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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 18th APRIL 1988 at 9.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from B.R. Cannell, Mrs M. McEwen-Smith and Police Sgt S Molloy.

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

464. Planning The following two plans were considered by Members and no objections were raised to their approval.

Plan 0690/88 - Construction of double garage and revised vehicular access and increase of existing ground levels to rear and side of dwelling at 'Channel View', Walton Bay, for Mr. S.P. Skyrme.

Plan LB 0728/88 - Crosstree Farm, Walton-in-Gordano - Demolition of lean-to outhouse and log store; removal of tiles over covered yard and replaced with glass etc. for Mr. M. Sessions-Hodge.

Plan 0762/88 - an outline application for an additional bungalow at Highcliffe, Coast Road, Walton-in-Gordano was also discussed as concern had been expressed at this proposed plan. However, the Clerk had been notified that this application would not be considered by Woodspring D.C. until their meeting in May. The Clerk had also contacted our District Councillor in connection with this plan.

465. Clerk's Report

(i) Precept A cheque for £800 has been received from Woodspring D.C. and has been paid into our account at the Bank.

(ii) Action Aid Mrs Ann Laws had given a talk and shown slides of the work done by this organisation earlier in the evening, which proved a great success. 12 adults and 3 children, together with 3 councillors and the Clerk had been present. The Chairman informed the meeting that Mrs Laws would be contacting him about the best scheme for our parish to adopt, and this matter will be discussed, and decided upon, at our Annual Parish Meeting on Friday.

(iii) Annual Parish Meeting The Chairman reiterated that the subjects to be discussed at this meeting would be the Best Kept Village competition; the appointment of a village orderly and the planting of a second shelter belt in the village. It was also confirmed that Mr. S. Barker of the Avon Wildlife Trust would be giving a talk and showing slides on Walton Common.

(iv) Railings by golf course. The Clerk had been notified by Mr. Blissett that he has not seen the documents regarding the maintenance of these railings which had been agreed between Sir Charles Miles and the Somerset C.C. The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles for a copy of this agreement to enable this work to be carried out.

(v) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk informed the meeting that the necessary forms had been received for completion. Our participation in this event would be decided at our Annual Parish Meeting.

(vi) Donation to the P.C.C. A cheque for £52 can now be sent towards the maintenance of the Churchyard at St Paul's Church.

(vii) Maintenance work in the village Mr. Davey from Avon C.C. had explained the position about the clearance of the culvert by the Old Rectory House. Unfortunately, the trench in Moor Lane has not been repaired, nor has the grit on the pavements been cleared. The Clerk was asked to take the necessary action.

465. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (viii) Street light The Clerk had again notified the Information Officer about the erratic timing of this light, with no results. She therefore contacted S.W.E.B. at Weston-super-Mare and they have promised to look into this complaint immediately.
- (ix) Sewerage in brook, Moor Lane The Clerk telephoned an officer from the Environmental Health dept of W.D.C. who informed her that a site meeting had been held between Mr.Lorriman (the owner of the adjoining dwelling), an officer from the Technical Services department and himself. Mr.Lorriman is prepared to take whatever action is necessary to overcome this problem, and will be in contact with the Technical Services dept shortly. This work should be completed by the end of the summer. The Environmental Health dept pointed out that a rushed job is not wanted, as this may cause future pollution. They will, of course, be keeping this matter under review.
- (x) A.L.C.A. Meeting at Backwell The Clerk read a report on the various items discussed at this meeting, which included: the Boundary Review, the Police Liaison Committee, street cleaning, village orderly scheme, Bristol Airport and the Poll Tax.

466. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Village Hall Committee The Chairman informed Members that the question of the dates for parish council meetings being held after Bank holidays, had been satisfactorily settled.

467. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter had been received from Mr.Boxall of Avon C.C. regarding the weight and width restrictions of traffic along the Coast Road. This was noted.
- (ii) A letter from the Environmental Health department of W.D.C. regarding Pest Control was received, together with posters and leaflets which were distributed.
- (iii) Avon Community Council had sent a letter regarding community Post Offices.
- (iv) Bristol Polytechnic had sent a letter for parish and community council clerks.
- (v) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.
- (vi) S.W.E.B. had sent a letter with revised electricity charges for our information.

468. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment.

Parochial Church Council	£52.00
S.W.E.B.	£ 7.34
Petty Cash	£20.00
Mrs D McLaughlin (expenses)	£66.95
(March quarter)	

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

R J Baldie
D McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs M McEwen-Smith (District Councillor), Police Sgt S.Molloy and 10 parishioners also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Rev. J. Smart.

- 1. The Chairman welcomed everyone attending this meeting and introduced Mr.S.Barker from the Avon Wildlife Trust who then presented his talk and slide show on Walton Common.

Mr.Barker began by telling us that this site has been cultivated for hundreds of years; is very good for wildlife and has numerous colourful wild flowers. This land has not been ploughed for 2000 years, but was maintained by grazing in the past. Also plentiful are a number of wild herbs and, of course, there are lovely butterflies - some very rare. In fact there are about 34 different types of butterflies on Walton Common. He pointed out that horse-riding on the Common does cut up the turf, but there is a limited amount of damage caused by this activity. Villagers have the right to graze their animals and cut turf, but as there is no water supply, these rights have not been practised. At present rabbits keep scrub at bay. He stressed that there is a limited and sensitive way to control the cutting of scrub and The Common should be controlled in this way.

In the near future there is a new Commons Act which will be introduced to improve all common land by parishes. This will include the landowners and the Avon Wildlife Trust. Members from the parish council should also be represented to have a say in the way the commons should be maintained. All parishioners have the right over the whole of the common. The N.C.C. will look into the question of making this site a S.S.S.I. and Avon Wildlife Trust will also be interested in looking after the area as well.

Mr. Barker then answered questions from parishioners, including the concern about the rabbit population which is growing rapidly. He pointed out that grant aid will be available for any necessary work to be done on the Common. An organisation 'Friends of Commons' is very interested in commons generally and will be pleased to help with advice.

Mr Simon Barker was thanked by the Chairman for attending our meeting and for his interesting and informative talk.

- 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 1988/89 which would raise £800.

(ii) Financial Report The receipts for the period 31st March 1987 to the 31st March 1988 totalled £713.08; the various expenses incurred for the same period were £693.08, leaving a balance at the 31st March 1988 of £20.00.

The parish council has meetings once a month. Mr.Cannell had made films of village events for a number of years. These films have now been left in the parish council's trust as a record. Our thanks to Mr.Cannell for this unique record of village life. Unfortunately, the problem of traffic speeding through the village is still with us but Avon C.C. is aware of our concern in this matter. The P.C.C. expressed the wish for the parish council to take advantage of the enhancement scheme organised by W.D.C. and to apply for a grant on their behalf towards the re-surfacing of the path leading from the main road to the back gate of St.Paul's Church. This work has now been completed.

The N.C.C. had their opening of the Gordano Valley Nature Reserve on the 6th July; Mr. McIver had resigned as a parish councillor and Mr.B.R.Cannell was co-opted as our new councillor. Negotiations are still in progress between Mr.Rowles and Avon C.C. regarding the coastal path. A letter has been sent to Sir Paul Dean expressing our concern about the proposed community charge, and its implementation. Complaints had been received about effluent in Moor Lane, and the Environmental Health Dept of W.D.C. has made several visits to monitor the pollution. After complaints had been received about heavy vehicles using the Coast Road, we contacted the firm concerned and their Transport Manager took immediate action to stop this practice.

