

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON TUESDAY, 8th APRIL, 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

307. Planning. Two plans were discussed at the meeting and Members raised no objections to their approval. The plans in question were No.0567/86 - application for a private garage at 'Orchard Lea', Walton-in-Gordano for Mr.R.Thorpe and No.0540/86 for the temporary siting of a caravan for residential purposes at 'Alston', Coast Road, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr.F.A.Candy. The District Councillor had informed the Clerk that a time limit of 12 months had been imposed on Mr.Candy for the siting of the caravan.

A letter from the Conservation Officer of Woodspring D.C. was read in connection with the change of windows in Springhead Cottage. The comments were noted.

308. Casual Vacancy. The Clerk informed the meeting that no applications for the post of parish councillor had been received. The time limit for a poll to be held had now expired, and therefore the parish council had until the 17th June 1986 to co-opt a new councillor.

309. Clerk's Report

(i) Dates for the A.P.M. and the A.G.M. The dates for the A.P.M. and the A.G.M. had been agreed as the 18th April 1986 for the former and the 13th May 1986 for the latter meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted the Police who agreed to send a representative to speak on Crime prevention at our A.P.M. and the Rev. J.S. Smart had also accepted our invitation to attend our A.P.M. and give a talk. The appropriate notices for these two meetings would be displayed in the village and the Press had also been notified.

(ii) Sign posts along Walton Street. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Boxall of Avon C.C. about a 'Road Narrows' sign by the Old Rectory House. He agreed to visit Walton-in-Gordano to investigate this complaint and would report back in due course.

(iii) Tree-planting scheme. Mr.Goldstone informed the Clerk that the work of the planting of the shelter belt had now been completed. She was asked to contact Avon C.C. regarding the payment of the grant. It was also suggested that Sir William Miles be informed of the completion of this scheme.

(iv) Precept 1986/87 The Clerk asked for authority to request W.D.C. to remit our precept in full and this was agreed.

310. Councillors' Reports

(i) 'Return to Somerset' campaign. A letter had been received from Dr.W.P.Kelly asking for our support in the Action Campaign for the Return to Somerset. The Clerk was instructed to telephone Dr.Kelly for his advice on the wording of such a letter to the Local Government Boundary Commission which would be sent as soon as possible.

(ii) Cross Bows. The Chairman expressed concern about the lack of control of the sale of cross bows nationally and asked the Clerk to contact Mr.Horry in order that a Resolution can be passed regarding this matter at our next ALCA meeting to be held in June.

(iii) Notices - public functions. A Member enquired whether notices relating to local public functions could be displayed on the village notice board and was assured that this was in order.

(iv) Markets/Car Boot sales. This matter was discussed and a copy of the notice received from Woodspring D.C. in this connection was noted.

311. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been received and was circulated to Members for their attention.

312. Finance. A cheque for £65.12 to Graham Reeves in connection with materials for the village hall was signed and a similar cheque was received for payment into our bank account.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON FRIDAY, 18TH APRIL 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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

4 parishioners also attended.

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

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced Sgt.A.Brown to speak on Crime Prevention.

Sgt Brown informed the meeting that, during 1985, there had been 189 crimes, mostly thefts from unattended cars and burglaries generally. Up to February 1986, there had been 28 crimes, mostly thefts from vehicles. The burglaries in this district are below the national average. He insisted that burglar alarms on private dwellings are the best deterrent against thefts, but the Police are very concerned about thefts from unattended cars as less than 10% are caught. He emphasised that hawkers and other callers should be discouraged from calling at houses, and distributed cards which the Police recommend should be displayed in private dwellings.

The neighbourhood scheme which has been published recently was recommended by the Police, but he felt this worked better in larger urban areas.

Sgt Brown answered a number of questions on crime prevention generally. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to Sgt Brown for attending our meeting.

2. The Clerk read the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting which were approved and signed.
3. Chairman's Report.

- (i) Parish Rate. A 2.2p rate had been levied for the year 1986/87 which would raise £700. This will cover the £300 which has been promised to the Village Hall Committee towards their works of improvements to the hall.
- (ii) Finances. The receipts for the period 31st March 1985 to 31st March 1986 totalled £5196.02; the various expenses incurred for the same period were £5158.26, leaving a balance at the 31st March 1986 of £37.76.

There had been no major structural plans in the parish during the year; being in a conservation area has helped in this aspect. Several projects have been completed. The steps leading to the footpath by Hackswood House have been completed and the parish council appreciated the work done here by ACCES. 'No Tipping' notices have been erected in Moer Lane which has helped to keep the area tidy. New 'SLOW' signs have been painted by the concealed entrances along this stretch of road to help motorists and to prevent accidents.

During the severe flooding experienced in the village before Christmas, Avon C.C. arranged a site meeting with some residents. Consequently the main drains have now been cleared and, hopefully, the problem should not occur again.

A second grant has been paid to the Village Hall Restoration Fund. The parish council claim the V.A.T. incurred in the purchasing of materials for use on the improvements to the hall; therefore from the £1200 paid to the Fund, approximately £900 is claimed by way of V.A.T.

Another representative from the parish is required to act as a Community Advisor. Anyone interested can either contact Mr.Kelly at Woodspring D.C. or Mr. MacIver.

Thanks were expressed to Mr MacIver for his continued work as editor of the monthly village newsletter. This has proved to be a very useful and popular publication. Thanks were also expressed to Mrs.Pope and her family for the planting of flowers around the Cross tree. Mrs.McEwen-Smith was especially thanked for her invaluable help and advice during the past year. The Chairman then thanked the parish councillors for their support and to the Clerk for her help.

It was regretted that Mr.Les Storey had resigned as a parish councillor and the Chairman expressed his appreciation for the work done by Mr.Storey, both for the parish council and for the village hall.

3. Chairman's Report (Contd)

The Chairman pointed out that a new councillor is required to replace Mr.Storey and, hopefully, we can co-opt someone at our A.G.M. in May.

4. Mrs McEwen-Smith had, unfortunately, not been able to attend our meeting due to a prior engagement in her capacity as Vice-Chairman to W.D.C., but she had sent her report which was read to the meeting by the Clerk.

She pointed out that W.D.C. are at present trying to arrange a meeting with Avon C.C. to discuss the Green Belt Subject Plan; they are busy with local development plans and the First Alteration to the Structure Plan.

A brief outline of what W.D.C. is doing ranges from refurbishment of the Bournville Estate at Weston-super-Mare; the building of the Clevedon swimming pool; encouraging small business by providing starter units and dealing with a host of enquiries daily on housing, rates etc. The services provided by the District Council includes the emptying of dust bins, the issuing of licences for kennels, inspecting food shops and checking hygiene in restaurant kitchens.

Mrs McEwen-Smith also reiterated that she is always available for advice and help in council matters.

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The Chairman asked that the appreciation of Members/to Mrs.McEwen-Smith for her report.

5. Rev J.S.Smart began by thanking the parish council for inviting him to attend our meeting to talk on the activities of St.Paul's Church, which is one of a group of 5 churches in his united parishes. There are 40 members on the Church Membership Roll and the congregation usually consists of 15 adults and between 30-40 at festivals. There is a good attendance of 12 children in the Village Sunday School.

