed to be carried out in the Gordano Valley. A brief summary of the talk is as follows:

The area specified lies at the south western end of the Gordano Valley and is to be designated as a National Nature Reserve.

These wetlands have been here from approximately 5000 - 8000 B.C. and some of the plants have been constantly in occupation since then. The area comprises wet hay meadow, woodland and swamp. There are plenty of nesting birds and insects here - there are about 22 nationally noted species of insects. The site is a very good one for nesting birds, aquatic and terrestrial insects. There are a number of pairs of heron plus a number of butterflies. There are about 20 species of sedges - a very good percentage of national species.

The Nature Conservancy Council will be asking for local volunteers to do small jobs in the area. The big tasks will be done by contractors and the N.C.C. staff. They hope to have an Open Day - possibly in June 1986 and visitors will be shown the work done by the N.C.C.

The water levels, main drains and the black ditch will remain at the same level as at present and will be maintained by the N.C.C.

The work of the N.C.C. is funded from Central Government and they have been given a grant of 22.5 million per annum for this very important and essential work in order to maintain areas like the Gordano Valley as National Nature Reserves.

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Mr. Bradley and his colleagues were thanked by the Chairman for attending our meeting and for the interesting and enjoyable talk and slides which, he felt sure, were appreciated by all those present.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 13th MAY 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

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

An apology for absence was received from Mr. A.G. MacIvor.

231. Election of Chairman. Mr. E.S. Storey proposed that Mr. R.J. Baldwin be elected Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Mrs. B. Adkins.

The Declaration of Acceptance was accordingly signed by Mr. R.J. Baldwin.

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

232. 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. Adkins.

233. Appointment of Committees.

- (i) Village Hall Steering Committee. It was agreed that Messrs. A.G. MacIvor and E.S. Storey be elected to act as our representatives on this Committee.
- (ii) A.L.C.A. It was agreed that Mrs. B.M. Adkins and Mr. R.J. Baldwin represent the parish council at the ALCA meetings.

It was unanimously agreed that it was unnecessary to have a special planning committee.

234. Annual subscriptions. The parish council pay two annual subscriptions each year, one to the Avon Community Council and the other to A.L.C.A. It was agreed that we continue to be members of both these organisations for the coming year.

Discussion took place regarding the subscription to The Avon Wildlife Trust, but it was agreed to defer a decision in this respect for the time being.

The question of charging for the use of the village hall for parish meetings was raised as Members felt the hire charge should be waived in the case of the parish council as the money involved comes out of the parish rates in any case. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Village Hall Steering Committee with this suggestion.

Mr. E.S. Storey declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item. (See Minute 192(iii)).

235. Casual Vacancy. It was proposed by Mr. R.J. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. E.S. Storey and unanimously agreed that Mrs. Margaret A Charlesworth be co-opted as Councillor to fill this vacancy.

Mrs. Charlesworth accordingly signed the Declaration of Acceptance and was welcomed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reminded Members that, when they sign the attendance book at the beginning of each meeting, they become a party as to what goes on at the meeting and it is therefore important to make their views known.

236. The Minutes of the parish meeting held on the 15th April 1985 were approved and signed.

237. Clerk's salary. It was proposed by Mr. R.J. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. E.S. Storey and agreed nem con that the Clerk's salary be increased to £140 annually, and that the payment of 10p per telephone call in connection with council matters be increased to 20p per call. This increase to take effect from the 14th May 1985.

The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanked Members.

238. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Best Kept Village Competition. As the unanimous vote at the APM on the 26th April 1985 was in favour of entering this competition, the Clerk had sent the necessary forms to the organisers of this event. Judging will take place between the 15th June and the 1st July 1985.

In this connection, it was felt that a skip should be sited in Moor Lane prior to the judging of the competition and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements with the Technical Services of W.D.C. It was also pointed out that posters designed by the Sunday School children in the village drawing attention to this competition would be an advantage, and the Clerk would contact Miss Ruth Long for her comments on this suggestion. The Clerk was also asked to inform Mr. A. Barrow of the period during which the judging of this competition takes place as he has kindly agreed to tidy the churchyard.

238. Clerk's Report

- (ii) Village pound. Vide minute 226, the Clerk had been notified that no permission is necessary in this instance.
- (iii) Works of maintaince. The Clerk had been notified by Avon Highways Department that the work of repairing the damaged wall opposite The School House would be put in hand shortly.
- (iv) Steps to Hackswood House. The Clerk had been notified by ACCES that work would commence shortly on the steps leading to Hackswood House.
- (v) Tipping in Moor Lane. Woodspring D.C. had been contacted in this instance and arrangements would be made to clear the rubbish dumped here. They also agreed to erect new signs warning against tipping in this area.
- (vi) Precept. As instructed, the Clerk had requested the 1985/86 precept for £1021 from Woodspring D.C. This had been received and paid into the council's deposit account at the Bank.

239. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Kelly, the Emergency Planning Officer of Woodspring D.C., to ascertain when he would like to attend one of our parish meetings to talk on Civil Defence.

240. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from Woodspring D.C. regarding future elections of District and Parish Councillors; the contents were discussed and approved.
- (ii) A letter regarding a Shelter Survey in connection with civil defence had been received from Woodspring D.C. and the Clerk was asked to reply, stating that the only suitable buildings which could be used as public shelters in the village, were the cellars at The Manor House and Home Farm.
- (iii) An invitation to attend the District Conservation Forum being held by Woodspring D.C. at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 21st May was received. The Clerk was asked to send the parish council's apologies on this occasion.
- (iv) A letter had been received from the Bath Institute for Rheumatic Diseases asking for a contribution. It was decided not to subscribe in this instance.
- (v) A request for our subscription for 1985 had been received from ALCA. After discussion, it was agreed to pay the increased subscription of £15. Permission was also given to the Clerk to order the necessary booklets and posters.
- (vi) Cornhill Insurance had written explaining the reason for raising the insurance cover to £20 for 1985. Members agreed with this increase.
- (vii) A letter had been received from the Community Rights Project Ltd, enclosing copies of Secrets File No.9 which had been circulated to Members for information.
- (viii) A copy of the Public Transport Plan 85/86 had been received from Avon County and this was circulated to Members.

241. Finance. Four cheques were passed for payment as under:

Cornhill Insurance	£20.00
S.W.E.B.	£5.93
ALCA	£17.50 (subscription + posters etc)
Village Hall Steering Committee	£700.00 (grant - Minute 198 dated 10.12.84)

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

Graham Reeves Ltd	£200.52
A.E.Usher & Sons	£258.70

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, the 10TH JUNE 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended, together with one visitor.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs. M.A. Charlesworth.

242. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
243. Planning - Plan No. 1081/85 - internal alterations and construction of porch and kitchen extension at "Eriskay", Walton Down Road, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore. After inspecting this plan, it was decided that there were no objections to its approval and the Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Dept of W.D.C. accordingly.
244. Clerk's Report
- (i) Tree-planting. In reply to our request, Mr. Locke of Mount Pleasant Trees in Gloucester had confirmed the cost and species of trees ordered. Mr. Goldstone was contacted and he has agreed to help with the planting arrangements in the autumn.
 - (ii) Civil Defence. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Kelly, the Emergency Planning Officer, who had agreed to attend our meeting on the 8th July. It was ~~decided to mention~~ this visit in the newsletter so that parishioners could attend the meeting.
 - (iii) Tipping in Moor Lane. The Clerk had notified Sir William Miles about the arrangements made to clear this area and to erect notices warning against tipping; his reply was noted.
 - (iv) Audit. The Clerk had received details of the audit for 1985 which is to be held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 20th September. She suggested that Mr. Storey attend this audit with her and this was agreed. The appropriate notices will be displayed informing electors of the dates on which inspection can be made of the accounts.
 - (v) Yew Tree at Cross Tree Farm. On the instruction of the Chairman, the Clerk had notified the Conservation Officer of Woodspring D.C. about the proposed felling of this tree and an inspection had been made by officers of this department. The matter was now in hand and would be discussed at the Planning and Conservation Committee meeting of W.D.C. on the 2nd July.
 - (vi) "Gargoyles", Walton Down Road, Walton-in-Gordano. A complaint had been received that the owner of this dwelling had erected posts along the verge opposite his house to prevent the parking of cars. The Clerk notified Mr. Bull of Avon Highways Dept, who inspected the site with the owner. Mr. Bull was satisfied with the work carried out by Mr. Fryer who had sown grass seed on this site and wished to prevent motorists parking on it. Mr. Fryer had complained that his wall had been damaged on several occasions by motorists turning here and he agreed to remove the posts to enable Avon C.C. workmen to use the flail cutter on the hedges by the verge when necessary.
 - (vii) Best Kept Village competition. In connection with this competition, the Clerk had arranged with the Technical Services of W.D.C. to site a skip in Moor Lane for the collection and disposal of refuse. This service had been given at no cost and Members appreciated the generous gesture by the district council. Mr. Barrow had tidied the churchyard. The Clerk had contacted Miss Ruth Long who agreed to get the Sunday School children to design two posters for this competition and to display them in the village.

244. Clerk's Report (contd)(viii) Works of maintenance

- (a) Wall opposite 'The School House' The damaged section of this wall has now been repaired.
- (b) Railings by the golf course The Clerk had again contacted the appropriate department about the condition of these railings, and was asked to get in touch with the depot at Portishead. The Works Supt informed her that, after an inspection of these railings, he would let her know the position. The Clerk was asked to pursue this matter.

245. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mr.Storey informed the meeting that, after discussing the suggestion made by the parish council regarding charges for the hire of the village hall for parish meetings, the Village Hall Steering Committee considered that they could not waive the charges. It was therefore agreed that the fee of £3 per meeting be paid half yearly as in previous years.
- (ii) It was proposed by Mr.MacIvor that a contribution be made to Mrs.Pope towards the cost of the plants around the Cross Tree. After discussion, it was agreed to leave this matter for Mr.MacIvor to negotiate.
- (iii) The Chairman notified the meeting about the bank charges incurred by the parish council in connection with the accounts paid for works to the village hall; also the postage involved. Mr.Storey informed Members that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to reimburse the parish council. The question of the extra work undertaken by the Clerk had also been noted by them.

246. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter from Woodspring D.C. regarding Community Adviser Training in 1985/86 was noted.
- (ii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been circulated to Members.
- (iii) The booklets and posters ordered from ALCA had been received; together with the receipt for our subscription.
- (iv) The ALCA meeting was to be held at Burrington Village Hall on the 20th June and it was decided that the Chairman, Mrs.Adkins and the Clerk attend.
- (v) Copies of the Local Council Line Up and the Avon Conservation News had been received from ALCA and were circulated to Members.
- (vi) It was agreed that no contribution be made to the South & West Concerts Board.

247. Finance. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had queried the large amount in our current account at the Bank, and was informed that this was due to the substantial amounts being transferred regularly from the deposit account to pay the accounts for the village hall. She had been notified that as soon as all works to the hall had been completed, the balance will revert back to the £50 agreed by the parish council. Members agreed to this arrangement.

A cheque for £100.82 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 Chairman and the Vice-Chairman signed a cheque for £58.19 for K.J.G.Grigg in connection with works to the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

F. J. Balda
D. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY
THE 8TH JULY 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

249. The Chairman then introduced Mr. J.J.Kelly, the Emergency Planning Officer of Woodspring District Council who explained, with the help of slides, the steps being taken by the district council to implement plans for the defence of the country in case of nuclear attack. He stressed the need for individual parishes to be aware of what action should be taken when necessary, and asked for volunteers to attend the appropriate courses run by the district council.

After his talk, he answered questions put to him and the Chairman then thanked Mr.Kelly for attending our meeting.

250. Planning. The Clerk informed the meeting that there were no plans for discussion this month.

The District Councillor had notified the Clerk that the felling of the Yew Tree at Cross Tree Farm had been raised at the Planning and Conservation Committee Meeting on the 2nd July and the matter was now being pursued by the Solicitor and the Clerk of Woodspring D.C.

251. Reimbursement to Mrs.Pope. After discussion, it was agreed that the sum of £5.00 be made available for the planting of the flower bed around the Cross Tree if Mrs. Pope requires it.

252. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk had not as yet been notified of the results of this competition. She had sent a letter of thanks to Miss Ruth Long for the delightful posters designed by the Sunday School children for this competition.
- (ii) Railings by golf course. The Clerk contacted Avon C.C. again concerning the deterioration of these railings and had been informed that, as the golf club had complained about the state of the wall along the golf course, Avon C.C. would be inspecting this wall. If the wall is part of the highway, the County will repair it and at the same time will see to the railings. However, until the necessary agreement between Sir Charles Miles and Somerset C.C. is available, work cannot commence. The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles to enquire about the necessary document.
- (iii) 'No Tipping' notices. The meeting was informed that these notices have as yet not been erected in Moor Lane and the Clerk was asked to take the necessary action.
- (iv) ALCA Meeting - 20th June. The question of snow contacts was again discussed at this meeting and the Chairman informed Members that the village had not delegated anyone to do this job. Members felt that an approach should be made to Mr.C.Johnston of the Cross Tree Stores and Post Office. The Chairman undertook to look into this matter.

At the same meeting, the question was raised of charges being made to cash cheques at post offices and stores in parishes, and the meeting decided to bring this matter up at the next ALCA meeting.

The privatisation of Water Companies was also discussed and this subject would also be brought to the next ALCA meeting.

253. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Chairman explained the position regarding complaints received from residents of Walton Bay caravan park at the dangerous section of the Coast Road near them. There have been two accidents recently and a site meeting was arranged with the Engineer and Surveyor of Avon C.C., the District Councillor and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the parish council. Avon C.C. would be writing as soon as a solution has been found but, in the meantime, the Clerk was asked to contact Telecom and the G.P.O. suggesting that the telephone kiosk and the post box at this junction be re-sited about 3 feet back to enable better visibility for motorists. The owner of the land in question had agreed to give sufficient land for this to be done. A report will be given at our next meeting in September.
- (ii) A Member asked why a telephone directory was not supplied in the telephone kiosk along the Coast Road, and the meeting was informed that Telecom do not provide directories as they are always stolen.
- (iii) The Clerk confirmed that there is a three weeks' wait for cesspits to be cleared in this district, but had been informed by the Portishead Depot that, should an emergency occur, they will do their best to act urgently.
- (iv) The Clerk had contacted Mr. Bull of Avon C.C. to clear the two streams in the village, one by Church Farm and the other in Moor Lane, as they are very overgrown at present. The matter was in hand.

254. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of Field Fare was received and circulated to Members.
- (ii) ALCA had sent a booklet 'Parish Paths' which we had ordered and this was circulated to Members.
- (iii) Woodspring D.C. had sent the 'Handy Guide to Council Services for 1985/86' - a copy of which was given to each Member. Spare copies of this booklet would also be available at the two shops in the parish.

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

ALCA	80p	(audit notices)
Avon Community Council	£1. 50	(booklet - 'Parish Paths')
Village Hall Steering Cttee	£15.00	(5 sessions at £3 each - July 1985; Sept - December 1985)

The Clerk informed the meeting that a cheque for £151.01 had been received in connection with V.A.T. and paid into the Bank. The amount is made up as follows: Village Hall Committee £147.42 and the Parish Council £3.59.

A cheque for £109.94 for G.C. & J.A. Griffin (Fencing) was signed by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman in connection with works to the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

J. Balder
W. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO,

ON MONDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs. R.H. Baldwin, Chairman, E.S. Storey, Vice-Chairman, Mesdames B.M. Adkins and M.A. Charlesworth, Mr. A.G. MacIvor, together with the Clerk.

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

257. Planning. The Clerk informed the meeting that, as instructed, she had notified W.D.C. that there were no objections to the two plans, i.e. 1621/85 'Cosy Corner', Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano and 1627/85 'Rose Bank', Walton Down, Walton-in-Gordano. Members agreed with this action.

A copy of a 'Consent to Fell' application had been received from the Director of Planning in connection with the felling of certain trees at The Manor House, Walton-in-Gordano. After discussion, no objections were raised to the action taken by the owners of the land in question.

258. Clerk's Report

- (i) Railings by golf course. It had been confirmed by Avon C.C. that an agreement had been made between the Somerset C.C. and Sir William Miles regarding the maintenance of these railings. The Clerk had been notified that, as soon as funds were available, this work would be put in hand. As the Golf Club had complained about the condition of the perimeter wall by the railings, the work of repairing the wall would also be carried out when funds were available. The Clerk was asked to keep this matter in mind for further discussion.
- (ii) Accident spot - Coast Road. The Clerk had telephoned Telecom and also written to the G.P.O. vide Minute 253(i) and was informed as under:
- (a) It would cost between £1,000 and £1,500 to remove the kiosk.
 - (b) It would cost approximately £200 to cut off the electricity and to re-connect.
 - (c) Telecom do not like erecting kiosks on private wayleaves, as it was felt that should the present owner sell, the new occupier could give one month's notice for the removal of the kiosk.
 - (d) Evidence must be received from the Police of the danger to motorists before any action can be taken.
 - (e) If it was felt this was a 'low revenue' kiosk, it could be removed altogether, but Telecom felt it was essential that a kiosk should be sited here.

A representative from the G.P.O. had visited the site and telephoned the Clerk agreeing with the above comments. He suggested, however, that a dotted white 'halt' line could be painted on the carriageway by the junction to help drivers using this side road. Members agreed with the above comments.

A letter from the County Engineer was read to the meeting in which it was agreed that a "SLOW" sign be painted on the carriageway and a side junction sign would be provided to the east of this accessway. The Clerk was asked to enquire when this work would be carried out and to suggest that the dotted white lines be painted at the same time.

- (iii) Gordano Footpaths Group. A letter had been received from the Secretary of this organisation enclosing a copy of a letter from them to Mrs. Reed of the Avon C.C. thanking her department for the work carried out on the steps to Hackwood House. The Clerk had also written a letter of thanks to Mr. Barrett on behalf of the parish council.
- (iv) Cross Tree Farm The felling of the yew tree at this farm had been discussed at the meeting of the Planning and Conservation Committee of W.D.C. on the 2nd July 1985. A further report is awaited.
- (v) Snow Warden. The Clerk had telephoned Mr. Horry, the Secretary of ALCA, stating that Mr. N.C. Johnston of the Cross Tree Stores has agreed to act as the snow warden for the parish. The necessary form to be completed in this connection will be attached to the agenda for the next ALCA meeting in September.

258. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vi) ALCA Meeting, Blagdon. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mrs. B.M. Adkins and the Clerk attend this meeting on the 26th September 1985.
- (vii) Clearing of streams. Mr. Bull of Avon C.C. had notified the Clerk that, due to absence of staff on holiday and sickness, he had been unable to proceed with the clearing of the streams in Moor Lane and by Church Farm. As soon as possible, the work would be put in hand.
- (viii) 'No Tipping' notices. The Clerk had been informed that the notices had been ordered from W.D.C. and the work of erecting them was now in hand.
- (ix) Tree Planting. The Clerk had asked for and received confirmation of the grant agreed to be paid to the parish council by Avon C.C. for this scheme. A revised form of application was being compiled and would be sent when ready. On completion, the parish council would be eligible to commence work on the tree planting scheme.

259. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Mr. Storey raised the question of whether the parish council would consider changing the day of its meetings from the second Monday in each month to the second Tuesday as the Village Hall Committee had received a request from an organisation asking for the use of the village hall on every Monday. The Village Hall Committee felt that this would be a regular revenue and would help their finances. The matter was discussed at some length and finally it was agreed that the second Tuesday of every month, except August, would be the most suitable day.
- (ii) Mr. Storey also informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee were requesting a further grant from W.D.C. as an additional £1,000 was needed to complete the works of repair to the village hall. Consequently, the parish council was asked to make a grant of £500 to match the £500 it was hoped to receive from the district council. After discussion, it was agreed to include this item on the agenda for our next meeting in October.
- (iii) The Chairman had been approached by Mr. C. Dunn of Church Farm asking if the parish council would agree to the planting of another shelter belt behind Half Way House between his and Mr. J. Flower's land. After discussion, it was decided not to go ahead with the planting of another shelter belt at present.
- (iv) The Chairman had received complaints that horse riders were using the footpath by Springhead. A suggestion was made that a stile be erected at the entrance to the footpath to prevent this dangerous practice. The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles about his views in this matter.
- (v) A complaint had been received that shooting was being carried out unlawfully on the moors. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Peter Mountford, the Warden of the Nature Conservancy Council, for his comments.
- (vi) It was pointed out that the "Road Narrows" sign by the bridge over the black ditch was obliterated by weeds and brambles and that the two reflector lights which had been removed some time ago, had not been replaced. The Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. urgently.

260. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) The Clerk was asked to send our apologies for the meeting of the Avon Community Council on the 19th September at Chew Magna and for the AGM of ALCA at Chipping Sodbury on the 31st October.
- (ii) Copies of the 1984 Annual Report of Southmead Community Health Council were distributed to Members.
- (iii) The Avon Local Councils Association Annual Report for 1984/85 was circulated to Members.
- (iv) The Annual Report and Accounts for 1984/85 had been received from Avon Community Council and was circulated to Members.

260. Correspondence not previously dealt with (contd)

- (v) A list of Community Advisers address list 1985 had been received from W.D.C. for our records.
- (vi) The letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had been noted.
- (vii) It was decided not to attend the Biennial National Conference of Local Councillors at Llandudno.
- (viii) A document had been received from The Tree Council which was noted.
- (ix) The Community Rights Project Ltd had notified us that the Access to Information Bill is now law.
- (x) It was decided not to participate in the Carol Singing Appeal for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund this year.

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

S.W.E.B.	£6.20
Clerk's salary & expenses	£87.35 (details of which were circulated to Members)

A cheque for £338.89 was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for Graham Reeves in connection with materials for the maintenance of the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

E. J. Baldwin

W. McLaughlin

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

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

Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) and Police Constable D. Perham also attended.

262. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
263. Planning. There were no plans for consideration this month. Councillor Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith however, reiterated the approval of Woodspring D.C. to plans Nos. 1621/85 and 1627/85 vide Minute 257. She also confirmed the procedure being taken by W.D.C. in connection with the felling of the Yew Tree at Cross Tree Farm.
264. Contribution to Village Hall Restoration Fund. Mr. Storey informed the meeting that the Director of Leisure and Tourism of W.D.C. had agreed to make a grant of £500 to the Village Hall Committee for the works of maintenance to the village hall provided the Parish Council would make a similar contribution. After discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED: THAT a further grant of £500 be made to the Village Hall Committee and that this amount be precepted for in January. The Chairman pointed out that approximately £900 had been reclaimed by way of V.A.T. so the actual figure for grant purposes made by the parish council was £300. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Director of Leisure confirming this contribution.
265. Change of day for meetings. It was agreed nem con that the parish meetings be held on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing on the 12th November 1985 at the same time of 7.30 p.m. Mr. MacIvor reiterated that he would be absent at alternative meetings due to other commitments. The Chairman accepted his apology.
266. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk had received notification of the results of this competition, and she read out the remarks made in connection with Walton-in-Gordano. Members expressed their pleasure at the high points awarded to the parish and Mr. MacIvor confirmed that he would be including the judges' remarks in the monthly newsletter.
 - (ii) Structure Plan. A letter had been received from Portishead Town Council asking for our views about a joint approach to W.D.C. for a Gordano Valley Local Plan. A meeting had been arranged for Thursday, the 17th October at the Folk Hall, Portishead and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman agreed to attend.
 - (iii) Civil Defence. The Clerk had been contacted by Mr. Kelly asking for volunteers to attend the Continuation Training courses in this connection. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to thank Mr. Kelly for his help and advice but to reiterate that Walton-in-Gordano would not be represented at further training sessions.
 - (iv) Road signs along Coast Road. Avon C.C. had contacted the Clerk to confirm that they would be painting dotted white lines at the top of the slip road by Walton Bay. They pointed out that, as this was a good idea, similar steps would be taken at other slip roads along the Coast Road. The 'Concealed Entrance' sign is in hand and will be erected as soon as possible. Members were then informed that the work of painting the dotted white lines had now been completed.
 - (v) Works in Moor Lane.
 - (a) The work was in hand to replace the reflector lights by the bridge in Moor Lane and the sign 'Road Narrows' was now visible due to the clearing of brambles and weeds.
 - (b) Mr. Bromfield of Avon C.C. had confirmed that he would look into the question of the broken signpost in Moor Lane. Members decided that the mileage should be displayed on the new finger post and the Clerk would inform Avon C.C. accordingly.
 - (c) W.D.C. had cleared the rubbish dumped in Moor Lane and the notice 'No Tipping' was in hand and should be erected shortly.

266. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vi) Shooting on the Moor. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been in touch with Mr. Peter Mountford who had notified her that he would be visiting the site and would investigate this complaint. It was pointed out the Keeper was very efficient and would keep this matter under review.
- (vii) Stile by Springhead footpath. Sir William had been informed that horses were using this footpath and the question of a stile being erected here was in hand.
- (viii) Tree-planting. The revised form from Avon C.C. had not yet been received regarding our grant application but the Clerk would be in contact with Miss Thompson again. Mr. Goldstone had sent his account for the work done on the shelter belt in preparation for the planting of trees, and Members approved the payment of this account in the sum of £530.
- (ix) Village Pound. The Clerk had been instructed to contact the legal department of ALCA in connection with the proposed transfer of ownership of the village pound. It had been intimated by that department that there should be no objection to the action by the present owner of the land in question, but a suggestion was made that a letter should be written on behalf of the parish council asking for the advice of ALCA in order that a written document could be kept on record. The Clerk would take the necessary action.
- (x) ALCA Meeting at Blagdon. The Chairman, Mrs. Adkins and the Clerk attended this meeting on the 26th September. The subjects discussed were the increase of the subscription to ALCA by 4%; the date of the meeting of Chairmen and Clerks at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 4th December and the Structure Plan which had been confirmed at the end of July. The Clerk asked for the item of early closure of leisure facilities in Clevedon and Portishead to be included on the agenda for the meeting on the 4th December and this was agreed.

267. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) A complaint was again made at the ploughing of the footpath at the top of Manor Wood by Mr. Brock. The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William to ask for his views.
- (ii) A complaint was made that a dead cow was in the sea between the Signal Station and Walton Bay and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements for its removal.
- (iii) A resident in the village had complained about broken glass left on the roadside after a minor accident in the centre of the village. After discussion, it was agreed that, as it would involve considerable expense for W.D.C. to send a workman with a mechanical brush to clear up this small amount of glass, the work be done locally.

268. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Copies of the Woodspring D.C. Annual Report had been distributed to Members.
- (ii) Copies of the Woodspring Digest, Avon Conservation News and Field Fare were circulated to Members for information.
- (iii) A letter and questionnaire from Brean Parish Council had been received regarding cleanliness of beaches. The Clerk was asked to return the questionnaire stating that this survey does not affect our parish.
- (iv) Woodspring D.C. had asked for any further information for inclusion in the Official Handbook. It was agreed that the Village Festival in July should be inserted.
- (v) A poster of Avon's Budget Public Meeting was received for display.
- (vi) It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk attend the annual meeting of Chairmen and Clerks at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 4th December 1985.

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

Arthur Young	£34.50	(Audit Fee)
Mr. R.J. Baldwin	£45.00	(clearing of footpaths etc)
S.W.E.B.	£ 6.20	(street lighting)
Mr. W. Goldstone	£530.00	(tree-planting scheme)

The Clerk pointed out that the Audit fee was the same as last year. She informed the meeting the 1984/85 audit was satisfactory and that the Auditors had been very helpful.

A cheque for £185.10 in respect of V.A.T. had been received and paid into our deposit account at the Bank.

A cheque for £313.84 for Graham Reeves had been signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in respect of materials for work on the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

R. B. D. D.
W. McLaughlin

THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON ~~MONDAY~~ ^{TUESDAY} 12th NOVEMBER 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs. R. Baldwin, Chairman, E.S. Storey, Vice-Chairman, Mesdames B.M. Adkins and M.A. Charlesworth, Mr. A.G. MacIver, together with the Clerk.

Police Constable D. Buttery also attended.

270. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
271. Planning. The Clerk informed the meeting that there were no plans for consideration this month.
272. Structure Plan - Gordano Valley. The Chairman informed Members of the facts detailed in the Minutes of the meeting held at the Folk Hall, Portishead on the 17th October and which had been sent to all parishes by the Portishead Town Council. After discussion, it was agreed that Walton-in-Gordano support the application made by the Portishead Town Council for a proposed Gordano Valley Local Plan, and the Clerk was instructed to write to The Chief Executive and Clerk at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare accordingly.
273. Clerk's Report
- (i) Tree-planting. The Clerk had received the application form for grant purposes from Avon C.C. for completion and return. Work on the shelter belt will commence as soon as the trees are received.
 - (ii) The Clerk informed the meeting that an error had been made with regard to Mr. Goldstone's account. A further £196 was due for the two gates which had been erected on the site of the shelter belt and she requested authority to send a cheque for this amount. The Clerk was asked to obtain a detailed invoice for the work done from Mr. Goldstone for our records, but in the meantime a cheque for the balance of £196 will be sent to Mr. Goldstone.
 - (iii) Change of day of meetings. The Clerk had informed the Press of the change of day of our meetings and this had been duly published. She also informed Members that an agenda will in future be sent to the South Avon Mercury inviting a reporter to attend our meetings if possible.
 - (iv) Stile at Springhead footpath. The Clerk had contacted Sir William Miles who agreed that ACCES should be approached with a view to a stile being erected here to prevent horses being ridden along this footpath. The Clerk was instructed to write to the appropriate department of Avon C.C. accordingly.
 - (v) Ploughing of footpath at the top of Manor Wood. Sir William Miles had been notified of this complaint and had inspected the footpath concerned. He was of the opinion, however, that the footpath was passable at present and would gradually widen with constant use. As we are not certain of the original width of the path, no definite action can be taken. It was decided to leave this matter in abeyance for the time being.
 - (vi) Village Pound. A letter had been received from ALCA confirming that the parish council had no powers over the village pound and the matter was therefore closed.
 - (vii) General Items.
 - (a) The 'No Tipping' signs had still not been erected in Moor Lane and the Clerk was asked to pursue this matter urgently.
 - (b) The reflector lights in Moor Lane had not been replaced and the Clerk would contact Mr. Bull again. P.C. Buttery assured the Clerk that, if no action was forthcoming from Avon C.C., he would get in touch with them himself.

273. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (c) It was decided that no further action be taken regarding shooting on The Moor.
- (d) The body of the dead cow had now been removed (vide Minute 267 (ii)).

274. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Mr. Storey informed the meeting that W.D.C's Director of Leisure Services had sent a cheque for £500 to the Village Hall Steering Committee for works of maintenance to the village hall. He asked if the Parish Council could make a part-payment of £200 from the £500 grant agreed at our last meeting. Members discussed this request, and it was RESOLVED; THAT £200 be given to the Village Hall Committee when required.
- (ii) The Clerk had been instructed to ask Mr. Bull to inspect the excess water in the road opposite Brighton Cottages. It was felt that in the cold weather, this patch of water could freeze and become a danger hazard. Mr. Bull had confirmed that he would look at this problem.

275. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) Avon Wildlife Trust - Gordano Valley Forum. It was agreed that Mrs. M.A. Charlesworth and Mr. E.S. Storey attend this meeting on the 4th December at the Folk Hall, Portishead. The Clerk would send copies of the agenda to both these Councillors.
- (ii) W.D.C had sent a copy of the public information notice on the subject of Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Section 37 - Open Air Markets/Car Boot Sales for our information.
- (iii) Literature and leaflets from OXFAM had been received and circulated to the two shops in the parish for distribution.
- (iv) The Annual Report and Accounts 84/85 from ALCA had been received and circulated to Members.
- (v) A letter regarding new staff and the system of Local Government Finance in England and Wales had been received from ALCA. These had also been circulated to Members for information.
- (vi) It was decided that Mr. R.J. Baldwin, Mrs. B.M. Adkins and the Clerk attend the ALCA meeting at Long Ashton on the 28th November 1985.

276. Finance. A cheque was passed for payment to Mr. W.J. Goldstone for £196 (Minute 273(i) refers).

The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

R.J. Baldwin
W.M. Adkins

THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R.J. Baldwin, Chairman, Mesdames B.M. Adkins and M.A. Charlesworth A.G. MacIver, together with the Clerk.