The parish council now has their accounts audited triennially which saved a fair amount of money. The Chairman then thanked Mr. McIver for his work as a parish councillor, as editor of the village newsletter and as Secretary of the Village Hall Committee. He also represented the parish council as The Community Adviser. The Chairman then thanked Mr. and Mrs S. Wills for their help in printing and supplying the paper for our newsletter. Mrs Pope and her family were again thanked for their work in looking after the flowers around the Cross Tree. Mrs McEwen-Smith, our District Councillor, was also thanked for her support and for the considerable interest she has shown in our affairs. Thanks were also given to the parish councillors for their work during the year. The Clerk was thanked for her work and also for agreeing to type the newsletter each month.

The Chairman then asked if anyone had any questions to ask and the subject of night-flying from Lulsgate Airport was raised. Concern was expressed at the extension to this airport. It was pointed out that if anyone has complaints about night-flying, they should telephone Lulsgate Airport themselves where every call is recorded.

4. Mrs McEwen-Smith began her report by thanking Walton-in-Gordano parish council for their consideration in understanding that she has had to attend the meetings of Portbury P.C. more often than ours, as they are held on the same evening; she stressed that Portbury had more planning problems.

The subject of the Bristol Airport is under discussion at present. The new runway is planned over the A.38 and will enable larger planes to be used. Complaints of excessive noise by people living near the airport should be telephoned in, as these calls are recorded. W.D.C. are now awaiting the result of the local inquiry regarding the Green Belt Structure Plan. The district council think there are about 200 more houses proposed than was anticipated.

Avon C.C. have decided that we dispense with the village fence, but W.D.C. feel that this will put pressure on people to build on every available space. However, every application will not necessarily have to be detrimental to the area as we are a conservation area, and plans will be carefully inspected before permission is given by W.D.C. It has been agreed that a 5th copy of planning applications will now be available for parishes to keep. W.D.C. have started a dog control scheme on beaches for a trial period of 12 months; if successful, the district council hope to extend this practice to other areas.

Mrs McEwen-Smith mentioned the proposed civic amenity site for tipping at the Black Rock Quarry, but stressed that the Albert Road depot at Portishead is still operational, and will be for some time yet. The neighbourhood schemes in this area have proved very popular and helpful. She informed the meeting that all District Councillors do work very hard to help the general public. She then pointed out that Wessex Water is the local water authority and Bristol C.C. and the Port of Bristol Authority have withdrawn their objections to the screening of effluent which is discharged into the Channel. Outfalls are planned to be longer and will extend further into the Channel and, consequently, it is hoped that beaches will be cleaner in the future as the finer screening of pollutants will be more effective. There is nothing further to report on the Severn Barrage at present, but W.D.C. will be keeping an eye on this matter.

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

5. Mr.G.Rowles informed the meeting that he would give the report on behalf of the Parochial Church Council as Rev. Smart had sent his apologies. He thanked Mr.G. Russell who had been a Church Warden for 30 years for his services to St.Paul's Church.

He thanked the parish council for the £50 donation, and also for their efforts to get the enhancement grant of 70% from W.D.C. to tarmac the Church path. He mentioned that some of the attendances at services are quite good, but some are poor. He stressed that the Church is a focal point in the village, and we should do everything to support it. Rev Smart and Father Keith look after the 5 Churches in the district. The Sunday School is very active at St.Paul's. The Rogation Service was well attended, and is proving a popular event. The Church clock has now been repaired. However, a new notice board is urgently required. It will be necessary to remove some of the pews by the font and the P. C.C. have agreed to this. The next project will be the provision of a toilet in the Church. The stained glass in the Vestry window on the west wall needs to be taken out and the Church requires a complete refurbishing; the walls are suspect and this will involve more expense. The tiles on the Church roof and the gutters require attention and will be inspected by a builder shortly.

The Friends of St.Pauls organised by Miss Goulden is very active and has a long association with the Church. The Flower Festival this year will celebrate 150 years of the life of St.Paul's Church - from 1838 to 1988, and will be held on the 27th, 28th and 29th August. Everyone is invited to attend and help celebrate this special function. In connection with the Twin Aid project, the Rector and Members of the P.C.C. thought that the Church is too small to participate in any charities other than those to which it is committed. The Chairman thanked Mr.Rowles for his report.