The Church is a historic and ancient building dating from the 18 century, and some parts are even older. The running costs are about £26 per week, or £1200 a year. £500 has been spent on roof repairs and every 5 years an architect's report is required. The porch is to be re-roofed.

Mr A.Barrow has kindly agreed to keep the Churchyard tidy and it is at present in good condition. Rev Smart pointed out that funds are needed for the work of maintenance to the Churchyard, and the parish council agreed to consider making a donation towards this work when next year's precept is levied in January. Rev Smart thanked the parish council and said a contribution would be much appreciated.

The relations between the Church and the community were good and the annual Festival will be held in July, the proceeds being jointly given to the Church and the village hall. The new Parish magazine is important in linking the Church and the village together and is much appreciated. He will be pleased to print any items of news regarding the village in the Church magazine.

Rev Smart informed the meeting that a Rogationtide Service to bless places of work, particularly farms and gardens, will be held on 4th May beginning at 3 p.m.

The Chairman thanked Rev Smart for his interesting and informative report.

6. Mr A.G.MacIver informed the meeting that progress on the work to the village hall has been reported regularly in the newsheet. The Y.T.S. has been very slow, but overall it has done a good job. If the work had been carried out by a private builder, the cost would have been too great. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Supervisor of the Y.T.S. team. All the youths engaged on this project had now found employment in the building trade.

The Village Hall Committee appreciated the grants received from Woodspring D.C. and from the parish council. Fund raising during the past year had been good. Mr.Les Storey had done very useful work in connection with the village hall and Mr. and Mrs. B.Tucker were thanked for their help in keeping an eye on the building generally. Mr.MacIver stressed that the villagers should make full use of the hall and, hopefully, the hall will be fully booked in future. The village festival will be held on the 12th July this year and, as in past years, it is hoped this will be a success.

Mr.MacIver was thanked for his report.

7. Any other necessary business.

- (i) Best Kept Village competition. It was agreed unanimously that Walton-in-Gordano enter this competition in 1986. The Clerk will contact W.D.C. to arrange for a skip to be sited in the village for the collection of rubbish. As the posters painted by the Sunday School children last year were very successful, it was suggested that the Clerk contact Miss Ruth Long for her agreement to this idea. The Clerk read out the comments made last year by the judges and thanks were expressed to Miss Long for her help.
- (ii) Firearms in case of nuclear attack. This subject was raised and, after discussion, it was agreed to ask Mr. MacIver to contact Mr. Kelly of W.D.C. for his comments, and to report back to our meeting in May.
- (iii) Vandals in woods. It was pointed out that a number of trees were being cut in the woods and left untidily. The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles for his comments.
- (iv) Parsonage Hayes. A complaint was made about the untidy area by this dwelling where briars were very overgrown. The broken wall here is also dangerous. It was also suggested that the Youth Club might be allowed to plant trees - perhaps a nursery bed - in the village. These facts were noted.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m. after which refreshments were served.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON TUESDAY, 13th MAY 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) and Police Sgt.S.Molloy also attended. One parishioner was present.

313. Election of Chairman. Mr.A.G.MacIver 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 R.H.Baldwin then took the Chair.

314. Election of Vice-Chairman. Mr.R.J.Baldwin proposed that Mrs.B.M.Adkins be elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Mr.A.G.MacIver.

315. Appointment of Committees.

- (i) Village Hall Steering Committee It was agreed that Mr.A.G.MacIver and Mrs. M.A.Charlesworth 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.

The vacancy for a Community Adviser to represent the parish had not been filled and it was agreed to mention this item in the newsletter.

316. Annual subscriptions. It was unanimously agreed to pay the annual subscriptions to the Avon Community Council for £4.00 and to A.L.C.A. for £15.50.

After discussion, it was agreed to send £20 annually for the next three years as grant-aid to the Avon Wildlife Trust; the first payment to be sent in June 1986.

317. Casual Vacancy There had been no applications for the post of parish councillor as yet. It was pointed out that anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

318. Clerk's salary and expenses. It was proposed by Mr.R.J.Baldwin that the Clerk's salary be increased and, after discussion, it was unanimously agreed that her salary be increased by 5% to £168 annually; the cost of using a room in her home as an office be raised to £56.00 annually and to increase the telephone rental to £8.50 per quarter.

The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanked Members.

- 318(a) *The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.*
319. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Best Kept Village Competition As the unanimous vote at the APM had been in favour of entering this competition, the Clerk was asked to send the necessary plan and form to the organisers of this event. Judging will take place between 14th June and the 29th June 1986.

It was agreed that a skip should be sited in Moor Lane as in previous years and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements. She was also asked to contact Miss Ruth Long to enquire whether the Sunday School children could paint a poster for this event as last year's effort was highly praised by the judges. It was suggested that Mr.MacIver should ask the Youth Club to provide a second poster in this connection. Details of this competition would be included in the monthly newsletter for the information of parishioners.

- (ii) Precept. The Clerk explained the reason for the 3.1p rate levied for 1986/87 as against the 2.2p mentioned at the APM. This was due to the fact that the £184, which had been paid to Mount Pleasant Trees in February by W.D.C. on our behalf, had been added to our original precept of £700. After discussing the facts presented, Members accepted the reason for the increase in the precept.

- (iii) Tree Planting The Clerk had notified Miss Thompson that the shelter belt was now complete. She would be inspecting the site sometime in May/June prior to the grant being sent. Sir William Miles had also been notified of the completion of the work. Mr.Goldstone had sent his account for £155 for the collection and planting of the trees. It was agreed to pay this cheque.

319. Clerk's Report (Contd)

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- (iv) V.A.T. A request for the payment of £106.88 for VAT had been sent to the Home Office. This amount is made up as follows: £78.05 for materials for the village hall and £28.83 in respect of the parish council.
- (v) 'Return to Somerset' On the advice of Dr.Kelly a letter has been sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission in this respect and an acknowledgement has been received from them.
- (vi) Cross Bows. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Horry who agreed to include this item on the agenda for the next ALCA meeting in June.
- (vii) Springhead footpath The Clerk telephoned Sir William Miles, pointing out that there is clear evidence of horses using this footpath. He reiterated that he would like a stile erected here to prevent this practice. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mrs.Reed of Avon CC. in this connection. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to the local riding stables asking for their comments.
- (viii) Trees being cut in woods. After contacting Sir William Miles, the Clerk had been notified that the tree-felling in the woods was being done with his permission and would be cleared in due course.

320. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) Fire Arms The Clerk had contacted Mr.Kelly of W.D.C. in this connection and was notified that he had no knowledge of this policy. It was decided to take no further action in this matter.
- (ii) Trees - 'Orchard Lea' The Clerk was asked to contact Miss Brimacombe regarding the present position with the trees at this dwelling.
- (iii) Donation to Church After discussing the facts, it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance for the time being.
- (iv) Small Business Projects The Chairman informed Members that Mr.Walton had called to see him in this connection and he had asked him to see Sir William Miles for further information.
- (v) 1 Manor Cottages It was pointed out that work on this cottage had not been completed. It was explained that the Conservation Officer had this matter under observation.
- (vi) Banning of cross bows It was pointed out that the local W.I. had agreed to write to their National Branch supporting the banning of cross bows generally.
- (vii) Road Signs Mr.Boxall of Avon C.C. had contacted Mr.MacIver with regard to the erection of a 'Road Narrows' sign in Walton Street, but no further progress had been made. The Clerk was asked to investigate.
- (viii) Congratulations to Mrs. M McEwen-Smith The District Councillor was informed of the good wishes of the parish council on her election as Chairman of the Woodspring District Council for the coming year. She thanked Members for their good wishes and assured us that she will always be available for help and advice and will try and attend as many local functions as she can.

321. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from W.D.C. concerning the notification of planning applications. Mrs McEwen-Smith explained the new procedure which would involve parish councils and the facts were noted.
- (ii) Portishead Town Council had sent a copy of their formal response to Avon County Council in connection with the South West Avon Green Belt Local Plan. Members noted the facts.
- (iii) A letter from S.W.E.B. concerning an increase in street lighting was noted.
- (iv) Literature and leaflets had been received from Avon C.C. which were circulated to Members. The agendas for the June meeting of ALCA were also received and it was agreed that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting.

322. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Village Hall Steering Committee	£300.00	
Mr. Goldstone	£155.00	
A.L.C.A.	£ 17.80	
Cornhill Insurance	£ 21.00	
Nailsea Office Equipment	£ 14.38	(repairs to Clerk's typewriter -
S.W.E.B.	£ 6.20	See Min 37(iii)8.12.82
Avon Community Council	£ 4.00	

A cheque for £117.50 had been signed in connection with materials for the village hall and a similar cheque had been received for payment into the council's bank account.

The Chairman raised the question of bank charges in the sum of £13.07 which had been incurred during the past year. The Village Hall Steering Committee agreed to look into this matter.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON TUESDAY, 10TH JUNE 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) and Police Sgt. S. Molloy also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. M.A. Charlesworth and Mr. S.G. Russell.

323. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
324. Planning. There were no plans for discussion this month. A letter had been received from the Planning Dept of W.D.C. informing us that the format of the weekly list of planning applications has been revised. In future, only applications for plans within our own parish will be sent to us. Mrs. McEwen-Smith explained the facts with regard to this new policy and these were noted.
325. Co-opting of new Councillor. A letter had been received from Mr. Stephen G. Russell of 1 Manor Cottage, Walton-in-Gordano declaring his interest in standing as a councillor for the parish. It was agreed nem con to co-opt Mr. S.G. Russell and the appropriate form was completed.
326. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk notified Members that a skip had been sited in the village by W.D.C. as in previous years and she was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Technical Services for providing this service. The Sunday School children were preparing a poster in connection with this competition, and this would be displayed with the official posters. Mr. MacIver was asked to contact the Youth Club with regard to another poster being provided.
 - (ii) Yew tree in Churchyard. The Clerk had contacted the Secretary of the parish Church and was assured that this tree would not be cut or pollarded this year. Should it be necessary for work to be carried out to this tree, the Church authorities would contact the Planning Dept before doing so.
 - (iii) Footpath by Walton Bay House. A complaint was received about a dangerous section of the coastal footpath near this dwelling. The Clerk had been informed that the Structure Section of Avon C.C. were aware of this and action would be taken as soon as possible.
 - (iv) Manhole by Walton Bay House. The subsidence of this manhole had been reported to Avon C.C. who were investigating the complaint.
 - (v) Fence by Old School The Clerk had contacted the Planning Dept of W.D.C. and the District Councillor about a complaint received regarding the erection of a fence by this dwelling, and was notified that no further action is necessary as all the planning conditions had been complied with in this connection. The matter was now in the hands of the Church authorities and the owner of the dwelling. Members discussed this matter and it was felt that, as the entrance to the Church had been left clear and had now been paved, they were satisfied. However, the Church authorities would contact the parish council if any further developments occur.
 - (vi) Litter bin. A complaint had been received that the litter bin by the telephone kiosk in the village had been vandalised. Portishead Depot had been informed and the work was in hand.
 - (vii) Sewerage in stream - Moor Lane. After receiving a complaint about an unpleasant smell, the Clerk had been in touch with the Environmental Health Dept of W.D.C. who had sent an inspector to investigate. The broken pipe had now been rectified and the problem solved.
 - (viii) Springhead footpath. The Clerk had been in touch with two local riding stables about the riding of horses along this footpath, and had been informed that their riders and instructors did not use this footpath. A reply is now awaited from Avon C.C. with regard to the erection of a stile by this footpath.

26. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (ix) Audit. The Clerk had received details of the Audit for the year ended 31st March 1986. The necessary notices will be displayed in time for the electors to examine the parish council's accounts, and the Clerk will attend for Audit on the 12th September at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare.
- (x) Bus Services. The Clerk had contacted the Bristol Bus Co regarding the closure of some local bus routes. She was informed that there will only be one service in the morning and one in the afternoon on the X5; there will be a 2 hourly service on the X24 from Portishead, via Walton-in-Gordano to Weston-super-Mare, and the 358 will run every half hour from Portishead to Bristol. These revised services will commence in the autumn.
- (xi) Clerk's headed paper. It was agreed for the Clerk to order 200 sheets of headed paper in connection with correspondence on behalf of the parish council.

27. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Boxall of Avon C.C. to enquire the position with regard to the suggested 'Road Narrows' sign in Walton Street.
- (ii) Miss Thompson of Avon C.C. had inspected the tree-planting in the village and had notified the Chairman that she was pleased with the trees and thought the fencing was very good. She did point out, however, that this site should be weeded, and the Chairman agreed to contact Mr. J. Flower for his advice and help in this connection. We now await the grant from Avon C.C. for the tree-planting scheme.
- (iii) A draft deed from the Charity Commissioners concerning the village hall had been received for the approval of the parish council. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk send a reply confirming that the document is acceptable in its present form.

28. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

- (i) A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Church Council asking if the parish council would be prepared to arrange a floral display in St. Pauls Church for the Flower Festival on the 24th/25th August. It was agreed that the ladies on the parish council help with a floral display and the Clerk also expressed her wish to participate.
- (ii) A newsletter from the Chief Executive of W.D.C. had been received setting out details of the twinning with Hildesheim in Germany. It was decided to include this item on the agenda for our next meeting in July.
- (iii) A letter from Age Concern had been received enclosing a self-explanatory Crime Prevention leaflet. Sgt Molloy explained the different aspects of the work done by the Police concerning old people generally, and spoke about the 'Victim Support Scheme'. It was agreed that details of the crime prevention leaflet be included in the village newsletter.

The Clerk was asked to reply to Age Concern thanking them for their work in protecting old people, but stating that Walton-in-Gordano had no areas which would benefit from the free service being provided by them.

- (iv) A further letter had been received from W.D.C. regarding Community Adviser Courses for 1986/87. Mr. MacIver agreed to mention this in the monthly newsletter stating that, if anyone is interested, they should contact him.
- (v) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.