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

277. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
278. Planning. The Clerk informed the meeting that there were no plans for consideration this month.
279. Annual Business Meeting of Local Councils. The following items were discussed at this meeting held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 4th December 1985.
- (a) Audit of Accounts. It was agreed that the arrangements for the 1985 Audit had been very satisfactory, and both town and parish councils were pleased that the audit fees had not been increased.
 - (b) Planning. Winscombe parish council were concerned about the Mendip Hills Local Plan and asked for the support of officers of W.D.C. and parish councils in their endeavours to get approval for this Plan. The officers were unable to give an assurance as this Plan has not yet been agreed. The Structure Plan has now been approved.
 - (c) Complaints were made in connection with the collection of plans from the Information Points and this matter would be looked into by the officers. Discussion took place about the amendments to plans which were not always notified to parishes. W.D.C. intimated that they were not obliged to do so.
 - (c) Public Transport Act. It was felt that this Act would be of benefit to the general public. No further discussion would be carried out in connection with the concessionary bus fares for the elderly.
 - (d) Review of the District Ward boundaries. It was pointed out that a Working Party had been convened to look into the re-warding of the District. Town and Parish Councils were asked to send in their views on this subject by the 18th March '86.
 - (e) Early closure of leisure facilities in the north of the District. Walton-in-Gordano asked why the amenities were closed early in the north whereas Weston-super-Mare kept their leisure services open until October. The Chairman of the Leisure and Tourism Committee informed the meeting that W.D.C. would look into this matter.
 - (f) Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. It was pointed out that this Act does not affect parish councils but larger councils should contact their M.P.'s to make their views felt on this controversial subject.
 - (g) Estimates. The Treasurer informed the meeting that the rate grant had not been received but asked if parish councils would keep their rate to a maximum of a 5% increase. The new rate demands for 1986 would now show how each service has been levied, thus making it easier for the general public to understand them.
 - (h) Twinning with European Towns. The Chief Executive informed the meeting that Hildesheim, West Germany, had asked if the whole of Woodspring could be included in their twinning arrangements, and not merely Weston-super-Mare. Woodspring D.C. were very interested in this project and would like to see more participation by town and parish councils in the district. A meeting had been called to discuss this scheme on the 9th December.
 - (i) Easton-in-Gordano brought up the subject of vandals, and asked for other council's views. It was agreed that this was a national problem and the solution lay with stricter control of children by parents.

280. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Tree-planting. The grant form had been received from Avon C.C. which will be signed and returned. It was noted that the grant had been increased to £485. The trees had not been received, but the Clerk had been informed by Mount Pleasant Trees they would be sent when it was felt the planting conditions were right.

The full account for £726.00 had been received from Mr. Goldstone duly receipted.

A letter had been received from Woodspring D.C. offering ten trees to each parish under their tree planting programme for 1985/86 and Walton-in-Gordano parish council has accepted this offer. We await to hear further from W.D.C.

- (ii) Stile at Springhead. The Clerk had contacted Avon C.C. asking whether ACCES would consider erecting this stile. No reply has been received as yet.
- (iii) Gordano Valley Local Plan. In reply to our letter to W.D.C. supporting Portishead Town Council's suggestion for such a Plan, they have replied stating that, in discussions on the review of the Development Plan Scheme, the officers will give priority to Local Plans coverage for the areas of Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead.
- (iv) Citizens Advice Bureau. At the ALCA meeting on the 28th November, it was pointed out that the C.A.B. are urgently in need of funds to carry out the ever-increasing volume of work. After discussion, it was agreed that a contribution of £30 be made to this organisation at our January meeting when the various expenses for 1986 will be decided and the precept will be levied.

- (v) ALCA Meeting - 28th November The Chairman reported on the various subjects discussed at this meeting including the appointment of Miss Alison Small as the Countryside Officer of Avon Community Council; the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (see Minute 279 f); and the subject of the relief road (A 360) and the lack of adequate roads raised by Flax Bourton which had the support of Clevee and Backwell. Wraxall and Tickenham opposed this suggestion but the proposal was carried. Walton-in-Gordano abstained from voting.

(vi) Works of maintenance.

- (a) The Clerk had been notified by the Portishead Depot that the two 'no tipping' notices had now been erected in Moor Lane, but it was pointed out that only one notice had been sited. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about this.
- (b) A complaint had been received that the grass banks in Moor Lane were encroaching onto the road, and the Clerk had contacted Mr. Bull of Avon C.C. to inspect and advice on what could be done to remedy this hazard.
- (c) Unfortunately, the reflector lights in Moor Lane had still not been fixed, and the Clerk was asked to investigate this matter urgently.

281. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) It was pointed out that a large boiler had been dumped in the ditch before the first bridge in Moor Lane and some rubbish had also been discarded further along the Lane. The Clerk would ask W.D.C. to arrange collection of these articles.
- (ii) The Village Hall Steering Committee asked the parish council for the £200 which had been promised at the last meeting, and it was agreed that a cheque for this amount be made. The balance of £300 would be made in the new financial year.

282. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been circulated to Members.
- (ii) It was agreed that no action be taken with regard to the letter from the Gordano Sports Centre regarding funds.
- (iii) Literature had been received from the Avon Wildlife Trust which had been noted.
- (iv) Two copies of the Register of Electors for 1986 had been received from W.D.C. One copy would be displayed in the Post Office and the other in the Church porch for inspection by members of the public. It was decided to include this information in the village newsletter.
- (v) The Clerk was also asked to inform Mr. MacIver of any relevant information she receives from the various organisations which may be of interest to the villagers.

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

Village Hall Steering Committee	£200.00 (part payment of grant)
Mrs. D. McLaughlin	£106.51 (salary & expenses for December quarter)

A cheque for £257.10 for Graham Reeves was signed by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman for materials in connection with work on the village hall.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had sent a claim for £110.58 in respect of V.A.T.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

R. Hall
D. McLaughlin

THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON TUESDAY, 14th JANUARY 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R.J. Baldwin, Chairman, Mesdames B.M. Adkins and M.A. Charlesworth, together with the Clerk.

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

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

284. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
285. Planning. The Clerk informed the meeting she had notified the Planning Dept that the parish council had no objections to the approval of Plan 2648/85 for a bedroom and kitchen extension at 1 Brighton Cottage, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. and Mrs. I. Meier.
286. Precept. The Chairman informed the meeting of the various items of expenditure for the coming year and, after discussion, it was unanimously **RESOLVED:** THAT the Parish Council levy a 2.2p rate for 1986/87 which would raise £700.
287. Flooding of the Village. The Clerk had been informed on the 24th December by the Chairman that severe flooding had occurred in the village and that three properties had been affected. The Clerk telephoned Mrs. McEwen-Smith who confirmed that Avon C.C. had the matter in hand. She also notified the owner of the Post Office stores to contact her if any further problems arose as she had some emergency telephone numbers and would arrange for urgent call-outs. Avon Highways Dept had notified the Clerk the flooding was under control but they would keep an eye on the problem.

In the new year, Sir William Miles complained about the culvert by the stream which was overflowing and the Clerk had again contacted Mr. Blissett, who informed her that he had sent two workmen to inspect the trouble. The Chairman asked the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Mr. Blissett and such a meeting was convened for the 14th January. The Chairman reported that this had been a useful meeting when Avon C.C. had agreed to clear up the gullies as the pipes were silted up, and this would hopefully alleviate the problem. It was pointed out that the raising of the road had exacerbated the flooding as the camber of the road had been altered thus preventing the water from running away. Avon C.C. had said they would consider rectifying the road if the trouble persisted. In the meantime, it was felt that the sandbags provided by Avon Highways Dept should remain for the time being.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Blissett thanking him and his department for their prompt action and the excellent work carried out during the flooding.