6. Mrs Charlesworth began her talk by telling us that the W.I. celebrates its 58th birthday this year and they now have a membership of 45. The speakers' subjects have ranged from embroidery and silk dying and weaving to a Naturepath and a veterinary surgeon. They again entertained 30 old people from Bristol to tea, followed by Bingo, an afternoon enjoyed by the visitors and the Institute. The highlight of their year was when Walton-in-Gordano Women's Institute was hostess to over 100 guests and fellow members of the Yeo Valley Group in November - hard work for them but a most enjoyable evening with refreshments and entertainment, making the evening a great success. Our outing this year was to Wolvesnewton Farm Museum - a very interesting place to visit. Their charity during the year was the NSPCC and 5 members attended a Christmas Sale at Badminton House in aid of the Society in November. The charity this year will be for the mentally handicapped Portishead Group. They have recently started a Somerset Patchwork class, and the Produce Show last September was again well supported and an excellent show case for the skills and abilities of their members. Mrs.Charlesworth said they look forward to the next year - one nearer their 60th birthday with happy anticipation.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to Mrs Charlesworth for her interesting talk.

7. The report for the Village Hall Committee was given by Mr.W.Charlesworth who informed the meeting that this Committee has continued to meet regularly throughout the last 12 months. The main renovation work has now been finished but there are still some final things needing attention. The rendering of the toilet block and some guttering have to be done; also essential electrical work. Sir William Miles has kindly agreed to lend equipment from the estate office to help in this matter. The finances are in a satisfactory state thanks to hard work by a number of people in organising various event The Festival was again a success last year, both financially and socially. Hall bookings are well up on last year and the Hall is regularly used three evenings a week. The A.G.M. in March was well attended and a new committee has been formed. We now have a Hall in very good condition and with excellent amenities and I am sure you will agree that it is a considerable asset to the village.

*During this time we were sorry to lose Mr. MacIver who did so much to help us through a very difficult time.

Mr.Charlesworth was thanked for his informative report by the Chairman.

8. Any other necessary business.

- (i) Action-aid Mrs Ann Laws had given a talk and shown slides of the work done by this organisation at our previous meeting on the 18th April, and this had proved a success. 12 adults, 3 children, 3 councillors and the Clerk had been present. The Chairman pointed out that Mrs Laws would be contacting him about the best scheme for our parish to adopt. It was unanimously agreed to participate in such a project, and the parish council will take the necessary steps to put this work in hand.
- (ii) Best Kept Village competition It was agreed to enter this competition again, and the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements. Thanks were expressed to Sheri Russell and Emma Tucker for their help in arranging for the posters to be painted and displayed.
- (iii) Village Orderly After discussion, it was agreed to advertise for this post in the village newsletter.
- (iv) It was pointed out that only 50% grant would be available for the planting of a second shelter belt, and it was, therefore, decided to leave this matter for the time being.
- (v) A complaint was received that the stream in Moor Lane is becoming narrower, and will be flooded if the banks are not cleared. It was agreed to contact Avon C.C. and to stress that this work is urgent.
- (vi) The Clerk was again asked to contact Wessex Water Authority regarding the level of the water table in the village.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m. after which refreshments were served.