29. Finance. The following two cheques were passed for payment.

Avon Wildlife Trust	£20.00
Mrs. D. McLaughlin (Clerk)	£118.47 (details of which had been circulated to Members)

A cheque for £106.88 had been received for V.A.T. and this had been paid into the council's deposit account at the Bank.

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

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

330. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
331. Planning. Members discussed plan No. 1455/86 - Kitchen and bedroom extension at 1 Brighton Cottage, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. and Mrs. I. Meier, and raised no objections to the approval of this plan. A letter would be sent to the Planning Dept of W.D.C. accordingly.
332. Twinning with Hildesheim. Woodspring D.C. had been in touch with town and parish councils in the area to enquire about the possibility of joining a twinning association with Hildesheim in West Germany. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that Walton-in-Gordano is not large enough to join this association as a corporate member. However, it was suggested that this matter be included in the monthly village newsletter to promote the scheme and enable individuals to join this association if they wish to do so.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Executive of W.D.C. accordingly.

333. Clerk's Report

- (i) Best Kept Village competition. The organisers of this competition had notified the Clerk that Walton-in-Gordano had reached the semi-finals. The Clerk had contacted the Youth Club who had agreed to display a poster in time for the final judging. She was also asked to inform the South Avon Mercury of this achievement.
- (ii) Road Signs. The Clerk had telephoned Mr. Boxall of Avon C.C. who informed her that, after inspecting the section of road by Old Rectory House in Walton Street and seeing the traffic for himself, he felt it justified a 'Road Narrows' sign being erected. He will notify the Clerk when the work will be done.
- (iii) Flower Festival in St. Pauls Church. The Clerk had notified Mrs. Rowles that Mrs. B.M. Adkins and the Clerk had agreed to participate in this event.
- (iv) Village Hall. The Clerk had replied to the Charity Commission confirming the approval by the parish council of the draft of a Scheme proposed to be established by the Commission in connection with the village hall.
- (v) Avon Wildlife Trust. An acknowledgement of thanks was received from this Trust for the donation of £20 from the parish council.

334. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. regarding the following items:
- (a) The large pot-holes in Moor Lane
 - (b) The clearance of weeds in the stream by Church Farm and also in Moor Lane.
 - (c) The tidying of the bank behind the stream opposite the Church which is covered in weeds and brambles.
 - (d) The reflectors by the bridge in Moor Lane which have not yet been replaced.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles once again regarding the untidy condition of the piece of land by Plum Tree Cottage.
- (iii) A parishioner had enquired about the bus services after the new scheme comes into operation in the autumn. The Clerk was asked to write to Avon C.C. expressing concern at the reduction in bus services locally; in particular the position with regard to the alternative service to replace the X5 route.
- (iv) The Chairman informed Members that the weeds along the shelter belt had now been cleared and an account for this work would be presented at the next meeting

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334. Councillors' Reports (Contd)

- (v) A parishioner had complained about broken glass left on the highway. This matter had been discussed at a previous meeting, but it was felt that the Clerk should make enquiries as to who is responsible for the clearing up of broken glass on pavements and highways.

335. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from the Cancer Research asking for a donation. After discussion, it was decided that, as the parish is very small, this would not be possible. However, it was felt that we would participate in a collection for this worthwhile cause should we be asked to do so.
- (ii) A letter had been received from Woodspring D.C. regarding places of historic interest in the parish. The Clerk had replied to the effect that the information required should be obtained from Sir William Miles who owns the buildings in question.
- (iii) A letter had been received from the Chief Executive of Woodspring D.C. concerning the Community Programme against crime prevention undertaken by Age Concern. It was decided to keep this information on record should any such emergency arise.
- (iv) Copies of the Handy Guide to Council Services had been received from W.D.C. and these had been circulated to Members.

336. Finance. A cheque for £18.00 had been signed on behalf of the Village Hall Steering Committee in connection with the hire of the village hall for parish council meetings for the period July to December 1986.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

R.J. Siddle
D. McLaughlin.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R.J. Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs. B.M. Adkins, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. M.A. Charlesworth and S.G. Russell, together with the Clerk.

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

337. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
338. Planning. The Clerk reported that there were no plans for consideration this month.
339. Change of day for Meetings. After discussion, it was agreed that the parish council hold their meetings on the first Monday of each month. The Clerk was asked to check with the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee whether these days are available, and a final Resolution to this effect will be passed at our next meeting.
340. Emergency Planning Committee - Clevedon Town Council. The Chairman suggested to Members that, as we have no emergency facilities in Walton-in-Gordano, we should consider going under Clevedon's umbrella of emergency plans. The Clerk was, therefore, asked to contact Clevedon T.C. to ask whether Walton-in-Gordano could be incorporated in their plans as we are only a small council. The Clerk would also contact Mr. Kelly, the Emergency Officer of W.D.C., for his views on this idea.
341. Clerk's Report
- (i) Bank Charges. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been assured by the Bank Manager of Lloyds Bank that the bank charges amounting to a total of £23.07, i.e. £8 for the period 1984/85 and £15.07 for 1985/86, would be credited to our account. Members expressed their appreciation.
- (ii) Best Kept Village competition. No further information has been received in this connection.
- (iii) Bus Service. A reply has been received from Avon C.C. in reply to our letter regarding the reduction of route X5, assuring us that tenders will be considered in connection with this service in due course.
- (iv) Tree Planting Avon C.C. has sent their cheque for £485.00 being half the cost of the shelter belt, and this has been paid into the Council's deposit account at the bank. A letter of thanks will be sent to Avon C.C.
- It was pointed out that the weeds along this shelter belt have now been cleared and, hopefully, as the trees mature, it will not be necessary to repeat this task.
- (v) Works of maintenance
- (a) The Clerk had checked with W.D.C. regarding the complaint about broken glass on roads and was informed that the district council do clear broken glass from highways but, due to shortage of staff and vehicles, it has been difficult to deal with every complaint. However, they will try and clear the debris as soon as possible.
- (b) Concern was expressed at the state of the pot holes in Moor Lane. They have been patched up but are very unsatisfactory as the constant use by heavy farm vehicles along this lane is causing the surface to be damaged. The Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. Highways Dept to arrange a site meeting to discuss this problem.
- (c) Concern was again expressed at the amount of gravel along the pavement by Plum Tree Cottage. The Clerk would contact the appropriate department.
- (vi) Flower Festival. The Clerk informed the meeting that this Festival in St. Pauls Church had been a success and Members expressed their appreciation to Mrs. B. Adkins and Mrs. D. McLaughlin for their participation on behalf of the parish council. It was agreed that the Clerk be refunded for the expenses incurred by her in this connection.

341. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vii) ALCA Meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth and the Clerk attend this meeting on the 25th September at Regil, Winford. The agenda for this meeting was discussed and the Clerk would report further at the next meeting of the parish council on the relevant items.

342. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was received about the state of the wall by Parsonage Hayes. The Chairman informed Members that he would contact the owner of this property.
- (ii) Another complaint was made about the elder trees growing on the edge of the road opposite Manor Cottages which are causing a hazard to pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the removal of these trees.
- (iii) Concern was expressed at the general untidiness of the village as very little in the way of clearing gutters and the pavements had been done for some time. The Clerk would make enquiries in this connection.
- (iv) A Member informed the meeting that two cats' eyes in the road outside the village hall had been broken and the Clerk would contact the appropriate department.
- (v) The broken reflector lights on the bridge in Moor Lane have still not been replaced. This matter would be brought to the attention of Avon C.C. again.
- (vi) A complaint was made about the overhanging hedges opposite the Cross Tree Stores and along the footpath to the Church. The Chairman notified Members that he would contact the owners of the land in question and report back.

343. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from the Secretary of St.Pauls Church pointing out that the refuse bin outside the Church has not been emptied for some time. The Clerk had been in touch with W.D.C. and had been assured that this will be brought to the attention of the refuse men.
- (ii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been received and circulated to Members.
- (iii) It was decided that no action be taken regarding a letter from the Gordano Rugby Club.
- (iv) A letter from Avon C.C. regarding procedure for local plans was received and noted.
- (v) A letter from W.D.C. regarding Conservation in Woodspring was circulated to Members.
- (vi) A booklet 'Avon Builds' was received from Avon C.C.
- (vii) It was agreed to send our apologies to Avon Community Council for the meetings to be held in Saltford on the 30th October and the one in Keynsham in September.
- (viii) A letter from Avon C.C. re 'Avon County Structure Plan - First Alteration' was noted.
- (ix) A copy of ALCA's Annual Report for 1985/86 was received and circulated.

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

Mr.A.Curtis	£28.00 (clearing of shelter belt)
Mrs.D.McLaughlin	£93.33 (Salary, expenses etc -Sept quarter)
S.W.E.B.	£ 7.23 (street light)
Morgan Westley	£13.96 (Clerk's headed paper)

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

R J Ball

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

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

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

345. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
346. Planning. There were no plans for consideration this month.
347. Change of day for Meetings. It was RESOLVED: THAT the day for our monthly meetings be changed from the second Tuesday in each month to the first Monday in each month. The Clerk would notify the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee accordingly.
348. Clerk's Report.
- (i) Emergency Planning Committee. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Evans of Clevedon T.C. who explained the proposals being considered by them for attending the current civil defence sessions. Mr.Kelly of W.D.C. had arranged for some of the lectures to be held in the Somerset Hall, Portishead and it may be possible to arrange for a mini-bus to be available to transport representatives of the local parishes to these sessions. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to Mr.Evans stating that Walton-in-Gordano is interested in attending these emergency courses provided the dates are suitable for the person concerned. It was agreed that Mr.MacIver will be our representative on this Emergency Planning Committee and that one further councillor will attend the courses. Regarding the letter from Mr.Evans asking for our support in siting an ambulance service in Clevedon, the Clerk was asked to write to Dr.Roylance of the Avon Health Authority supporting this proposal.
- (ii) Best Kept Village competition. The results of this competition had been received and the Clerk read out the remarks made by the judges in connection with this event. Members expressed their pleasure at the village reaching the semi-finals and also receiving a certificate of merit. Letters will be sent to Miss Ruth Long and to the Youth Club for their efforts in displaying posters in the village.
- (iii) Audit. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had attended for audit at the Town Hall on the 12th September, and was informed that the audit for the year 1985/86 was satisfactory. The Clerk wished to place on record the excellent service she had received from the auditors and Members expressed their pleasure that the audit fee had not been increased. It was agreed that these remarks be brought to the notice of the meeting of the Chairmen and Clerks to be held on the 12th November.
- (iv) Works of maintenance in village.
- (a) The Clerk had been notified that the broken cats' eyes would be replaced as soon as possible; the reflector lights on the bridge by the black ditch had now been fixed; the gravel on the footpath by Plum Tree Cottage had been disposed of and the weeds in the stream and the overgrown bank by Old Rectory House had been cleared.
- (b) The elder trees opposite Manor Cottages had been cut back by the Highways Dept of Avon C.C.
- (c) Avon C.C. had notified the Clerk that the 'Road Narrows' sign opposite Old Rectory House would be erected shortly.
- (d) The necessary work to cut the overhanging hedges opposite Cross Tree Stores and along the footpath to the Church would be put in hand shortly.
- (v) Shelter Belt. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Goldstone regarding any dead trees on this site and had been informed that he would inspect the trees and take any necessary action.

348. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vi) Presentation to Mrs.J.Graham-Jones. Members expressed their regret at the resignation of Mrs.Graham-Jones as Secretary to the Avon Local Councils Assoc., and agreed that a cheque for £5.00 be sent towards a presentation to her.
- (vii) ALCA Meeting at Regil. Mrs.M.Charlesworth and the Clerk attended this meeting and the Clerk gave a report of the various items discussed at this meeting and the results of the election of officers and representatives of the various committees.

349. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Clerk was asked to enquire from Avon C.C. about the possibility of a footway being made by the village hall which had first been suggested in October 1984.
- (ii) The 'Give Way' sign by Cross Tree Stores had become faint and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Dept in order that the broken lines at this junction be repainted. It was also suggested that an arrow be painted on the carriageway pointing up the Coast Road which might help drivers to keep to the correct side of the road. The Clerk would also mention this to the appropriate department of Avon C.C.
- (iii) The verge by the Manor House, opposite Old Rectory House, had become very overgrown and the Clerk would take the necessary action.
- (iv) It was decided that Mr.Peter Mountford, the Warden of the N.C.C., be approached in connection with the increased shooting on the Moors.(Minute 259 (v) refers)
- (v) The Clerk had been asked to make further enquiries about the stile by the footpath at 'Springhead' and had been informed that Avon C.C. felt this was not a feasible proposition. It was therefore decided that no further action be taken in this matter.
- (vi) A Member asked if a contribution could be made to Mr.W.Caine, a resident of the Walton Bay Caravan Park, who regularly cleared the ^{Coastal} path in this area and generally tidied up. It was agreed that a sum of £10 be sent to Mrs.E. Ross of the Walton Bay Stores towards a donation for Mr.Caine. In the meantime the Clerk would contact Mrs.Ross for further details.
- (vii) Mr.MacIver informed the meeting that Mr.S.Wills had agreed to do the printing for the village monthly newsheet and Members expressed their appreciation at this gesture.
- (viii) A Member pointed out that a mattress had been dumped in Moor Lane and the Clerk would contact the Portishead Depot to arrange for its removal.

350. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been received and circulated to Members.
- (ii) A letter from W.D.C. regarding the proposal for the Gordano Valley Local Plan had been received and noted.
- (iii) Notification had been received about the Annual Business Meeting with Town/Parish Chairmen and Clerks to be held at the Town Hall on the 12th November.
- (iv) A letter from Avon C.C. Planning Dept regarding the South West Avon Green Belt Local Plan - Deposit Stage - had been received.
- (v) A letter had been received from the Walton/^{in-Gordano}Village Hall Committee thanking the Clerk and the parish council for their help during the restoration of the village hall.
- (vi) A copy of the W.D.C. Annual Report had been circulated to Members.
- (vii) A brochure from Avon C.C. Direct Works had been received and noted.

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

Arthur Young (Auditors)	£34.50
S.W.E.B.	£ 7.23
ALCA	£ 5.00

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

K. J. Baldu
W. W. Langhlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs.R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, A.G.MacIver and S.G.Russell, together with the Clerk.

