

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 6th APRIL 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Police Sgt S.Molloy also attended.

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

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

385. Planning. There were two applications for approval this month. Plan 0565/87 - new building and entrance hall at 'Orchard Lea', Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. and Mrs. R.A.Banks; and Plan 0605/87 - renewal application for sale of conifers - The Cot, Coast Road, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr.C.J.Iles. Members raised no objections to either application and the Clerk was asked to inform the Planning Department of W.D.C. accordingly.

386. Clerk's Report

(i) Dates for A.P.M. and A.G.M. It was unanimously agreed that our Annual Parish Meeting be held on Monday, 27th April at 7.30 p.m. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to invite Rev J Smart to attend this meeting and, if he wished, to give a talk. Mrs. McEwen-Smith had intimated that she would attend and report on the various subjects of interest; Police Sgt Molloy agreed to attend; and representatives from the Village Hall Committee and the local W.I. would present reports. As in previous years, it was agreed that refreshments would be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

The date for the Annual General Meeting was arranged for the 12th May 1987 after the local parish and district council elections had been held.

(ii) Elections. All the present five councillors had sent their nomination papers declaring their intention to stand as parish councillors for a further 4 years and it was, therefore, unnecessary for a parish election to be held. However, the election for district councillors will be held on the 7th May, 1987.

(iii) Annual Meeting with Local Councils. A letter had been received from Woodspring D.C. stating that these meetings will continue to be held.

(iv) Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk had received notification about this event and, after discussion, it was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the A.P.M. in order that villagers may vote on whether Walton-in-Gordano should enter this competition. The closing date for entrance is the 12th May and judging will take place during June to August.

(v) Change of telephone number for Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare. The Clerk was notified that the new number is now 631701.

(vi) Trees from W.D.C. A letter had been received from the Conservation Department stating that our interest in accepting their offer of free trees has been noted and will be considered.

(vii) Stile by golf course. Mr.Young had confirmed that the stile in question has now been repaired. Mrs.Reed of Avon C.C. informed the Clerk that the condition of the fence erected by them on land nearby is satisfactory.

(viii) Coast Path - landslip. The Clerk had contacted Mrs.Reed about the present position with regard to this hazard, and had been informed that a letter had been received from Mr. G.Rowles stating his views. Mrs.Reed and an Engineer from Avon C.C. would be visiting the site for a further inspection, after which agreement would have to be reached with Mr.Rowles for the widening of this path. The Clerk was assured that the parish council would be kept informed of further developments regarding this matter.

387. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman mentioned a Press report on a survey of the coastline around the British Isles by the Nature Conservancy Council who asked for volunteers to help in this task. There is a telephone number in Bristol to contact if anyone is interested.
- (ii) A complaint was made about a pot-hole by 'Myrtle Cottage' which needs attention; the trench opposite the village hall has still not been repaired; and the condition of the railings by the golf course is causing concern. The Clerk would contact Mr. Blissett regarding these complaints.

388. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter has been received about the Emergency Radio Communications - Citizen Band (CB) Radio, together with a list of CB users who have volunteered their services as emergency radio operators. Mr MacIver informed the meeting that he would make enquiries about a volunteer from our parish and report at our next meeting.
- (ii) It was agreed not to attend the One Day Conference at Newton Abbot on the 10th April concerning 'A new deal for Common Land'.
- (iii) ALCA had sent the draft department circular 'Development involving Agricultural Land' for our attention. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr. Horry asking that this matter be left to ALCA to approach the National Association of Local Councils on our behalf.
- (iv) A letter had been received from W.D.C., together with a copy of Circular 2/87 from the Department of The Environment concerning Costs Incurred in Planning and Compulsory Purchase Order Proceedings. Members noted the contents.
- (v) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.
- (vi) Copies of the booklet 'Civil Protection' had been received for information by members.

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

The Clerk had contacted the Treasurer's department of W.D.C. requesting payment of our precept for 1987/88. As soon as this remittance is received, it will be paid into our deposit account at the Bank.

390. Police Sgt Molloy informed the meeting that as from the 1st April 1987 a new Public Order Act has come into force which gives the Police powers to expel and arrest trespassers on private land. He also stated that statistics show crimes in this area are down compared to the same period of last year. Members expressed their appreciation to Sgt Molloy for attending our meeting and informing us of these facts.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

K J Balder
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 27th APRIL 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs M McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) and 11 parishioners also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr.S.G.Russell and Police Sgt S.Molloy

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and invited our District Councillor to give her report.
2. Mrs McEwen-Smith started by reminding the meeting that she is the District Councillor for five parishes in the Gordano Valley, and is consequently kept very busy. She was pleased to inform us that Walton-in-Gordano is a law-abiding village according to Police statistics. W.D.C. have now approved the draft Green Belt Plan and Avon C.C. will approve it in June, and then the parishes will have six weeks to express their views and comments. Walton-in-Gordano now has no village fence according to this Plan and, as it is within the green belt and conservation area, it will be protected from the intrusion of new buildings and other similar projects. The 2nd Alternative Structure Plan has now come before W.D.C. for consideration.

She also informed the meeting that 'bottle banks' are now in use and most of them are sited on public car parks. She urged the public to use these banks as they prevent considerable waste.

The question was raised about the hands of the clock on St.Paul's Church being adjusted, and the need for scaffolding to be hired which would cost a considerable sum. Mrs McEwen-Smith felt that, as the District Council had given a grant earlier for the clock to be repaired, they should be approached for a further sum towards this necessary work.

She informed the meeting that it will be some time before the Gordano Valley drainage scheme reaches Walton-in-Gordano. She talked about the new sewerage treatment plant which the public want Wessex Water Authority to construct. Engineers have stated they are happy with the scheme to instal a sewerage outfall into the Channel, but opposition has been raised to this project by Bristol City Council. However, the matter is being pursued.

A parishioner asked about tipping in Moor Lane, and Mrs. McEwen-Smith assured us that she would look into this complaint and report back to our next parish meeting.

She was asked about the possibility of building a leisure complex along the Coast Road between Clevedon and Portishead which had appeared in a report by the Planning Policy Committee. She promised to investigate this query.

Mrs McEwen-Smith was thanked for attending our meeting and for her informative and helpful report.

3. The Clerk read the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting which were approved and signed.
4. Chairman's Report
 - (i) Parish Rate A 2.4p rate had been levied for the year 1987/88 which would raise £600.
 - (ii) Financial Report The receipts for the period 31st March 1986 to the 31st March 1987 totalled £1,543.33; the various expenses incurred for the same period were £1,454.15, leaving a balance at the 31st March 1987 of £94.18.

In June 1986 Mr S.G.Russell was co-opted as a parish councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. L.Storey.

In May 1985 a complaint had been received from Mr.G.Rowles about a dangerous section of the coast path below his house. Unfortunately, no action was taken by Avon C.C. and, during the end of 1986, a landslip occurred which had meant the closure of this section of the path. Avon C.C. are at present negotiating with Mr.Rowles and it is hoped that a satisfactory solution can be resolved.

4. Chairman's Report (contd)

The complaint about the new fence erected by the School House was discussed by Members and, after taking the advice of the Planning Dept of W.D.C., it was felt no further action was necessary. The new bus services were found to be satisfactory; W.D.C. had contacted parishes to enquire about joining a twinning association with Hildesheim in West Germany. It was left to individuals to join if they so wished; Walton-in-Gordano reached the semi-finals of the Best Kept Village competition; the parish council had participated in the Flower Festival held in St. Paul's Church in August; it was agreed to join Clevedon's emergency planning facilities and Mr. MacIver would act as our representative on this Committee.

The annual audit was held in September 1986 and the parish council's accounts were found to be satisfactory. The question of shooting on the moors was discussed and it was agreed that all night shooting would cease and only card-holders would be permitted to shoot during the day.

Enquiries were made from Avon C.C. as to recreational facilities for villagers on Walton Common, and copies of documents regarding byelaws were sent to the parish council for perusal. These documents, together with a copy of an article which appeared in the Bristol Observer on the 10th August 1892, were sent to the Conservation Officer of W.D.C. for her observations.