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3rd April 1989.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 16th MAY 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

469. 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.
470. Election of Vice-Chairman Mr. R.J.Baldwin proposed that Mrs B.M.Adkins be elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year, and this was seconded by Mr.B.R. Cannell.
471. Appointment of Committees
- (a) Village Hall Steering Committee It was agreed that Mrs B.M.Adkins and Mrs M.A.Charlesworth be elected to act as our representatives on this Committee
- (b) A.L.C.A. It was agreed that Mrs.B.M.Adkins and R.J.Baldwin represent the parish council at the A.L.C.A. meetings.
472. Annual Subscriptions It was unanimously agreed to pay the annual subscription to the Avon Community Council of £6.00., and also the necessary sum to A.L.C.A. to be confirmed in July.
- It was also decided that £25 be sent to the Avon Wildlife Trust, as previously agreed, and £30 to the Citizen's Advice Bureau.
473. The Minutes of the parish meeting held on the 18th April 1988 were approved and signed.
474. 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% and the hire of her typewriter be increased to £5 per quarter. All the other payments to remain the same. Consequently, her salary will now be £181.70 per annum, and the office room will be £60.56 per annum. This proposal was agreed nem con.
- The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanked Members.
475. Village Newsletter The Chairman asked Members whether it was worthwhile to continue publishing this newsletter as he felt it had not improved the attendance by villagers at our meetings or at any functions held in the village. It also involved a lot of work delivering to every house in the parish. After discussion, it was decided that we continue publishing this newsletter but, that house-to-house delivery be stopped, and copies be left in the Post Office and at Walton Bay caravan shop for collection by parishioners. This new procedure will be mentioned in the June edition of the newsletter.
476. Planning Members discussed the two applications received this month and raised no objections to Plan 1234/88 by Mr and Mrs Murphy for an extension to provide 2 bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom at 'Breezeland', Walton Bay.
- However, Members raised objections to Plan 0762/88 for an additional bungalow at Highcliffe, Coast Road, Walton-in-Gordano, as it was felt this proposal would not be in keeping with the green belt policy in this area and would set a precedent. Members were not in agreement with what would be 'tandem' development and supported the neighbour's concern at this proposal. The Clerk would notify the Planning Department accordingly.

477. Clerk's Report

- (i) Grant to P.C.C. A cheque for £323 made out to the Clerk was received from W.D.C. for the work of re-surfacing the footpath by St. Paul's Church. On the instructions of W.D.C., the cheque was paid into our account at the Bank and Rev Smart was informed of this action. It was now agreed that a cheque for this amount be signed at this meeting and forwarded to Rev Smart.
- (ii) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk had notified Mr. Gunnery that our village had agreed to enter this competition this year, and the forms will be sent immediately after this meeting. It was agreed that the Sunday School and the Youth Club in the village be asked to participate in painting posters for this event and these will be displayed in time for the judging which will commence on the 11th June.
- It was agreed that the Clerk contact W.D.C. again to have a skip sited in Moor Lane from the 3rd - 5th June for the use of parishioners.
- (iii) Enhancement schemes in Conservation areas A letter has been received from W.D.C. inviting parishes to submit proposals for enhancement schemes within the conservation areas. The Clerk suggested that we could apply for two notice boards to be erected, one at the present site and the other by Walton Bay caravan shop, and Members agreed that we submit our proposal to the Conservation Officer for consideration. On receipt of this acceptance, the Clerk would make enquiries regarding cost.
- (iv) Audit of Accounts. The Clerk had received confirmation by the Auditors that our parish is again qualified for a triennial audit this year and, consequently, the necessary bank statements and a certified summary of our accounts up to the 31st March 1988 will be forwarded to them.
- (v) Works of maintenance in the village The Clerk was notified that Mr. Davey of Avon C.C. had given the order to clear the pavements of grit as soon as possible. He will be looking into the delay in repairing the trench in Moor Lane as this order was given some time ago.
- (vi) Railings by golf course This matter is still being negotiated, and it is hoped that the Clerk will have more information at our next meeting.
- (vii) Cornhill Insurance PLC The Clerk was notified by letter that our annual insurance premium has been increased to £30 for year ending 1st June 1989. It was agreed that a cheque for this amount be signed.

478. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was received that the conifers at 'Myrtle Cottage' were overhanging the pavement and causing inconvenience to pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles for his views.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles regarding asking Mrs Reed of Avon C.C. whether ACCES would be prepared to replace the broken posts on the stile through 'Hackswood House' and to erect steps by the stile behind Plum Tree Cottage, half-way across the field.
- (iii) It was decided to ask our representatives on the Hall Committee to make enquiries regarding holding events, i.e. a bonfire, to maintain our rights to Walton Common, which would be sponsored by the parish council.
- (iv) The Chairman suggested that various functions could be arranged for the Twin Aid scheme which would benefit a specific village in a third world country.
- (v) A complaint had been received that the coastal path was becoming very overgrown. The Chairman confirmed that work will start that week in cutting the brambles etc.
- (vi) Another complaint was received that some of the litter bins along the Coast Road had been vandalised and that rubbish was left lying around. The Clerk was asked to contact W.D.C.

478. Councillors' Reports (contd)

- (vii) The Clerk was asked to make arrangements with Avon C.C. to clear the weeds and brambles by the stream in Moor Lane.
- (viii) Mr and Mrs Ross from the Walton Bay caravan park had made arrangements with the Chairman to meet our Members before our meeting to put forward a proposition regarding the reinstatement of the coastal path due to a landslip some 18 months ago. In order that work may commence quickly on this stretch of footpath which will enable holiday-makers to enjoy the former walk, they agreed to pay the sum of £300 to St. Paul's Church which Mr. Rowles had suggested would be done if Avon C.C. had agreed to his proposal.

Mrs Ross will then organise a petition for anyone to contribute towards this work and will recoup her original offer. Members felt this was a generous gesture by Mr. and Mrs Ross and thanked them for their suggestion. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Rowles with this suggestion, and asking for his views.

479. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon Community Council had sent some literature for our information, together with a copy of 'Field Fare', which had been circulated to Members.
- (ii) A letter had been received from W.D.C. regarding replacement windows in Georgian buildings, which was noted.
- (iii) A copy of 'Avon Seen 1988' was received from Avon C.C. which was also circulated to Members.
- (iv) A letter had been received from the Woodspring Association for the Blind asking for a donation or voluntary help. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Jones for his approval to have a collection box in the Post Office shop for this worthwhile cause, and to inform the Association accordingly.

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

Parochial Church Council	£323.00
Cornhill Insurance PLC	30.00
Avon Wildlife Trust	25.00
Citizen's Advice Bureau	30.00
Avon Community Council	6.00

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

R. J. B. B. B.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 6th JUNE 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr.B.R.Cannell and Police Sgt. S.Molloy.

481. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
482. Planning There were no plans for consideration this month. Mrs McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that at the North Area Planning meeting of W.D.C. permission was refused for Plan No. 0762/88 as the proposed development was in the green belt.
483. Clerk's Report
- (i) Best Kept Village competition. The completed form and the plan were sent to the organisers of this competition. The Clerk contacted Sheri Russell and Emma Tucker about the painting of posters by children which will be displayed in the village. Woodspring D.C. has agreed to site a skip ^{at no charge} in Moor Lane during the weekend, 3rd/5th June, for the use by villagers. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Technical Services thanking them for their generous gesture.
 - (ii) Landslip - Coastal Path, Walton Bay The Clerk had sent a letter to Mr. G.Rowles as suggested at our last meeting, and his reply was discussed at this meeting. The offer of £300 was declined by Mr.Rowles, and, after discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk send a reply stating our disappointment at his decision and pointing out that the parish council has always supported him in his negotiations with Avon C.C. to have this section of the path re-instated for the use of the public.
 - (iii) Stiles by footpath to Walton Common As instructed, the Clerk had contacted Sir William Miles for permission for work to be carried out on these 2 stiles by ACCES, if possible. Consequently, the Clerk telephoned Mrs Reed confirming that consent had been given by the landlord. She asked for a sketch plan to be sent to her, showing the stiles in question, for her consideration.
 - (iv) Conifers by 'Myrtle Cottage' The Clerk had telephoned Sir William Miles explaining that the overhanging trees were causing a problem to pedestrians, and was informed to contact the owner of this property, who agreed to carry out this work.
 - (v) Railings by golf course Mr Blissett had now seen the documents held by Sir William Miles regarding the maintenance of these railings, and informed the Clerk that his department would now be putting the work in hand. This matter will be kept under review.
 - (vi) Woodspring Association for the Blind Vide Minute 479 (iv), it was decided that no action be taken as there is at present a collection box for the National Society for the Blind in the Post Office stores.
 - (vii) ALCA Meeting at Bleadon It was agreed that we attend this meeting on Wednesday, 22nd June. A report will be given at our next meeting on the items discussed.
 - (viii) Flower Festival - St Paul's Church It was agreed that Mesdames B.Adkins, A Charlesworth and the Clerk participate in this Festival on behalf of the parish council.
 - (ix) Works of maintenance The Clerk had been assured by Mr.Blissett that work will be put in hand shortly to clear the weeds along the stream in Moor Lane, and also to rectify the sunken trench in Moor Lane.

484. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Clerk was asked to contact Miss Thompson of Avon C.C. with regard to a 'follow-up' visit to inspect the shelter belt in the village. The Clerk was informed that, after the first inspection, Avon C.C. do not usually make further visits. However, it was decided that we ask the County Council to inspect the site and let us know the condition of the trees and hedges.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to enquire from the Treasurer's department of W.D.C. about the possible use of the 'free 2p' towards a second shelter belt in the village. It was explained that this concession is only for authority under Section 137 of the L.G. Act 1972, and does not allow any monetary help.
- (iii) A complaint was received about excessive noise created by motor-cyclists riding in the grounds of Hackswood House on Sunday afternoons. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police in the first instance for their advice.
- (iv) A letter had been received from Rev Smart in reply to a complaint made by a member of the P.C.C. about the donation made by the parish council. It was agreed that no further action be taken.
- (v) It was suggested that parishioners be asked in the newsletter whether they would like a second shelter belt in the village.

485. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) An acknowledgement of our donation to the Avon Wildlife Trust was received.
- (ii) An invitation was received from the Avon Wildlife Trust to attend a meeting on 'The Future for Wildlife' to be held at the Somerset Hall on the 21st June. It was agreed that Mrs A Charlesworth and Mr.S.Russell attend on our behalf.
- (iii) A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Local Councils (Airport) Committee on Lulsgate Airport. This matter would be discussed at the ALCA Meeting on the 22nd June.
- (iv) A letter from W.D.C. on Civil Defence in Woodspring was received and noted.
- (v) The County of Avon had sent posters about the civic amenity sites in the area, and these have been displayed in the notice board and in the shop.
- (vi) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated.

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

Mrs D McLaughlin	£94.12	- salary and expenses - details of which were circulated to Members.
Petty Cash	£20.00	

R J Balder

W McLaughlin

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 4th JULY 1988 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.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M.A.Charlesworth and B.R.Cannell.

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

488. Planning Three planning applications were considered by Members. They are as follows:

Plan 1682/88 - Development of site by the erection of one dwellinghouse on land adjoining The Old Post Office, Walton-in-Gordano. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that, as the site is within the green belt and also in the conservation area, and adhering to the W.D.C. policy in this respect, the application be refused. Members also pointed out that the proposed dwellinghouse will be adjacent to two listed buildings.

Plan No. 1881/88 - Proposed relocation of existing vehicular access serving property at Chelwood Gate, Walton Down, Walton-in-Gordano. No objections were raised to this proposal.

Plan No. 1958/88 - Change from agricultural to extension of existing golf club. Members decided, after discussion, that as this is high grade land, they would not like to have it changed.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Department of W.D.C. accordingly.