288. Clerk's Report

- (i) Tree-planting. A misunderstanding had occurred with regard to the collection of trees ordered from Mount Pleasant Trees, but the Clerk informed the meeting that everything was now in order; Mr. Goldstone had agreed to collect the trees and to arrange for their planting in the shelter belt as soon as possible. It was agreed that Mr. Goldstone would contact Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Flower to arrange a definite date for the planting of the trees. It was also agreed that Mr. Goldstone's account for the collection and planting of the trees be made in the new financial year.
- (ii) Citizens Advice Bureau. As the parish council's funds are low at present, it was agreed that the cheque for £30 be made to this organisation at a later date.
- (iii) Twinning Association. A letter had been received from W.D.C. regarding the twinning arrangements with Hildesheim, West Germany, together with a form to be completed. After discussion, it was agreed that this matter be deferred until the A.P.M. when a final decision could be made.
- (iv) Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. A letter had been received from Sir Paul Dean in reply to our letter in this connection. The Bill is at present being discussed in detail by a Standing Committee and, no doubt, there will be amendments tabled before the Bill returns to the House for further consideration.

88. Clerk's Report (Con'td)

- (v) District of Woodspring - Further Electoral Review. A reply had been received from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in reply to our letter, which was read to the meeting. Mrs. McEwen-Smith explained the position more fully to Members and the matter was deferred for the time being.
- (vi) Gordano Valley Plan. Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that there was now an incorporated plan and the review of this plan will be discussed at District Council level.
- (vii) Works of maintenance.
- (a) Encroachment of banks in Moor Lane. After inspection, Mr. Bull informed the Clerk that he felt the banks were not too bad and, as there was insufficient money to spare at present for such works, it was agreed to accept Avon C.C.'s decision.
- (b) Reflector lights in Moor Lane. The work had now been completed and Members agreed that the new type of wooden dowls fixed on the vertical posts by the bridge were a good idea.
- (c) Refuse in Moor Lane. It was confirmed that the boiler and the other materials dumped here had now been collected by Woodspring D.C.
- (d) "No tipping" signs. Woodspring D.C. had now erected the second sign by the bridge in Moor Lane.

289. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles about the untidy piece of land by Plum Tree cottage. It was suggested that, if Sir William approved, one of the ten trees W.D.C. have promised the parish council, may be planted on this site in order to tidy up this area.
- (ii) The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Blissett had confirmed that the railings by the golf course would be maintained by Avon C.C. and the weeds cleared as soon as possible.
- (iii) Vide Minute 274(ii), a Members pointed out that the water overflowing onto the road opposite Brighton Cottages had now become frozen and there had been two minor accidents here during the last few weeks. The Clerk would again contact Avon C.C.

290. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from W.D.C. regarding future elections of District and Parish/Town Councils, pointing out that future elections will be held every four years. Consequently, the next parish council election will be held in 1987.
- (ii) A copy of the Byelaws relating to Hackney Carriages was received from W.D.C.
- (iii) A letter and literature from the Community Rights Project Ltd had been received.

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

Village Hall Committee	£18.00	(hire of hall for parish meetings from January 1986 - June 1986)
S.W.E.B.	£ 6.20	(street lighting)

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

R J Bull

W McEwen-Smith

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs.R.J.Baldwin,Chairman, E.S.Storey,Vice-Chairman, Mesdames B.M.Adkins and M.A.Charlesworth, Mr.A.G.MacIver, together with the Clerk.

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

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

293. Planning. A letter had been received from Avon County Council asking for our opinion regarding the planting of a line of cypress trees by Mr. and Mrs.S.Wills along the public footpath LA17/1 near the Manor House. The Clerk had contacted the Conservation Officer of W.D.C. who notified her that they had no objections to this proposal. A letter would be sent to Avon C.C. accordingly.

294. Clerk's Report

- (i) Precept. The Clerk had returned the necessary form to the Treasurer's department of W.D.C. in respect of our precept for 1986/87.
- (ii) Flooding in the village. A letter of thanks had been sent to Avon Highways Department thanking them for the work done during the severe flooding in the village, and expressing the appreciation of all the villagers. The Clerk had also contacted this department in order to clear the blocked culvert in Moor Lane and had been assured that this work would be carried out as soon as possible.
- (iii) Tree Planting. Mr.Goldstone had collected the trees from Mount Pleasant Trees and planting would commence as soon as possible. Mr.Goldstone agreed to contact Mrs.Wills regarding the grouping of the trees before actual planting. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr.Locke of Mount Pleasant Trees was not prepared to wait for payment of his account until April and she had, therefore, contacted W.D.C. to ask if the required sum could be sent to the firm by the 12th February and the amount deducted from our precept. The Treasurer's Dept agreed to this action. However, as the parish council wished to claim the £27.60 (V.A.T.) on this account, a cheque for this amount was signed by two councillors and sent to W.D.C. for inclusion with their cheque for £184-00 to Mount Pleasant Trees.
- (iv) Land by Plum Tree Cottage. The Clerk contacted Sir William Miles about the suggestion of the planting of a tree on this site, but he did not agree with this as he thought a tree planted too near a wall or too near the road was not a good idea. He would have a look at this site for possible alternative plans.
- (v) Stile by Springhead. A letter had been received from Avon C.C. suggesting that a couple of posts be erected here to prevent horses from using this footpath. However, Sir William Miles did not approve of this plan and confirmed that he would like a stile erected here. He felt that complaints of horses being ridden along this footpath might have been exaggerated as he has never seen any incidence of this. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs.Reed and explain the position.
- (vi) ALCA Meeting, Wraxall. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mrs.B.M.Adkins and the Clerk attend the meeting on the 4th March at the Failand Hall.
- (vii) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk had received literature and details of this competition for 1986 and it was decided to include this item for discussion at our next A.P.M.

294. Clerk's Report (Contd)(viii) Works of maintenance.

- (a) The litter bin by the Church has now been emptied by Woodspring D.C.
- (b) Avon Highways Dept had inspected the road by Brighton Cottages due to complaints of icy conditions, and the matter had now been resolved by diverting the overflow into the next gully. Members expressed their appreciation at the prompt action taken.
- (c) Members were informed that Mrs. Wills had suggested that the oak tree in the Village should be tied more securely and that she and Mr. Wills were prepared to do this themselves. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs. Wills accepting the offer with thanks.

295. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Mr. E.S. Storey informed the meeting that he was moving down to Cornwall and would therefore be resigning his duties as a parish councillor from the 1st April 1986. The Clerk was asked to contact W.D.C. in order that steps can be taken to advertise this vacancy. This vacancy would also be advertised in the South Avon Mercury.
- (ii) Mr. C. Johnstone of the Post Office Stores had enquired whether rate relief applied to local small shopkeepers and post offices as this concession was available to Northern District Councils. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. Horry to have this item put on the agenda for the next ALCA meeting to be held at Wraxall on the 4th March. In the meantime, Mr. Horry suggested that we get in touch with the Avon Community Council to obtain as much information on this subject for discussion at this meeting. This item would also be put on the agenda for our meeting in March.
- (iii) A Member had informed the Clerk that the reflector lights erected by the black ditch in Moor Lane had been pulled off the dowls and thrown in the ditch. The Clerk had notified Avon Highways Department of this vandalism.
- (iv) A Member reported that one of the concrete slabs had not been replaced when work had been done to the culvert by Old Rectory Farm. The Clerk would contact Avon C.C. It was also decided to ask Avon C.C. to remove the sandbags used during the flooding in the village.

296. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (a) A copy of the Manual of Model Planning Conditions had been received from W.D.C. for circulation to Members.
- (b) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had also been received and circulated to Members.
- (c) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England had sent 4 copies of their letter and a review for our information and possible action.
- (d) The Avon and Somerset Constabulary had sent an invitation to an Open Evening at Nailsea Police Station on the 26th February. Mrs. M.A. Charlesworth and Mr. A.G. MacIver had agreed to attend on our behalf.
- (e) A copy of "Field Fare" had been received for our information.
- (f) The County of Avon had sent 4 copies of a leaflet on the Avon County Structure Plan - the first alteration - for our information and comments by the 24th March 1986.
- (g) The final copy of the Register of Electors had been received for display in the village for the information of villagers.

297. Finance. A cheque for £230.81 for Graham Reeves had been signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in respect of materials for the village hall and a cheque for the same amount had been received for payment into our bank account. The Clerk had received a cheque for £110.58 in respect of V.A.T. which had been paid into our deposit account at the bank.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON TUESDAY, 11TH MARCH 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs.B.M.Adkins and Mr. A.G.MacIver.

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

299. Planning. The Clerk reported that she had not received any communication from the Conservation Officer of Woodspring D.C. regarding the change in design of the windows at Springfield Cottage.

Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that W.D.C. is very concerned, and has objected, to the proposed changes with regard to building in the green belt. They are holding ad hoc meetings with Avon in order to arrive at a comprise solution.

300. Resignation of Mr.E.S.Storey. Vide Minute 295(i), the parish council had before it the letter of resignation from Mr.Storey, which was received with regret. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr.Storey thanking him for the excellent way he had carried out his duties as a councillor, and expressing good wishes for the future in his new home.

The appropriate notice for a Casual Vacancy had been posted on the notice board.

301. Dates for the A.P.M. and the A.G.M. It was agreed that the parish council hold its Annual Parish Meeting on Friday, 18th April 1986 and the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 13th May 1986.

It was decided that the Clerk contact the Police headquarters in Weston-super-Mare in order that an invitation can be extended to the Crime prevention Officer to attend our APM and talk on this subject. It was also agreed that Rev. J.S. Smart be invited to give a talk in connection with the activities of St. Paul's Church in the village.

A suggestion was made that the W.I.should be contacted to ask whether a representative of this organisation would like to report on its functions.

302. Clerk's Report

(i) Tree-planting. Concern was expressed that, with the Government's cut-backs in council spending, the grant promised to the parish council for the tree-planting scheme, may be in jeopardy. The Clerk had contacted Miss Thompson of Avon C.C. who re-assured her that this grant will be paid on completion of the proposed scheme.

(ii) Information Van. The Clerk was asked to contact the Avon Community Council to enquire why the services of the information van, as mentioned in the "Field Fare"; did not apply to our village. She was informed that, as Walton-in-Gordano is within easy access to a town and a Citizen's Advice Bureau, it was felt unnecessary for this service to be extended to our village. It was also pointed out that this van cannot call at every village as there has to be a limit regarding the points of call. These comments were noted.

(iii) ALCA meeting on the 4th March 1986.

(a) Rate relief for small shopkeepers and post offices. At the request of Mr. C.Johnstone of the Post Office Stores in the village, the question of such a rate relief was brought up at this meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that this matter be put to the Executive Committee of ALCA for their views.

(b) Road improvements in District. Discussion took place as to the proposed relief road for the area of North East Woodspring as two letters had been received expressing concern.

302. Clerk's Report (Contd)(iii) ALCA meeting

- (c) Boundary Review - The meeting was advised that the number of W.D.C's councillors had been increased to 61 members. This subject was to be discussed again at the next ALCA meeting in June and parishes were asked to have their views and comments sent in by the 27th July 1986.
- (d) Advertising by estate agents. The question of the proliferation of estate agents' signs in private gardens was being taken up by W.D.C. with the Association of District Councils.

(iv) Works of maintenance. The Clerk had been informed by Avon C.C. that an order had been made for the following works to be put in hand:

- (a) The fixing of the broken reflector lights in Moor Lane.
 (b) The removal of the sandbags in the village.
 (c) The replacing of the concrete slab by Old Rectory Farm.

303. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth reported on the meeting she and Mr.A.G.MacIver had attended at the Police Station, Nailsea on the 26th February which they found very informative. A suggestion was made that a Crime Prevention Officer be invited to attend our APM to give a talk on crime prevention generally. (See Minute 301).
- (ii) Mr.A.G.MacIver complained about the hazards created by traffic going too fast along the narrow section of Walton Street by the Old Rectory House. A suggestion was made that a "Road Narrows" sign be placed here. The Chairman pointed out that this matter had already been discussed a few years ago and Avon Highways department had decided against such a notice. However, the Clerk was asked to contact the department concerned again for their comments.
- (iii) Another complaint was made about the road signs by the Post Office where cars sometimes turn right, but it was explained that this subject had already been discussed and a site meeting with the Police had been arranged in February 1983. (See Min 54(i). It was felt that no further action be taken at present.
- (iv) A letter had been received from Mr.MacIver regarding a representative being appointed from the Parish Council to the Village Hall Committee. It was decided to leave this until our A.G.M. in May when such an appointment will be made.

304. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from Mrs.R.Rowles regarding a contribution towards St. Paul's Church. It was agreed that a reply be sent stating that, as the precept for 1985/86 had already been levied, the parish council will consider making such a contribution when deciding next year's precept.
- (ii) A letter had been received from the Conservation Officer of W.D.C. setting out a list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in Walton-in-Gordano.
- (iii) Copies of a booklet 'Green Belt - Local Plan' had been received from Avon C.C. and distributed to Members.
- (iv) A letter from Woodspring Environmental Protection Committee (WOODPROC) was discussed and the matter was left in abeyance for the time being.

305. Finance. Two cheques in connection with work to the village hall were signed as follows: Graham Reeves for £89.35 and Derwent Contract Flooring for £67.68. Cheques for these amounts were received for payment into our bank account.

A cheque for £100.81 was signed in respect of the Clerk's salary and expenses for the March quarter - details of which had been circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

K. J. Ballin
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