The Green Belt plan was now under discussion by W.D.C. but, in the meantime, no new buildings would be approved in the village, although extensions to existing dwellings would be considered.

The parish council had purchased the Domesday Plaque as our village is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The Village Hall Committee agreed to display this plaque over the porch of the village hall.

Two donations had been agreed to be made this year, one of £20 to the Avon Wildlife Trust and the other for £30 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Thanks were expressed to Mr MacIver for his role as editor of the village newsletter. Mr and Mrs S. Wills were also thanked for kindly agreeing to supply the paper and print the newsletter each month. Mrs Pope and her family were again thanked for the work done by them in planting flowers around the Cross Tree. Mrs McEwen-Smith was especially thanked for her help during the past year and for always being available for advice.

The Chairman then thanked the parish councillors for their support and to the Clerk for her help.

5. Rev J Smart Began by thanking the parish council for inviting him to attend our meeting and for the £50 which had been donated by the parish council for the upkeep of the Churchyard which is an amenity for the entire community. He thanked Mr. Tony Barrow for the excellent work he has done in keeping the Churchyard in such a good condition. His services are greatly appreciated. However, he stressed that concern is felt at the poor attendances at afternoon services and these may have to be curtailed if no improvement is made.

The Church porch which is of historic interest, had to be re-roofed at a cost of £1,400; added to this was the architect's fee. Finances for Church maintenance are very low, and there is urgent work still to be done. There is severe damp along the south wall which has to be rectified. Miss Goulden has kindly arranged for the 'Friends of St Paul's' to hold various events and the proceeds help towards the Church's upkeep. This work is much appreciated. Fortunately, the Church received a very generous legacy of £3,500 from Miss Inchbald which has helped to boost the funds of the Church.

Rev Smart stressed the need for villagers to support the Church which, in these days, is a luxury. He thanked all those who helped during the Flower Festival which had proved to be very successful. The Rogation Service held last year had proved very popular; a similar Service would be held this year.

Rev Smart was thanked for his interesting report by the Chairman.

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6. Mr MacIver informed the meeting that this year has been spent in getting the village hall refurbished. As funds became available, a new water heater was purchased for the kitchen and cupboards have also been provided here. New chairs have been bought for the hall. The Y.T.S. have done a very good job and he thanked them for their work which has been greatly appreciated. It is hoped that the hall will be well-used. He hoped 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 also mentioned that all events and functions will be included in the newsletter and, if anyone had suggestions regarding new ventures, to please contact him.

The Youth Club has proved a great success and he thanked Mr. B. Tucker and his daughter Emma for all their hard work in this connection. He pointed out that the numbers are, unfortunately, going down and hopes that this position will improve and the Youth Club will continue to be successful.

Mr MacIver was thanked for his informative report.

7. Mrs M Charlesworth then gave her report on the activities of the W.I. She told us that this organisation is now 57 years old and the local branch is well supported. The antiques talk proved most interesting and various handicraft demonstrations had been well received. 30 handicapped people from Bristol were entertained to tea and bingo. A trip to ^{West} ~~East~~ crystal in Chepstow had been a great success. Money had been raised for toys for children at Southmead Hospital, and this year's charity was to be the N.S.P.C.C. The Institute also held a successful Carol Service and provided the choir for the Village Carol Service. They look forward to another interesting year ahead.

Mrs Charlesworth, who is the President of the local W.I. was thanked for her report.

8. Best Kept Village competition It was agreed to enter this year's competition. The Clerk read out the comments by the judges after last year's competition and thanks were expressed to the Sunday School children for the posters painted by them.
9. Any other necessary business
- (i) A complaint was received that the grid in the stream by Old Rectory House had been removed, and concern was also expressed that this brook is now filled with debris and may overflow. The untidy area around this site was also criticised, and the Clerk was asked to contact Avon C.C. regarding these complaints.
 - (ii) Rev Smart raised the question of the problem of parking outside the village hall by people attending functions in connection with Church activities and was informed that the Police have agreed to keep a careful eye on this problem.
 - (iii) The question of the clearing of footpaths generally was raised and the meeting was informed that Avon C.C. will do this work when funds are available.
 - (iv) Concern was again expressed at the speed of traffic through the village. Avon C.C. are looking into this matter; however the Highways Dept have pointed out that, as the main road in the village is not long enough, a speed limit cannot be enforced. The Clerk was asked to contact that department again; also to write to the Accident Prevention Committee of W.D.C. in this connection.
 - (v) The Clerk was asked to contact Sgt S Molloy regarding the parking of goods vehicles at night along the Coast Road on the Portishead side of Walton Bay Caravan Park.
 - (vi) It was agreed to leave the planting of a second shelter belt for the time being.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. after which refreshments were served.

R. Butler
D. Laughlin

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

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

Police Sgt S.Molloy and two parishioners also attended.

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

391. Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The necessary forms were signed and witnessed by all five councillors who had agreed to stand as parish councillors for the next four years.

392. Election of Chairman. Mrs. B.M.Adkins proposed that Mr.R.J.Baldwin be elected as Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth.

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

Councillor R.J.Baldwin then took the Chair.

393. 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.

394. Appointment of Committees.

(a) Village Hall Steering Committee It was agreed that Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth and Mr.A.G.MacIver be elected to act as our representatives on this Committee.

(b) 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.

Enquiries had been made regarding a representative of the parish council being appointed to the Parochial Church Council, but the meeting was informed that this is not permissible.

395. Annual Subscriptions. It was unanimously agreed to pay the annual subscriptions to the Avon Community Council for £6.00 and to A.L.C.A. for £15.81.

It was also decided that £20 be sent to the Avon Wildlife Trust and £30 to the Citizens Advice Bureau. Both these donations had been agreed last year.

396. The Minutes of the parish meeting held on the 6th April 1987 were approved and signed.

397. Clerk's salary and expenses. The Chairman proposed that the Clerk's salary and the use of a room as an office be increased by 4%; the other payments to remain the same. Consequently, her salary will now be £174.72 per annum and the office room be increased to £58.24 per annum. This proposal was agreed nem con.

The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanked Members.

398. Items from the Annual Parish Meeting

(i) Speeding of traffic through the village. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Boxall of the Highways Department of Avon C.C. who reiterated that no speed limit can be imposed as the main road through the village is less than half a mile in length. He did not agree that a double white line at the Cross Tree junction would help, as lorries or cars with caravans would not be able to turn into the narrow side of the road to go up the Coast Road, and would always turn before the tree. He believes the present road layout is correct. The Clerk informed Mr.Boxall that the white lines are becoming very faint and needed re-painting, but it was pointed out this occurred because of the amount of large vehicles and farm tractors using this road. However, the Clerk would contact Mr.Blissett's department in this connection.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr.Boxall expressing the concern of the parish council to the present speeding of traffic through the village.

398. Items from the A.P.M. (Cnntd)

- (ii) Parking of goods vehicles along Coast Road. Sgt.S.Molloy informed the meeting that if anyone sees goods vehicles over 3 metric tonnes parked at night without lights, they should notify the Police as the vehicles are causing unnecessary obstruction.
- (iii) Tipping in Moor Lane. This matter is being investigated by the District Councillor who will notify us in due course of the outcome.
- (iv) Grid in stream opposite the Church. The Clerk had been informed by Avon C.C. that this grid had been stolen and that another one would have to be especially made and fitted. The work had been put in hand. Regarding the complaint about the untidy area nearby, the Clerk was informed that this site had been cleared of brambles and weeds recently. However, it was felt it would take too long to remove all small branches and weeds.

399. Footway by Village Hall. The question of when work on this footway would commence was brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk had been informed by Avon C.C. that the work was scheduled to be started soon. However, concern was expressed that, if this footway was made, it would not be possible to park vehicles outside the village hall. As it is necessary to allow some parking when social events are held in the hall, it was decided that only a partial footway be constructed at present, i.e. the ~~existing~~ footway to be extended as far as the gate opposite 4 Manor Cottage. The Clerk was therefore asked to contact Mr.Blissett with this alternative suggestion.