District Councillor Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith and Police Sgt.S.Molloy also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mesdames B.M.Adkins and M.A.Charlesworth.

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

353. Planning. There were no plans for consideration this month.

354. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Clevedon's Emergency Planning Committee. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Evans about the dates for the meetings of this Committee and she would confirm with Mrs.Charlesworth if these dates are suitable and notify Mr.Kelly accordingly.

Mr.MacIver stated that he would endeavour to attend the meetings to be held in Clevedon in this connection, as he had been co-opted onto the Clevedon's Emergency Planning Committee as our representative.

- (ii) Audit. The Clerk had notified Mr.Horry about the satisfactory manner in which the 1095/86 audit had been carried out and this item will be put on the agenda for the meeting of Chairmen and Clerks to be held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 12th November.
- (iii) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk had been notified that the Certificate of Merit awarded to Walton-in-Gordano for reaching the semi-finals of this competition will be handed to her at the ALCA meeting to be held in December.
- (iv) Shooting on the Moors. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Peter Mountford and Mr. Kennard, the Chief Warden of the Nature Conservancy Council, who expressed concern at the increased night shooting being carried out on the moors. She had also been in touch with the Police and Sgt. Molloy informed the meeting of the laws concerning shooting and the use of firearms generally.

He suggested that if any shooting is heard at night, to contact the Police immediately. Between 8 p.m. and midnight, the number to ring is the Nailsea Police Station; at other times to telephone either Clevedon or Portishead Police Stations.

He stated that he would make further enquiries about the legal implications and inform the Clerk accordingly.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Sir William Miles who is the landowner to inform him of the concern expressed at the increased shooting at night. She would also notify Mr.Mountford of the action taken by the parish council in this connection.

- (v) Donation to Mr.W.Caine. It was agreed to send a cheque for £10 to Mrs. E.Ross towards a donation for Mr.W.Caine for the work carried out by him in and around Walton Bay.
- (vi) Works of maintenance.
- (a) Mr.Blissett notified the Clerk that he has inspected the site for the suggested footway by the village hall and would let us know the outcome shortly.
- (b) Mr.Blissett stated that the painting of white lines on the carriageway is always in process, and the ones needing attention in the village will be done as soon as possible. He would discuss with Avon C.C. the painting of a white arrow as suggested by the parish council and inform us shortly.
- (c) It was confirmed that the 'Road Narrows' sign has been erected opposite Old Rectory House.

354. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (d) Mr. Blissett informed the Clerk that he had been in touch with the Secretary of the Clevedon Golf Club regarding the railings by this golf course. It was agreed that six of the railings be replaced and this work will be put in hand shortly.
- (e) The mattress which had been dumped in Moor Lane had now been removed.

355. Councillors' Reports.

- (a) The Chairman informed the meeting of the items to be discussed at the Business Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks to be held on the 12th November at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, and a report will be given on these matters at our December meeting.
- (b) The revised bus services were discussed and the Clerk informed Members of some of the new bus routes. It was agreed that at present the new bus services serving Walton-in-Gordano were satisfactory. However, this matter will be kept under review.

356. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A newsletter had been received from W.D.C. re the Twinning Association.
- (ii) A letter from W.D.C. concerning precepts for 1987/88 had been received and noted.
- (iii) W.D.C. had sent the current list of Community Advisers Address List for March 1986.
- (iv) A copy of 'Field Fare' was circulated to Members.

357. Finance. A cheque for £10.00 was passed for payment to Mrs. E. Ross towards a donation for Mr. W. Caine.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

F. J. Biddle
D. M. Lougher

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 1st DECEMBER 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Messrs.A.G.MacIver and S.G.Russell. Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) and Police Sgt. S.Molloy also sent apologies.

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

359. Planning. There were no plans for consideration this month. Members were shown the lists of planning applications for consideration by W.D.C. The Clerk pointed out at the meeting on the 12th November in the Town Hall that the new system of notifying parishes of these applications was working very satisfactorily. Members agreed with the views expressed.

360. Clerk's Report.

- (i) ALCA Meeting. It was agreed that the Chairmen, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting at Congresbury on the 4th December. The various items on the agenda were discussed and a report of this meeting will be given at the next parish meeting.
- (ii) Shooting on the Moors. The Clerk was notified by Sir William Miles that he had looked into the complaints received concerning the increased night shooting on the Moors, and was satisfied the syndicate was carrying out these activities satisfactorily. As this is a matter between the landowner and the tenant, it was agreed that no further action be taken at present. The Police also confirmed that, if the landowner is satisfied with the position, there is nothing further to be done. However, it was pointed out that should anyone feel dissatisfied with the conduct of the syndicate, they should notify the Police.
- (iii) Bus Services. The Clerk had received notification from Avon Community Council regarding the deregulation of the buses in this area, and a form had been sent by them for us to complete with details of the routes serving Walton-in-Gordano and asking for our comments. It was agreed that the services are reasonable at present, but the Clerk was asked to point out that complaints have been received at the lack of a bus service to the Clevedon Health Centre in Old Street. The necessary forms would be completed and sent to Avon Community Council with our views.
- (iv) Business Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks. The Clerk gave a short report on the various items discussed at this meeting which was held in the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 12th November. They included planning; expenditure on parks; the District Ward Boundaries Review; the rates and precepts for 1987/88 and the contracting out of the refuse collection by W.D.C.
- (v) Draft Scheme for Village Hall. The Charity Commission had sent a Draft Scheme for the village hall including the appointment of Trustees. It was decided that, after the Clerk had confirmed the acceptance of the terms of this Draft from Members, a letter be sent to the Charity Commission accordingly.

361. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding obtaining a copy of a pamphlet 'Ploughing and Footpaths'. She had contacted the Avon Community Council and was awaiting their reply.
- (ii) A letter had been received from CORDA, the heart charity, for a donation. It was decided that no action be taken in this matter.

362. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (a) A poster was sent for display by the City of Bristol regarding the Museum and Art Gallery.
- (b) Copies of a leaflet 'Second Alteration - Avon County Structure Plan' were received from Avon C.C.; these were circulated to Members.
- (c) Avon C.C. had sent literature regarding the Great Domesday Book. The Clerk informed Members of the cost of this book and the matter was noted.
- (d) A letter from W.D.C. re 'Shops Act 1950 - Sunday Trading' was noted.
- (e) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members.
- (f) Copies of the Woodspring Council Guide were distributed to Members.
- (g) Two copies of the draft Register of Electors was received and the Clerk would arrange for one copy to be displayed in the Cross Tree Stores and the other in the Church porch.

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

Mr. R.J. Baldwin	£45.00 (clearing paths etc)
Mrs. D. McLaughlin	£110.15 (salary and expenses for December quarter - details of which had been circulated to Members).

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

R.J. Baldwin
D. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 12th JANUARY 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

365. Planning. The Clerk notified Members that there were no plans for consideration this month.

366. Precept. The Chairman informed the meeting of the various items of expenditure for the coming year. After discussion, it was agreed that a precept for £600 be levied for 1987/88 plus £300 which the Clerk had ascertained would be needed for the local elections this year. The £600 precept would raise a 2.6p rate for 1987/88. The Clerk was asked to contact the Treasurer's department of W.D.C. for their confirmation of this figure.