400. Clerk's Report

- (i) Best Kept Village competition. It had been agreed at our A.P.M. that we enter this competition this year. The Clerk would therefore send the forms and plan to the organisers of this event. The general judging will take place between 14th - 29th June; the semi-final and final judging will follow and will terminate by the 4th August 1987.

The Clerk had written to Ruth Long and Emma Tucker to enquire whether the Sunday School children and the Youth Club would paint a poster for this event, as this year this event is sponsored by Calor Gas and prizes are being given for the best poster.
- (ii) Precept. Our precept of £600 has been received and paid into the Council's Bank.
- (iii) Coast Path - landslip. No further information has been received from Avon C.C. concerning this matter.
- (iv) C.B.Radio Communications. The Clerk had been sent a list of C.B.users who have volunteered their services as emergency radio operators. She had been informed that a C.B.set will be issued to our parish shortly with details for its use.
- (v) Effluent in stream in Moor Lane. The Clerk had contacted Wessex Water Authority who sent a representative to examine the water in the stream, after a complaint had been received from a resident in Weston-in-Gordano. Mr.Copp informed the Clerk that no evidence of any domestic effluent was found nor was there any evidence of farmyard effluent in the stream. It was agreed that a copy of Mr. Copp's letter be sent to the complainant.
- (vi) Domesday Plaque. Members were shown the plaque which had been received that day and they expressed their appreciation. It was agreed to mount the plaque and fix it over the front door of the village hall.
- (vii) Development involving Agricultural Land. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Horry who confirmed that this matter is with the National Association of Local Councils and that ALCA have made their views known to Woodspring D.C.
- (viii) Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme 1987/88. It was agreed that the Clerk make further enquiries regarding this scheme and report back to our next meeting.

400. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (ix) The Common. A letter had been received from the Solicitor of Woodspring D.C. regarding the legal aspect of this matter. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk telephone Sir William Miles with the facts and of the action taken by the parish council. It was also unanimously agreed that no further action be taken as any legal proceedings would be very costly.
- (x) Works of maintenance.
- (a) The pot-hole by 'Myrtle Cottage' has been repaired.
 - (b) The railings by the golf course are being inspected by Avon C.C. and a report will be sent to us shortly.
 - (c) The small area not tarmaced by Valley Road has now been resurfaced.

401. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman suggested to Members that we support Portbury Parish Council in their action against the development at the head of the Gordano Valley. This matter will be discussed at the next ALCA meeting in June.
- (ii) Mr.Cannell had approached the Chairman to arrange for copies to be made of the various films the former has taken of special events in the village. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that enquiries be made for this to be done and for the films to be kept as an official record by ~~the parish council~~ the parish council now and in the future.

Mr.Cannell was thanked by the parish council for his generous offer.

402. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Woodspring D.C. have asked for any items of interest to be included in the Annual Report for 1986/87. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Mrs.Rowles of the Parochial Church Council to enquire if an article could be written about the reviving of the Rogationtide Service in St.Pauls Church which is being held on the 24th May. It was also decided that a short article on the shelter belt in the village be sent for possible inclusion in this publication.
- (ii) A copy of the Second Alternative Structure Plan from Avon C.C. was received and noted.
- (iii) A copy of Field Fare was received and circulated to Members.
- (iv) A copy of New Homes Review was circulated to Members.
- (v) Avon C.C. had sent a copy of their booklet 'Who Does What'. The Clerk was asked to order four further copies for councillors.

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

Cornhill Insurance PLC	£25.00
A.L.C.A.	20.50
Avon Community Council	6.00
S.W.E.B.	7.23
Avon Wildlife Trust	20.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	30.00
Publications Group	12.43

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

K J Goldie

D. H. Langley

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth,
Mrs M McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) and Police Sgt S.Molloy.

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

Minute 401 (ii) the words 'the Chairman of' be deleted.

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

406. Clerk's Report.

- (i) Best Kept Village competition The official forms and plan have been sent to Mr.Gunnery. Arrangements have been made for a skip to be sited in Moor Lane as in previous years and villagers were notified of this in the newsletter.
- (ii) Domesday Plaque The V.A.T. of £2.93 has been returned by The Publications Group who supplied this plaque and this amount has been paid into our bank account.
- (iii) General Election The Clerk has received the appropriate posters in connection with the Election on the 11th June and these have been duly displayed in the village.
- (iv) Effluent in stream in Moor Lane. Vide Minute 400 (v), Members discussed the letter received from the Wessex Water Authority and it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Clerk of Weston-in-Gordano along the lines expressed by the Water Authority.
- (v) Speeding of traffic through village The Clerk had written to Mr.Boxhall of Avon C.C. stating our concern at this problem and an acknowledgement had been received.
- (vi) Footway by village hall The Clerk had contacted Avon C.C. regarding the amended proposal for this footway but, unfortunately, the officer dealing with this matter was away on sick leave. However, she was assured that he would look into this matter on his return.
- (vii) Tipping in Moor Lane The Chairman informed the meeting of the facts concerning this complaint. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs.McEwen-Smith for her comments.
- (viii) W.D.C. Annual Report The necessary action had been taken regarding Minute 402 (i).
- (ix) The Common The Clerk had telephoned Sir William Miles to explain the position regarding this subject, and a report will also be included in the village newsletter to inform villagers of the facts.
- (x) Films of village activities A letter had been received from the Parochial Church Council to confirm their agreement that the parish council be the custodians of these films. They also asked if a meeting could be arranged to discuss this matter. However, as Mr.Cannell had expressed a wish that the parish council have custody of these films, it was felt such a meeting would be unnecessary. The Chairman stated that he would make enquiries regarding making copies of the original tape.
- (xi) Enhancement Scheme The Clerk had telephoned Rev Smart to enquire if there were any works required to be done to St.Pauls Church which might come under the terms of this Scheme and be eligible for a grant. She then contacted Miss Brimacombe, the Conservation Officer of W.D.C., who confirmed that the re-surfacing of the path,leading from the main road to the back gate of the Church,may be considered for such a grant. She did, however, require a written

406. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (xi) estimate for this work, and the Clerk agreed to contact the Secretary of the P.C.C. in this matter.

The question of a contribution towards the hire of scaffolding to repair the hands of the Church clock was also raised, and Miss Brimacombe had sent the necessary form to be completed by the P.C.C.

407. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Clerk had contacted the Avon Highways Department regarding the following complaints, and had been notified that action will be taken.
- (a) The sunken trench across the road from the Church to Church Farm
 - (b) The pot-holes by Church Farm and the village Post Office
 - (c) The re-painting of the 'SLOW' sign on the B.3124 coming from Portishead to Walton-in-Gordano.
- (ii) It was confirmed that the diversion near the footpath by 'Hackswood House' had now been reinstated to its original line.
- (iii) The meeting was informed that the residents of Walton Bay Caravan Park had submitted a petition to Avon C.C. regarding the closure of the section of the Coast Path which had been affected by a landslip.

408. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members.
- (ii) A letter had been received from Mr. Kelly of W.D.C. regarding Community Adviser Training and the Community Adviser Address List 1987.
- (iii) A letter had been received from Portbury Parish Council concerning the Development at the head of the Gordano Valley with a copy of their letter to Sir Paul Dean.
- It was decided to take no action at present, but to await the outcome of this matter at the ALCA meeting to be held shortly.

409. Finance. A cheque for £124.19 was passed for payment to the Clerk for her salary and expenses for the June quarter; details of which had been circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

L. Ball
W. M. Long

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 6th JULY 1987 AT 7.40 p.m.

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

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

An apology for absence was received from Mrs B.M. Adkins.

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

11. Planning There were no plans for consideration this month. Mrs. McEwen-Smith was asked for her comments on the Gordano Valley sewerage scheme and she informed the meeting that there will not be a public inquiry. Woodspring D.C. have lodged a formal approval with the Dept of the Environment for this scheme to go ahead and this will proceed within the next two weeks.

She also mentioned that concern was expressed at the condition of the local beaches as under E.E.C. Regulations, they have to be kept clean. A pilot scheme for 'poop scoops' for use by dog-owners is to be introduced in an effort to clean up beaches and leisure areas and this will have a 12 months' trial period. It is suggested that 2 dog-wardens be employed for this scheme.

The question of the palletts and oil drums stored in Moor Lane by a local farmer was again raised. It was pointed out that these articles are for use by the farmer and will be removed shortly. However, Members agreed that a watch should be kept on the situation. In the meantime, Mrs McEwen-Smith would explain the position to the complainant.

12. Clerk's Report

- (i) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk had been notified that Walton-in-Gordano has again reached the semi-finals of this competition. The final judging ends on the 4th August. Members expressed appreciation of the work done by the children in painting the colourful posters.
- (ii) Re-surfacing of roads Complaints had been received about the small stones being thrown up on the pavements since the roads have been re-surfaced and the Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of Avon's Highways Dept to this problem.
- (iii) ALCA Meeting The Clerk informed Members of the various items discussed at the meeting held on the 4th June.
- (iv) Speeding of traffic through the village A letter had been received from Avon C.C. reiterating the reason why no further action can be taken in this connection.
- (v) Footway by village hall The Clerk had been informed that this matter has now been referred to Avon County Council for approval, as it is an improvement and not merely a maintainance job.
- (vi) Coastal Path A complaint had been received about the continued closure of the section of this path affected by a landslide. The Clerk had informed the complainant that the matter was under discussion between the parties concerned.
- (vii) Nature Conservancy Council Members had attended the Opening of the Gordano Valley Nature Reserve that afternoon, and expressed their appreciation at the work done by the N.C.C. The Clerk was asked to request further copies of the various leaflets and literature on this project for circulation to the public. She was also instructed to enquire whether the N.C.C. could send a progress report concerning this site when available.
- (viii) Litter bin by Signal Station The Clerk received a complaint that one of these bins had been damaged and that a number of bins in this vicinity had not been emptied. The matter was reported to Woodspring D.C. for action.
- (ix) Enhancement Schemes A letter had been received from the Conservation Officer regarding the scheme submitted by the parish council for the resurfacing of the footpath to St. Pauls Church, Walton-in-Gordano; it was agreed that a grant of 75% (£340) would be made for this work.

412. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (x) Development at Gordano Valley Portbury P.C. had notified parishes of their concern at the increased development proposed in this area. However, our District Councillor informed us that this scheme has not been discussed as yet by W.D.C., though Bristol C.C. have informed them of the facts. Portbury feel there will be a public inquiry and the local parishes will be advised when this event is to take place.
- (xi) Annual Audit The Clerk had received notification of the date of the audit. However, the auditors had suggested that parishes with a small precept could apply for a triennial audit and the Clerk asked for the Council's authority to write to the auditors for their comments.

413. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mr A.G.MacIver informed the meeting that he would shortly be leaving Walton-in-Gordano but would act as a parish councillor in the meantime. Members expressed their regret at his resignation but appreciated the work done by Mr.MacIver. The Chairman pointed out that Mr.B.Cannell had expressed his wish to be considered as a councillor when a vacancy occurs.
- (ii) The Chairman informed the meeting he had agreed that the parish council continue to publish the village newsletter when Mr.MacIver leaves as it was felt this publication serves a useful purpose.
- (iii) Mr.MacIver had attended the Avon and Somerset Constabulary Open Day at Nailsea and found it very interesting and informative. He had been informed there had been no increase in crime statistics in the area. He did express concern at the volume of heavy vehicles coming from Down Road and the Police had arranged to have some of these large vehicles diverted through the quarry. Mr MacIver had also attended a week's course at Easingwold Civil Defence College concerning call-out events which constitute national disasters, i.e. flooding etc.
- (iv) Mr.C.Dunn of Church Farm, Walton-in-Gordano had again asked the council if a shelter belt could be planted along the boundary of his field. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr.Dunn be informed of the high cost of planting such a shelter belt, and pointing out that as our precept is very small, this matter would have to be decided at our January meeting when the precept is levied. In the meantime, the Clerk would contact Avon C.C. for their comments.
- (v) Mr.Baldwin informed the meeting that Mr.C.Freeman had made a copy of the films of village events mentioned at the last meeting. This video was very satisfactory and authorisation was given for the account of £8.99 to be paid.

414. Police Sgt S Molloy informed the meeting of the concern felt by the Police at the increase in under-age drinking at licensed and off-licensed premises. The Police now visit most premises at least once a month; though off-licensed premises are the worst offenders. There is a "Ways and Means Act" now in force which should help Police to reduce this problem.

415. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) It was decided that no action be taken in respect of the letter from the Cancer Research.
- (ii) An exhibition is to be held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings from the 1st - 31st July 1987. A leaflet 'Wasting Inheritance - Barns in Avon' was received from the Planning Dept in this respect and was noted.

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

Village Hall Steering Committee £18.00 (hire of hall from July-Dec 1987)
Mr.R.J.Baldwin £ 8.99 (see Minute 413 (v))

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

R J Baldwin *W H Langford*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

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

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

7. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
8. Planning Two plans were received for discussion - Plan 2028/87 - erection of a double garage and domestic workshop; removal of 2 outbuildings and extension to breakfast room at 'Springhead Cottage' for M. Hollingsworth of Bristol; Plan 2084/87 - renewal of permission for a caravan for a further year while a bungalow is being built at 'Alston', Coast Road, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. F.A. Candy.

After Members had inspected the plans, the Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Dept of W.D.C. that there were no objections to the approval of these plans.

19. Future long-term plans. After discussing various suggestions, it was finally agreed that the following items be included on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting next year for a decision.

(i) The possible planting of a second shelter belt in the parish. A suggestion was made that perhaps the farmer/landlord could contribute towards such a project.

(ii) The appointment of a village orderly. It was suggested that the amount granted by W.D.C. for such a post could be raised to £100 per annum by the parish council.

(iii) The Chairman informed the meeting about a 'twinning' project with a place in the Third World and, after explaining the facts, it was agreed to discuss this scheme at the APM.

20. Clerk's Report

(i) Audit The Council's accounts were sent to the Auditors with a letter explaining the reasons for requesting a triennial audit. The Clerk informed the meeting that the accounts for 1986/87 appear to be satisfactory.

(ii) Resignation of Miss P Brimacombe The Clerk asked for authority to write a letter to this officer thanking her for her help and advice and wishing her a happy retirement. Members agreed to this request.

(iii) Water Sources - Parish Surveys A form had been received from Mr. Kelly of W.D.C. asking for confirmation of the grid reference number for the water source in the village and this has been done.

(iv) ALCA Meeting at Loxton. The AGM is to be held on the 9th September and it was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting.

(v) C.B. Exercise The Chairman agreed to attend this event at the Folk Hall, Portishead on Sunday 27th September, 1987.

(vi) Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme 1987/88 A letter had been received from W.D.C. advising us that a grant had been authorised for the work on the footpath by St Pauls Church. The Clerk pointed out that before the work is started, the Planning Dept must be notified, and she would inform Rev Smart of this ruling.

(vii) Shelter Belt The Clerk had approached Miss K Thompson of Avon C.C. regarding a grant towards a second shelter belt, and was informed that Miss Thompson would inspect the site and notify us of the position. In the meantime, however, the Clerk had advised Mr. Dunn that this matter would have to be discussed at our January meeting when our precept is levied.

(viii) Charity Quiz It was agreed that Mrs Charlesworth, Mr. S.G. Russell and the Clerk represent the parish council at this event on Sunday, 13th September at the Village Hall. The entry fee for each team is £5 and it was agreed that a cheque for this amount be passed for payment.

420. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (ix) Flower Festival at St Pauls Church Mrs B.M.Adkins and Mrs D McLaughlin were thanked for their participation in this Festival which had again been a success.
- (x) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk informed the meeting of the comments received from Mr.Gunnery regarding this competition.
- (xi) Fence erected in Moor Lane The Clerk had contacted the Nature Conservancy Council about this fence and had been notified that this had been put up because some concrete had been dumped on this site which could have damaged the rare plants growing here. However, the fence has now been removed and no further action is necessary.

The N.C.C. have sent a number of their leaflets on nature conservancy generally and these will be displayed in the Cross Tree Stores for the general public.

421. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman agreed to contact Mr.B.Cannell regarding the Community Advice Training courses and would report on the outcome at our next meeting.
- (ii) A complaint had been received with regard to the overgrown area by the notice board and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr J.Flower.
- (iii) The stream in Moor Lane had again become overgrown with weeds and brambles and the Clerk had contacted Avon Highways Dept who had informed her they would attend to this problem.
- (iv) A letter of complaint had been received about a parishioner who was stopped by the gamekeeper's assistant on the Common and told to keep to the paths only. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr.Griffiths pointing out that residents of Walton-in-Gordano have a legal right to use all the Common for recreational purposes and to inform the gamekeeper and his staff accordingly.

The Clerk was also asked to telephone Sgt Molloy in this connection and request that he contact the complainant for further information.

- (v) It was the unanimous wish of Members that a letter be sent to Mr.A.G.MacIver expressing our regret at his resignation and thanking him for all the work done by him while a parish councillor. Mr. MacIver had intimated that he would attend our October meeting.
- (vi) The Chairman had agreed to act as editor of the village newsletter. In this connection the Clerk was asked to contact Mr MacIver with regard to including the names and telephone numbers of Mr.R.J.Baldwin and the Clerk in the next issue of this publication to enable villagers to contact them with any items of interest.
- (vii) A complaint had been received that the stream at the back of 'Beckside', Moor Lane had flooded during the heavy rainfall recently due to the damming of the brook further down. The Clerk was asked to telephone Wessex Water Authority for their advice.
- (viii) The Chairman raised the question of a 40 miles speed limit between settlements in rural areas. It is hoped to bring this matter up at our next ALCA meeting.

422. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) It was agreed to take no action with regard to a donation to the Bristol Marriage Guidance
- (ii) The second alteration to the Avon Structure Plan had been received and a notice regarding this was displayed on the notice board.
- (iii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been received and circulated to Members.
- (iv) A copy of the Local Council Review had been circulated to Members.
- (v) A draft statement with leaflets regarding the Mineral Working in Avon Local Plan had been received from Avon C.C.
- (vi) A letter had been received from the Avon and Somerset Constabulary informing us that Chief Inspector David Rigg is now the new officer in charge of the Nailsea Sub-Division.

422. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (vii) It was agreed that we send for two copies of the Parish Councillors' Handbook and a cheque for £4 was passed for payment to the Municipal Journal Ltd.
- (viii) A copy of Field Fare; a letter regarding the Campaign for the Countryside and a list of Avon Community Council officers were received and noted. It was agreed that we send our apologies to their AGM at the Long Ashton Research Station on the 8th October. A copy of the Annual Report of Accounts was also received and noted.

423. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Village Hall Steering Committee	£5.00	See Minute 420(viii)
S.W.E.B.	£7.34	Street lighting
Municipal Journal Ltd	£4.00	See Minute 422 (vii)
Mrs D McLaughlin	110.37	Salary & expenses for Sept quarter - details circulated to Members

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

B.M. Adkins (Vice-Chairman)
W. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER, 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs B.M.Adkins, Vice-Chairman (in the Chair), Messrs. A.G.MacIver and S.G.Russell, together with the Clerk.

One member of the public attended this meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M.A.Charlesworth, Mr.R.J.Baldwin (Chairman) and District Councillor (Mrs M.McEwen-Smith)

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

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

426. Clerk's Report

- (i) Green Belt Local Plan The Clerk had contacted Mr.Reed, the Clerk of Portbury Parish Council, who informed her that, prior to the recent Inquiry, his parish had written to the Dept of Trade asking for their opinion on the proposed development along Sheepway, and had been notified that the Department was totally opposed to any residential development in this area. However, the outcome of the Inquiry will not be known for at least 3/4 months, and we will be notified of this in due course.
- (ii) Woodspring Rural Areas Local Plan The Clerk of the Clevedon Town Council had notified the Clerk that he had written to W.D.C. suggesting that a joint meeting of 4 local parishes be held in the Clevedon Community Centre on Thursday, 29th October at 8.00 p.m. to discuss this Plan. A notice to this effect has been displayed on the notice board. An earlier notice had been displayed pointing out the place and date where this Plan could be inspected. It was agreed that we attend this meeting.
- (iii) The Annual Business Meeting with Chairmen and Clerks will be held on Wednesday, 18th November at 6.30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare.
- (iv) Weston Tide Watch The Chairman had asked the Clerk to contact Mr.Horry about the possible inclusion on the agenda for the above meeting regarding the closure of this project which had been set up in 1981 to monitor the tides and winds, and which had proved a success. Mr.Horry had confirmed that he would contact Mr.Morris, the co-ordinator of this scheme, and would inform us of the facts. In the meantime, the Clerk was instructed to ask our District Councillor for her views.
- (v) Flooding of the stream in Moor Lane. Vide Minute 421(vii), the Clerk had contacted the Wessex Water Authority who had inspected the stream and taken two samples of the water. The Clerk was asked to write confirming this complaint and this has been done.
- (vi) Clearing of the brook in Moor Lane. The Clerk had been notified that an order for this work to be done was given 2 weeks earlier but that, due to illness of two workmen, it had not been possible to carry out the work at the time. Avon Highways Dept would take urgent steps to carry out this work.
- (vii) The Common Further to Minute 421(iv), the Clerk had written to Mr.Griffiths but had received no reply as yet. She had also contacted Sgt S.Molloy who had been in touch with the complainant. The Clerk was asked to telephone Mr Griffiths as to what action has been taken regarding this complaint.
- (viii) ALCA Meeting at Loxton The Clerk read her notes on the various subjects raised at this meeting. They included a report on the Police Liaison Committee by Mr.Challis; a report on the Telecom and Post Office Committee by Mr.Webb and a report by Mr.Pain on the Transport Consultative Committee. The next ALCA meeting will be held at Hutton.

427. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman had asked that a letter be sent to Mr. and Mrs S Wills thanking them for their help and co-operation in printing and supplying the paper for the village newsletter. Mr. MacIver notified the meeting that Mr. and Mrs Wills had kindly agreed to continue to provide this service. The appreciation of Members was noted.
- (ii) It was pointed out that W.D.C. did not notify a neighbour of a recent planning application in respect of "Springhead Cottage" and the Clerk was asked to enquire from Mrs McEwen-Smith the reason for this omission.
- (iii) Concern was expressed by Members at the present low level of the brook this year and the fact that the golf course has been using sprinklers on their greens more frequently. It was felt that this problem merits investigation as a dangerous situation could arise if there was a fire in the village. The Clerk was asked to contact the Wessex Water Authority for their comments.
- (iv) Mr S Russell had attended a meeting of the Avon Wildlife Trust recently, and informed the meeting that concern was expressed at that meeting about the condition of the Common in Walton-in-Gordano. They would be approaching Sir William Miles with a view to clearing this area.
- (v) Mrs Adkins thanked Mr MacIver for his valuable help as a parish councillor and also for his support in the activities of the Village Hall and wished him and Mrs MacIver a happy future. The good wishes of Mrs McEwen-Smith were also passed to Mr. MacIver. Mr. MacIver thanked Members for their kind wishes.

428. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Five copies of the Woodspring Annual Report 1986/87 were received and distributed to Members.
- (ii) It was agreed that we send our apologies to the A.G.M. of ALCA to be held at Kingswood on the 22nd October, 1987.
- (iii) The Annual Report and Accounts for 1986/87 for the National Association of Local Councils was received and circulated to Members.
- (iv) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members.
- (v) A booklet on Secondary Education in Avon from Avon C.C. was noted.
- (vi) A letter from The Appeal for St John in Avon was received asking for a donation. It was agreed that this matter be discussed at our January meeting as Members felt it was a worthwhile organisation.