It was also agreed that £50 be donated towards the upkeep of the Churchyard in the village this year and the Clerk was asked to write to Reverend Smart accordingly.

367. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Change of date of meeting. The Clerk expressed her appreciation to Members for their consideration in changing the date of the meeting to enable her to attend a family funeral in Cheshire.
- (ii) Shooting on the Moors. The Clerk was notified by Mr.J.Flower that he had received a letter pointing out that all night shooting on the Moors had been stopped and strict rules had been enforced regarding trespassers. The Clerk had informed Mr. Kennard of the Nature Conservancy Council and the Police of these facts. However, it was pointed out that if anyone hears shooting at night in future, they should contact the Police.
- (iii) District & Local Elections. Avon Community Council sent a copy of the Election Timetable for the local elections which are due to be held on the 7th May 1987. Members will be kept informed of the necessary action to be taken regarding these elections.
- (iv) ALCA Meeting at Congresbury on the 4th December 1986. The Clerk gave a report on the various items discussed at this meeting which included legislation concerning cross bows; lorry operators' applications; rural transport; Commons Land and expenditure on parks locally. It was noted that Mrs.Diana Hill has been appointed as the new Secretary for the Avon Community Council. The next meeting will be held in Yatton on the 11th March.
- (v) Works of ^{expense} maintenance in village
 - (i) Footway by village hall - The Clerk had ascertained from Avon C.C. that the construction of this footway has been included on the list of works to be done this year.
 - (ii) Pot-hole opposite Cross Tree - Work on this has now been completed.
 - (iii) Railings by golf course - Avon C.C. have contacted the Secretary of the Golf Club for confirmation that this is a highway fence. When this is received, work will be put in hand.

368. Councillors' Reports.

- (i) The Chairman stressed the importance of the inclusion in the village newsletter of any relevant information received by the Clerk for display on the notice board. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr.MacIver in this connection.
- (ii) The Chairman asked that the question of the new rating system (poll tax), now being considered by the Government, be put on the agenda for the next ALCA meeting in March. The Clerk would notify the Secretary of ALCA accordingly. In the meantime, the District Councillor explained the present position regarding this matter to the meeting.

368. Councillors' Reports (Contd)

- (iii) A Member complained about cattle 'mucking' up Moor Lane as they are moved for grazing and asked if this was against the law. Police Constable Morgan stated he would make enquiries and contact the Clerk in due course. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the farmer concerned with the necessary fact
- (iv) The Clerk had contacted Miss Small of Avon Community Council regarding the rights of villagers to use the Common for recreational purposes, as complain had been received by local residents that they had been told to keep to the footpaths only. Miss Small would make enquiries and report back to the Clerk as soon as possible.
- (v) Mrs Charlesworth reported that a tyre had been dumped in Moor Lane, but info Members that she would arrange to dispose of it herself. Councillors express their appreciation.

369. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A notice regarding the Avon Structure Plan - First Alteration - was received from Avon C.C. for display on the notice board.
- (ii) A letter from the Avon & Somerset Constabulary in connection with the change in Sub-Divisional Commander at Nailsea Police Station was received and noted.
- (iii) The Treasurer of W.D.C. had requested the level of Revenue Balances at the end of March 1986, and the Clerk had notified him of the figure.
- (iv) The Community Adviser Programme 1986/87 had been received from W.D.C., together with the list of the Continuation Training for 1986/87.
- (v) The Annual Report from Avon County Council was circulated to Members.
- (vi) A letter from the C.E.G.B. regarding the Chernobyl Nuclear accident was noted
- (vii) A letter and a 'Notice of Application to transfer licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor' was received from Mr.M.Ross of the Walton Bay Caravan Pa. Members considered this application and raised no objections to its approval.

370. Finance. Two cheques were passed for payment:

Village Hall Steering Committee	£18.00 (hire of village hall for parish meeting July/December 1986)
S.W.E.B.	£ 7.23 (street lighting)

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

L.J. Balder

W. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. B.M. Adkins and S.G. Russell.

71. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
72. Planning. Members raised no objections to the approval of planning application 0084/87 - the renewal of temporary consent for the retention of garage at Cosy Corner, Coast Road, Walton-in-Gordano for Walton Bay Caravan Park Ltd. The Clerk would notify the Planning Department accordingly.
73. Clerk's Report
- (i) Precept The Clerk had received confirmation from the Treasurer's department of Woodspring D.C. that the parish council's request for £600 would raise a 2.6p rate for 1987/88.
- (ii) The Common A letter had been received from Avon Community Council setting out the facts concerning recreational facilities on The Common for villagers. The Clerk had also received copies of documents from Avon C.C. regarding bye-laws now in operation concerning The Common and these were inspected by Members. The Chairman pointed out that an article appeared in The Bristol Observer dated 10th August 1892 in which John Virgo had brought a case against the Miles Estate relating to the rights of the public to use The Common and had won the case in court. The Clerk had contacted Miss Brimacombe, the Conservation Officer of W.D.C., who had asked for copies of all these documents to enable her to investigate this matter on our behalf. A report would be given at our next meeting.
- (iii) Moor Lane - 'mucking' by cattle After checking this complaint, the Police had informed the Clerk that this was not a Police matter but had to be reported to the Highways department of Avon C.C. They did point out, however, that this complaint was justified, as it is an offence for this practice to continue, but they felt the best action would be to contact the farmer concerned and have the matter settled amicably. Members agreed with these views, and it was arranged to contact the farmer.
- (iv) Coastal Path A complaint had been received from Mr. G. Rowles of Walton Bay House, Walton-in-Gordano that there had been a land-slip along a section of this path below his house and was now very dangerous. He had put notices to this effect, but the public were still using this path and he felt urgent action should be taken by Avon C.C. He had previously expressed concern in May 1986 at the deterioration of this section of the path, but Avon C.C. had not responded.
- The Clerk contacted Avon C.C. and was informed that a representative from the Engineer's department would inspect the site and meet Mr. Rowles to discuss this problem. In the meantime, a letter had been received from The Gordano Footpaths Group expressing their anxiety at the state of this path and suggesting a temporary diversion. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mrs. Reed of Avon C.C. pointing out these facts and reiterating our concern at the delay in repairing this popular path. It was also decided to send a copy of this letter, together with a copy of the letter from The Gordano Footpaths Group, to Mrs. McEwen-Smith for her information.
- (v) New Rating System Vide Minute 368(ii), the Clerk had confirmed with Mr. Horry that this item be included on the agenda for the next ALCA meeting to be held in March at Yatton.

374. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman asked Mrs. McEwen-Smith for her views on the very controversial subject of the disposal of sewerage in Woodspring, and was informed that a meeting had been convened between the Wessex Water Authority and W.D.C. to discuss this problem. She pointed out that the W.W.A. were proposing to lay a 900 metres sea outfall into the channel to dispose of the sewerage after it had been screened to 5mm in size which they felt would then not be a health hazard. However, it was decided to await the outcome of this meeting before further discussions could take place.
- (ii) Mr MacIver agreed that relevant and interesting items of news should be included in the village newsletter, and the Clerk was asked to inform him accordingly.
- (iii) It was confirmed that the village hall had a first-aid box for use in case of minor accidents.
- (iv) Members expressed their satisfaction that the Government had passed a bylaw regarding the use of cross bows and other marshal art weapons.
- (v) The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs. Wills in connection with repairing the gate on the footpath by Manor Drive.
- (vi) Mr. MacIver informed the meeting that he had agreed to attend the course for Community Training in June, and would contact Mr. Scholl-Evans in Clevedon in this connection.
- (vii) It was pointed out that a trench, which had been excavated by the Gas Board in Clevedon Road opposite the village hall, filled up with water when it rained and splashed pedestrians; and there were deep pot-holes along the Coast Road by Walton Bay Caravan Park. The Clerk would notify Avon C.C. about these two complaints.
- (viii) A letter from W.D.C. regarding the criticisms published in the local Press concerning the annual meeting of chairmen and clerks at the Town Hall was discussed. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive stating that our parish has found these meetings served a very useful purpose, and presented a forum where town and parish councils could air their views and seek advice; we felt these meetings should continue.
- (ix) The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Arbuthnot of the Avon Community Council for a leaflet (VHX 1X) explaining the various ways that parish councils can help their village hall committees.

375. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members.
- (ii) The Avon Wildlife Trust had arranged for a meeting of The Gordano Valley Forum to be held at the Folk Hall, Portishead on the 23rd February at 7.30 p.m. It was agreed that Walton-in-Gordano be represented.
- (iii) A letter, together with literature regarding the Council for the Protection of Rural England, were received and noted.
- (iv) A booklet and leaflets regarding Civil Protection were received and circulated to Members.
- (v) A copy of Field Fare was received from the Avon Community Council and this was circulated to Members. They also sent correspondence regarding dog fouling; bus deregulation survey; and a letter of thanks from Mrs. Graham-Jones for her presentation on her retirement. The purchase of The Domesday plaque by the parish council was discussed and it was decided to leave this matter until our next meeting.

376. Finance. A cheque for £50 to the Parochial Church Committee as a donation towards the maintenance of the Churchyard in the village was passed for payment.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

R J Ball *W M Laughlin*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 2nd MARCH 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Police Sgt S. Molloy also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Cllr) Mrs. M.A. Charlesworth and S.G. Russell.

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

78. Planning - There were no plans for consideration this month.

79. Purchase of Domesday Plaque After discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the parish council purchase this plaque and that a deposit of £10 be sent as requested. The total price is £22.43, but as the parish council is able to claim the V.A.T., the actual price will be £19.50.

The meeting was informed that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to display this plaque in the porch of the village hall. Members appreciated this action.

80. Clerk's Report

(i) Coastal Path The Clerk read a letter received from Avon C.C. in connection with the land-slip along this path. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had met Mr. G. Rowles on site and had inspected the section of this path which was badly in need of attention. Mr. Rowles would contact Mrs. Reed direct to inform her that he was agreeable to some of his land being used to widen this path, provided A.C.C. would provide adequate fencing and proper screening for his privacy. Members agreed to support Mr. Rowles in his endeavours to reinstate this path.

The Clerk was also asked to contact Mr. Barrett of the Gordano Footpaths Group asking him to give every support to this essential work being done as soon as possible as the parish council is very concerned about the deterioration of this popular and much-used path.

(ii) The Common The Clerk had sent a letter to Miss Brimacombe, the Conservation Officer of W.D.C., expressing our views about the use of The Common, together with all the documents from the County Council concerning this subject. No reply has yet been received, but the Clerk was informed that the matter was being investigated.

(iii) Green Belt Plan The Clerk had been informed that this Plan was under discussion by W.D.C. and we would be receiving details shortly. In the meantime, we were notified that no new buildings would be approved in the village, although extensions to existing houses would be considered.

(iv) Stile by golf course. Mr. C. Young of Castle Farm has reported that the stile (O.S. 51) leading to the picnic area fenced by Avon C.C. two years ago, needs repairing. The Clerk contacted Mrs. Reed who stated that she would inform ACCES to carry out this work.

(v) Form VHX 1X As requested, the Clerk had contacted Avon Community Council who had sent a copy of this form and this had been circulated to Members. It was agreed not to order a second copy of Field Fare as it was felt the one copy received was sufficient.

(vi) Churchyard A letter of thanks had been received from Rev. Smart for the donation by the parish council towards the maintenance of the village Churchyard. Members agreed to decide annually whether to make a similar donation at the time the precept was being considered.

(vii) ALCA Meeting, Yatton It was agreed that Messrs. R.J. Baldwin, A.G. MacIver and the Clerk attend this meeting on the 11th March. A report would be given at our next parish meeting in April.

380. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (viii) Works of maintenance The Clerk was notified that the pot-holes along the Coast Road had now been repaired; the trench outside the village hall had not yet been filled in, but the Clerk had been in touch with the Highways Dept of Avon C.C. again who hoped to take the necessary action as soon as possible.

381. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman had contacted Mr.J.Flower in connection with 'mucking' by cattle in Moor Lane.
- (ii) The Clerk had contacted Mr.Goldstone in connection with the shelter belt and had been informed that the work of inspecting the trees and the hedge had been done. Mr.Goldstone stated that he had replaced the dead trees but found the hedge in excellent condition. He had remitted his invoice for £40 and a cheque for this amount would be passed for payment at this meeting.
- (iii) The Clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding the proposed access to the dwelling-house 'Roseway' which is now up for auction. The Planning Dept of W.D.C. informed her that no planning permission would be given for such an access due to safety reasons and they had notified the estate agents accordingly.
- (iv) The Portishead Depot had been notified of the broken refuse bin along the Coast Road which would be replaced. The complaint of refuse bins not being emptied along this road had also been reported and the matter is now in hand.
- (v) A complaint was made about the overhanging brambles along the road between the village shop and the Church. The Chairman agreed to contact the owners concerned. The overgrown brambles and weeds by 'Parsonage Hayes' was also a matter of concern and this matter would be brought to the attention of the owner.
- (vi) Mr.MacIver informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee hope to carry out a survey of all the residents in the parish to find out possible new ways of using the village hall to meet their needs. He and two colleagues had attended a Village Hall Study Day on the use of village halls generally, and they had various ideas which, hopefully, would help to encourage more use of our village hall.

382. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) The booklet on 'Ploughing and Footpaths' was received and circulated to Members.
- (ii) The final draft of the Register of Electors had been received from W.D.C. One copy had been displayed in the village shop and the other in the Church porch.
- (iii) A letter had been received from Miss Brimacombe regarding the Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes 1987/88, which was noted. It was stated in this letter that W.D.C. were again offering certain species of trees, free of charge, to town and parish councils if required; the Clerk was asked to reply accepting this offer.
- (iv) It was decided to take no action with regard to Linkline Media Action.

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

Mr.W.J.Goldstone	£40.00 (trees - shelter belt)
Publications Group	£10.00 (Domesday Plaque)
Mrs.D.McLaughlin	£112.55 (salary & expenses for March quarter - details had been circulated to Members)

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The meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.