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

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Police Sgt S. Molloy arrived at the close of the meeting and apologised for being late due to a previous engagement.

CJ Ballard *D. McLaughlin*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

430. Co-opting of new Councillor It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr. Brian Robert Cannell as a parish councillor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr A.G.MacIver. The Chairman welcomed Mr.Cannell and the appropriate form for the declaration of acceptance was duly signed.
431. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
432. Planning - There were no plans for consideration this month. The District Councillor had informed the Clerk that only neighbours who are affected by a planning application are notified by W.D.C. when considering new plans. This fact was noted.
433. Clerk's Report
- (i) Charity Commissioners Scheme for the village hall. A final version of this document was received and will be kept with the parish council's records.
The decision to elect a second representative on the village hall steering committee from the parish council was left for the time being.
- (ii) The Common As instructed at the last meeting, the Clerk contacted Mr.Griffiths and was informed by him that the gamekeeper's assistant in question had stated that the complainant's dogs were running loose on the common which could have frightened the birds, and he assured Mr.Griffiths that he was only carrying an air rifle. However, Mr.Griffiths stressed that his gamekeeper and the assistants are now aware of the rights of villagers to use the common.
- (iii) Printing of village newsletter. The Clerk had written to Mr and Mrs S Wills thanking them for their kindness in continuing to print and supply the paper for this newsletter.
- (iv) Coast Path Mrs Reed had informed the Clerk that negotiations are now at the final stage between Avon C.C. and Mr.G.Rowles. However, Mr.Rowles had intimated that the people, who signed the petition in respect of reinstating this path, should be asked to contribute towards a collection which would be donated to St.Pauls Church. Mrs Reed asked whether the parish council could arrange such a collection but, after discussing the matter, it was decided that the Clerk inform Mrs Reed that, as the parish council did not instigate the petition, it would not be in order for them to undertake this task.
- (v) Water supply in Walton-in-Gordano The Clerk informed the meeting of the outcome of her conversations with the Wessex Water Authority and the Bristol Waterworks Company who had assured her that there is an adequate supply of water in the daily village and that the golf course has a licence to abstract 10,000 gallons of water from the borehole. The Clerk was also notified that the supply for the golf course comes from a private tank and is isolated from the supply to the village. The Clerk was asked to notify Mr.Dilley of these facts.
- (vi) Woodspring Rural Areas Local Plan It was ascertained that no representatives from the parish council attended the meeting in this connection on the 29th October and the Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk of Clevedon T.C. for further information regarding this Plan.
- (vii) Brook in Moor Lane. The Clerk had been in touch with Avon Highways who had informed her that the work of clearing this brook would be put in hand that week. The Department would also clear the weeds by the black ditch which were obscuring the reflector lights and the 'no tipping' notice.

433. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (viii) Mineral working in Avon The Clerk informed Members of the meetings to be held in this connection. A notice regarding this matter was also displayed on the notice board.
- (ix) Logo for 'Walls' icecream at Portishead Lake Cafe. This matter was now being investigated by the Portishead T.C.

434. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A Member raised the question about expenses being paid for representatives attending the Community Adviser training courses at Weston-super-Mare once a month. The Clerk was asked to contact W.D.C. and report back to our next meeting with the required information.
- (ii) A further complaint was made about the continuance of night shooting on the moors and the Clerk was asked to contact Sgt S Molloy to ascertain what action we should take in these circumstances.
- (iii) The question of paying for some prescriptions was discussed, but it was decided to defer any decisions until we obtain more information. This subject can be raised at our next ALCA meeting in December.

435. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from Mr. Kelly, the Emergency Planning Officer, who notified us that he is leaving W.D.C. and Mr. Tim Downey was the new officer who should be contacted in connection with the Community Adviser Training sessions for 1987/88.
- (ii) Another letter was received from Mr. Kelly informing us that the Continuation Training on Radiac Instruments scheduled for the 5th November had been postponed due to a lack of lectures.
- (iii) Avon Community Council sent a copy of Field Fare, together with other literature which had been circulated to Members.
- (iv) A copy of the Local Government Bill 1987 was received from ALCA for our information.
- (v) A copy of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England - Review of non-metropolitan counties (County of Avon Commission's draft Proposals) was received and circulated to Members.

436. Finance Two cheques were passed for payment.

Mr. R.J. Baldwin	£45.00 (clearing of footpaths)
S.W.E.B.	£ 7.34 (street lighting)

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

R.J. Baldwin
W. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 7th DECEMBER 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

438. Planning There were no plans for consideration this month. A letter had been received from the Planning Dept of W.D.C. regarding planning applications delegated to the Director of Planning for determination. However, it was pointed out that should any parish not be satisfied with the decision of the Director of Planning, they should contact that department and the matter would be investigated further. Members agreed with this new procedure and decided that no further action is necessary.

439. Clerk's Report

- (i) Register of Electors Two copies of the draft register had been received and a copy has been displayed in the Post Office and in the Church porch for the information of parishioners.
- (ii) A.L.C.A. Meeting at Hutton It was agreed that Mrs B.Adkins, Mr.B.Cannell and the Clerk attend. The items on the agenda were discussed and a report of the proceedings will be given at our next meeting.
- (iii) Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks The Chairman informed Members of the various items discussed at this meeting held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 18th November. These included the Review of District Ward Boundaries; Community Charge proposals; Civil Defence; the provision of hospital facilities in Woodspring; street cleaning; and the reduction of the Rate Support Grant to local councils. Under Planning, the three subjects raised were the increased delegation to officers; the supply of plans to local councils and the policy on large extensions to dwellings.

At our meeting the following action was taken:

- (a) Our parish council raised the matter of the proposed Community Charge and, after discussion, it was agreed to write to our M.P., Mr.Paul Dean, expressing our concern.
- (b) It was pointed out that the District Council wish to promote the establishment of one health authority for the Woodspring district. A report concerning this had been received from W.D.C. and was circulated to our Members for their perusal; comments and views will be discussed at our next meeting.
- (c) It was agreed that the training of community advisers for civil defence was a worthwhile project as local councils should have some cover in case of disasters etc. It was further suggested that, as our parish is very small, we could go under Clevedon's umbrella for this purpose.
 The Clerk had been notified that expenses will be paid to representatives attending these training sessions.
- (iv) Brook in Moor Lane It was pointed out that this brook had been cleared of weeds by Avon Highways Dept., who had also cleared the weeds and brambles by the black ditch.
- (v) Icy patch on road by Brighton Cottages The Clerk had contacted Mr Broomfield of Avon Highways Dept regarding this dangerous area, and was assured that the matter was in hand, as the Police had been in touch with him earlier. Avon C.C. had left a load of salt at this site to be used in case of emergency, and they would be investigating this problem further.
- (vi) Night shooting on the moors The Clerk had been informed by Sgt S Molloy that, if the problem of night shooting occurred again, the Police could be contacted at the Nailsea Police Station between 8 a.m. and midnight; between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Clevedon Station and at Weston-super-Mare after midnight.

439. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vii) Coast Path - landslide Mrs Reed had informed the Clerk that the appropriate committee of Avon C.C. had agreed to pay Mr.G.Rowles £25 plus the cost of fencing and hedging as compensation for the land in connection with the reinstatement of this footpath. A letter had been received from Mr.Rowles asking if the parish council could donate £300 to St.Pauls Church as he had earlier indicated. However, the parish council felt it was not their responsibility to make such a donation as our precept is very small. The Clerk was asked to inform Mrs Reed accordingly, but to stress ~~the~~ the parish council were very anxious that this footpath be restored.
- (viii) Nomination of a representative on the Village Hall Committee Mr.Baldwin stated that he would be prepared to act as our representative on this committee, but only as a committee member, and the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr.B.Tucker accordingly.

440. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Members discussed the proposed closure of refuse skips at the Portishead Depot and, after referring to the recent Press coverage of this problem, the matter was left for the time being.
- (ii) The Chairman proposed that an annual event could be held on the Common in order to establish the right for villagers to use this area for recreational purposes. This event could be sponsored by the parish council. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for discussion at our A.P.M.
- (iii) It was pointed out that only one copy of the village newsletter will be distributed to each household in the parish. If anyone requires additional copies, they must make their own arrangements to have these done. This will be explained in our December's issue of the newsletter.
- (iv) A letter had been received from Mr.Kelly regarding the 'Return to Somerset campaign' in connection with the draft proposal of the Boundary Commission and this was read to Members. After discussion, it was agreed that our comments be sent to the Boundary Commission in January.
- (v) Literature had been received from the Avon Community Council regarding the Village Ventures competition 1987/88. Mr.Russell asked if copies of a large scale map of the parish (2,500 scale) could be obtained from W.D.C. as this would help him in this project. The Clerk would contact W.D.C. to make the necessary enquiries.

441. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon C.C. had sent a copy of the Avon Landscape Strategy Consultation Draft which was circulated to Members. A poster regarding this document was also displayed in the notice board.
- (ii) A letter had been received from the National Association of Youth Clubs asking for a donation. It was agreed that no action be taken in this connection.
- (iii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been received and was circulated to Members
- (iv) A copy of the Local Council Review was circulated to Members.

442. Finance Two cheques were passed for payment.

Village Hall Steering Committee - £4.00 (Charity Quiz)
 Mrs D.McLaughlin (Clerk) £115.07 (salary etc for December quarter details had been circulated to Members).

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO
ON MONDAY, 4th JANUARY 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R.J. Baldwin, Chairman, Mesdames M.A. Adkins, Vice-Chairman, M.A. Charlesworth and S.G. Russell, together with the Clerk. Mrs M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. B.R. Cannell.

443. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
444. Planning - There were no plans for consideration this month.
445. Precept - The Clerk had made enquiries from the Treasurer's Dept of W.D.C. and was informed that a balance of £145 in respect of election expenses for 1987 is due to the parish council. In addition, £164 is also available from W.D.C.'s block grant. Therefore, it was unanimously agreed that a precept of £800 be requested for 1988/89. This amount would raise a 2.2p rate for the current year. The Clerk would inform the Treasurer's department accordingly.

The question of a second shelter belt in the parish was raised and it was suggested that Sir William Miles and Mr. C. Dunn be asked to make a contribution towards this scheme. It was further agreed that this matter be discussed at our A.P.M. this year.

446. Clerk's Report.

- (i) ALCA Meeting at Hutton The Clerk read a report of the various items raised at this meeting which included: a talk by a Senior Officer of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary; boundary review by W.D.C.; the proposed light railway 'Metro'; vehicle operators' licences; the increase in the audit fee; Southmead Health Council; the question of prescriptions and the request for a 5th copy of plans from the Planning dept of W.D.C.
- (ii) Community Charge A letter expressing our concern about this proposed charge was sent to our M.P., Sir Paul Dean. A reply is awaited.
- (iii) Boundary Commission After discussion, it was agreed to take no action regarding this subject at present.
- (iv) Cross Tree Post Office A letter from the Post Office was received pointing out the new opening times for post office services at our post office from the 7th January 1988. These facts have been published in the newsletter for the information of villagers.
A letter from the new owners' solicitors informing us of the date of the application for transfer of licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor at these premises was also received, and acknowledged.
- (v) Village Ventures competition In this connection, the Clerk has received maps from W.D.C. of the scale requested by Members, and these were handed over to Mr. Russell for his use.
- (vi) Avon Landscape Strategy Consultative Draft It was felt that this Draft does not affect Walton-in-Gordano. However, Mrs McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that W.D.C. welcomed this suggestion which co-ordinates the environmental aspects in this area. A supplementary plan is proposed, and Members decided to await further information before taking any action.
- (vii) Street Cleaning Survey Following the Business meeting in November when this subject was raised, a survey in this connection has been received from Mr. Horry for completion by parishes. After discussion, it was agreed to put this item on the agenda for our A.P.M. but, in the meantime, the forms would be completed and returned.

447. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A suggestion was made that footpath signs could be erected by the Manor House to prevent walkers turning into the private drive. The Clerk had contacted Mrs Reed earlier, and had been notified that footpath signs are available from Avon C.C. at a small cost. After discussion, it was agreed that Mrs. Wills be asked to contact Mrs. Reed for further information and advice.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to contact Avon Community Council for more information regarding the Twin Aid scheme, as Members felt this was a worthwhile project.
- (iii) The meeting was informed that an officer from the Environmental Health department of W.D.C. had made certain tests for possible pollution in the brook in Moor Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact that department for their views on the situation, but in the meantime, Mrs. McEwen-Smith would make enquiries on our behalf.
- (iv) A letter was received from Mr. Horry, the Secretary of ALCA in connection with the Weston Tide Watch which was read to the meeting. The Chairman informed Members that he would contact Mr. Morris, an organiser of this project, and inform him of the facts.
- (v) A copy of the minutes of the Gordano Valley Forum held in September was received and noted. The Clerk was asked to contact Avon Wildlife Trust to enquire what work they intend carrying out on Walton Common in future, and to notify us of any progress.
- (vi) The Chairman pointed out to Members the necessity for the Clerk to have a small 'float' in case of emergency expenses, and this was agreed unanimously. It was, therefore, agreed that a cheque for £20.00 be signed in this connection. The Clerk expressed her thanks to Members for their consideration.

448. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon Community Council had sent five copies of "Walking in Avon 1987" for circulation to Members.

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

Village Hall Steering Committee	£18.00	(6 months' hire of the village hall - Jan/June 1988)
Cash (the Clerk)	£20.00	(petty cash)

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

F. J. Balder

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mesdames B.M.Adkins, Vice-Chairman and M.A.Charlesworth, B.R.Cannell, S.G.Russell, together with the Clerk. Police Sgt S.Molloy also attended.

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

450. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

451. Planning - there were no plans for consideration this month.

452. Clerk's Report

- (i) St Paul's Church - donation for Churchyard The annual accounts for the Church had been received, together with a letter from the Treasurer of the P.C.C. pointing out that they are in urgent need of funds towards the maintenance of the Churchyard. Members agreed that a donation of £50, plus 4% inflation, should be made to the Church as last year. However, as the parish council's balance at the Bank is very low, it was suggested that the Clerk inform the P.C.C. that, when our precept is received in April, this payment will be made.
- (ii) The Common The Clerk had telephoned Mr.S.Barker of the Avon Wildlife Trust regarding proposed work to be done on this land, and was notified that, before any improvements are made, a meeting will be convened and their plans will be put before local residents. In any case, should the N.C.C. or the Avon Wildlife Trust take on any works on the Common, they will be responsible for maintaining the site.
- (iii) Community Charge A letter has been received from Sir Paul Dean's department in reply to our letter, stating that the matter is in hand.
- (iv) Sign Post by the Manor House The Clerk had informed Mrs Wills of the facts regarding the erection of a signpost by the Manor House, and the matter was now in negotiation between Mrs Wills and the Avon C.C.
- (v) Twinaid Scheme The Clerk had written to the editor of the Local Council Review asking for a further copy of the autumn issue. When this has been received, further action will be taken to acquire more details of this project.
- (vi) Sewerage in brook, Moor Lane The Environmental Health department of W.D.C. had been approached regarding the effluent in this brook, and an officer from that department had inspected the brook and had sent a sample to the laboratory in Bristol. The officer contacted the Clerk to say that the sample has proved positive, and the owner of 'Moorside' has been informed accordingly. No response to that letter has yet been received.

The officer had also contacted Mr.J.Flower regarding the strong smell in the stream by the notice board, and was informed that the crack in the gas pipe had now been repaired and the stream now appeared to be clear.

- (vii) Walton Bay caravan park - muddy area A complaint had been received that, due to building materials being delivered by heavy vehicles to a dwelling on this site, the path leading to other houses has become very muddy and dangerous. The Clerk contacted the Planning department of W.D.C. who informed her of the agent acting for the owner. The latter telephoned the Clerk and assured her that the work was now nearly completed, and the muddy conditions were due to the unusually wet weather we have had recently.

Members felt that, as the works were almost complete, no further action should be taken, and the complainants be notified of the position.

- (viii) Street cleaning survey The completed forms in this connection were sent to the Secretary of ALCA for their attention. It was agreed that the question of employing a village orderly should be discussed at our A.P.M. in April.
- (ix) Landslip along Mariners Path The Clerk had been informed that there had been no further progress with regard to the negotiations between the owner of this land and Avon C.C.

453. Councillors' Reports

- (i) It was agreed that the Clerk contact Avon Highways department to enquire whether an officer from that department could attend our A.P.M. in April to talk on the various aspects of his work.
- (ii) Another complaint had been received about grit being thrown up onto the pavements in the village by passing traffic, and the Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate department again.
- (iii) Two letters of complaints were received regarding heavy vehicles using the Coast Road to deliver building materials to the new housing developments on Down Road, Portishead. It was pointed out that the road surface along this road has been badly affected, causing cracks and potholes to appear.

As this road is very narrow, the grass verges have been churned up, leaving large amounts of mud deposited on the road surface which, in turn, cause driving hazards; further cars approaching a lorry have to reverse, usually round a bend, which creates another hazard.

After discussing this problem, and hearing Police Sgt S Molloy's views, it was agreed that he should contact the firm concerned personally to inform them of these complaints. In the meantime, it was decided that the Clerk should write to Avon County Council to ask their views about a weight and width restriction being considered again on heavy vehicles using this road.

- (iv) Clearing of streams in Walton-in-Gordano It was decided that no action be taken at present with regard to this work, but that the matter be kept under review.

454. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Literature from Avon Community Council, including a copy of Field Fare, which was circulated to Members.
- (ii) A letter was received from S.W.E.B. concerning new charges for street lighting.
- (iii) A copy of 'Civil Protection - Winter 1987' was received.
- (iv) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated.
- (v) A letter was received from the Village Hall Committee asking for the names of our two representatives on this committee. It was confirmed that Mrs M.A.Charlesworth and Mr.R.J.Baldwin would be our representatives for the coming year.

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

Morgan Westley	£13.60 (minute book)
S.W.E.B.	£ 7.34 (street light)
Petty Cash	£20.00 (details circulated to Members)

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

R J Baldwin
Wm Langley

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 7th MARCH 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Police Sgt S Molloy also attended.

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

456. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

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

458. Dates for APM and AGM It was unanimously agreed that our Annual Parish Meeting should be held on Friday, 22nd April and our Annual General Meeting on Monday, 16th May, 1988. The items for discussion at our APM will be: the Best Kept Village competition; a proposed second shelter belt; the appointment of a village orderly; an annual event to be held on the Common; and the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the sinking of the Armada. Members also decided on asking villagers at this meeting about participating in a Twinaid Scheme with a third world country. In this connection, the Clerk was asked to contact Rev Smart for his views.

It was further agreed that the following speakers be invited to attend our APM and give a report: Mrs M McEwen-Smith our District Councillor; the Secretary of the W.I.; Rev J Smart and the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk had been notified by Mr. Blissett that, unfortunately, he was unable to attend our meeting and Members, therefore, suggested the Clerk write to Mr.S. Barker of the Avon Wildlife Trust to invite him to talk on the Common.

Members then discussed the question of holding our parish meetings on the first Monday of a month which falls on a bank holiday. In this case, the parish meeting should be held on the second Monday, but as this is the evening booked by the Youth Club, it is not very convenient. The Chairman suggested that this subject be clarified at the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee.

459. Clerk's Report

(i) Precept A letter had been sent to the Treasurer's department of W.D.C. requesting the remittance of our precept in full as our balance at the Bank is very low.

(ii) Heavy vehicles using the Coast Road Police Sgt Molloy and the Clerk had contacted the Transport Manager of Stowells, Yatton about this complaint, and Mr.Huff had assured them that letters would be sent to all drivers of these vehicles authorising them to use the alternative route via Valley Road. This has helped to reduce the heavy traffic considerably, and the Clerk was asked to write to the firm concerned thanking them for their prompt action.

The Clerk had also written to Mr.Boxall of Avon C.C. asking for his views about the possibility of raising the question/again of a weight and width restriction on vehicles using this road. An acknowledgement has been received. We now await his reply.

(iii) Donation to the P.C.C. The Clerk has sent a letter to the Treasurer explaining the financial position of the parish council at present, and assuring her that a cheque will be sent for the maintenance of the Churchyard in Walton-in-Gordano when our precept is received.

(iv) Grit on pavements The Clerk had contacted Mr.Blissett's department and was informed this work will be carried out as soon as possible.

(v) Twinaid Scheme The Clerk had received a second copy of the 'Local Council Review' from the editor, who had also informed her of the councillor to contact for help and information regarding this subject. On receiving our letter, the Chairman of Upper Beeding Parish Council had telephoned the Clerk to inform her of some of the facts regarding this project, and promised to send a report for our guidance. Hopefully this document will be received in time for discussion at our Annual Parish Meeting.

459. Clerk's Report (Contd)

- (vi) Icy road by Brighton Cottages After contacting the Emergency Officer of Avon CC and the Police, who both inspected the site, the Clerk was informed by Mr. Blissett that the water had been diverted off the road, and the Water Authority had repaired the water hydrant. The situation has improved, and the Clerk had expressed thanks both to the Police and to Avon C.C. for their prompt action.
- (vii) Walton Bay caravan park - muddy conditions After hearing the Clerk's report on the facts concerning this site, it was decided that no further action be taken by the parish council.
- (viii) Change in prescriptions Walton-in-Gordano had raised this matter at the recent ALCA meeting due to the recent Government policy for doctors to prescribe drugs and medicines by trade names rather than well known trade marks. The Clerk had been asked to enquire from various departments if the policy had achieved the object of savings in costs and has it had a psychological effect on patients. After lengthy enquiries, the Clerk had finally been informed by a local chemist that the answer to both questions was in the affirmative. However, it was felt that, in the main, the system is working satisfactorily.

The Clerk was asked to report accordingly to the next ALCA meeting which was being held that week in Backwell.

460. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was made about a pothole between Old Rectory House and Old Rectory Farm; the Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate department of Avon C.C.
- (ii) The Clerk was also asked to enquire what the present position is regarding the repair of the railings by the golf course, as it is some time since we have heard from Avon Highways in this connection.
- (iii) A Member also raised the question as to when the culvert under the grass bank outside Old Rectory Farm had been cleared; the Clerk would make the necessary enquiries.
- (iv) It was also pointed out that the trench across the road by the SWEB sub-station in Moor Lane had sunk quite considerably, and could cause an accident. This complaint would also be brought to the attention of Avon C.C. Highways department

461. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A poster and leaflets had been received from the Environmental Health dept of W.D.C. regarding a 'House of Horrors' exhibition being held in Weston-super-Mare.
- (ii) It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend the ALCA meeting at Backwell on the 9th March.
- (iii) A letter regarding the 5th copy of planning applications was received from W.D.C. which was noted.
- (iv) A copy of the Local Council Review - Spring 1988 - was received and circulated.
- (v) A notice of the proposed modifications to the Structure Plan was received from Avon C.C.
- (vi) Avon Community Council had sent a village newsletter/magazine survey questionnaire for completion by us.
- (vii) A Community Leisure Committee statement was received from the County of Avon
- (viii) It was decided not to attend the Conference about 'Homes for Locals in Rural Avon' which was being organised by Avon Community Council on the 14th May at Alveston.

462. Finance. As there were insufficient funds available at the Bank, the Clerk asked for only her quarterly salary to be paid this month, and Members agreed to this request. Accordingly, a cheque for £43.68 was passed for payment.