489. Clerk's Report

- (i) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk had not heard from the organisers of this event, and it is therefore presumed that we have not been successful this year.
- (ii) Stiles by Walton Common The Clerk had sent a letter, together with a site plan to Mrs.Reed. She had also informed Mr.C.Dunn of the present position.
- (iii) Shelter Belt The Clerk had been in touch with Miss Thompson regarding a visit by her to assess the condition of this shelter belt. She confirmed that she would be viewing this site shortly, and would notify us of the outcome.
- (iv) Noise in Hackswood House It was agreed that a letter be sent to the new occupiers of this property, pointing out the distress being caused to local residents by the noise from motor-cyclists on Sunday afternoons. Sgt Molloy confirmed that this was the best policy in the first instance.
- (v) 'Moorside' - effluent in stream The Environmental Health Department had been in touch with the Clerk to explain the present position with regard to this problem. Evidently, effluent has been found in the stream and the owner of this property has been informed of the work to be done to rectify this fault. The matter is now being investigated by the Technical Services Dept of W.D.C. who will notify us of the result.
- (vi) Works of maintenance As instructed, the Clerk telephoned Mr.Blissett to enquire whether it would be possible for someone locally to carry out the work of cutting the banks and clearing the stream in the village. She was informed that he was agreeable to this suggestion. After discussing this matter, it was decided that Mr.B.Tucker be contacted for his views. In the meantime, Avon C.C. (Highways Dept) would replace the broken signs by the black ditch.

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489. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vii) ALCA Meeting, Bleadon The following subjects were raised and discussed at the meeting held on the 22nd June: Community Charge; planning control over agricultural buildings; Police Liaison Committee; Transport Consultative Committee; Accident Prevention and Bristol Airport. Lengthy discussion took place in connection with the extension of the Bristol Airport, and the document 'The Way Ahead' was circulated to all parishes for their views. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Bennett, the Chairman of the Local Councils (Airport) Committee, advising him of our support in his endeavours to oppose the proposed plan by Bristol Airport.

490. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Avon C.C. regarding Civil Defence. Evidently Avon C.C. now wish to continue with the courses on civil defence started by Mr. Kelly of W.D.C. It was felt that this item should be mentioned in the August newsletter, asking if anyone is interested in acting as Community Advisers.
- (ii) It was decided to leave the decision for a proposed second shelter belt for the time being. Members suggested that this proposal could be discussed again in January when our precept is levied.
- (iii) The District Councillor informed the meeting that, unfortunately, W.D.C. had not agreed to give us a grant towards the cost of erecting new notice boards in the village. This was due to their policy concerning new town and parish notice boards.
- (iv) The District Councillor informed the meeting that concern was expressed at the last Planning Committee meeting of the continued closure of the coastal path at Walton Bay. W.D.C. were contacting Avon C.C. for their views.

491. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Local Council Review was circulated to Members.
- (ii) Copies of the new Handy Guides were received from W.D.C. Members were given a copy, and some were displayed in the Cross Tree stores for the general public.
- (iii) A report from WoodProc was received in connection with Lulsgate Airport.

492. Finance. Two cheques were passed for payment.

Village Hall Committee	£18.00	(hire of hall for 6 months - July/ December 1988)
A.L.C.A.	£21.59	(Annual subscriptions, plus notices)

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

L J Holden

W M Langford

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER 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 and S.G.Russell, together with the Clerk.

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

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

494. Planning There were two planning applications for this month. Plan 2655/88 - Outline consent for a replacement dwelling at 'Cosy Corner', Walton Bay Caravan Park and Plan LB2640/88 - renovations to The Folly at The Manor House, Walton-in-Gordano were discussed and the Clerk was asked to inform the Planning Department that no objections were raised to their approval.

The meeting was informed that Plan 1958/88 for the change from agricultural land to the extension of the existing golf club was deferred by the North Area Planning Committee of W.D.C. until further details are to hand.

495. Clerk's Report

- (i) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk informed the meeting that we had not been successful this year, but that we were in the 70% - 80% category of the competition.
- (ii) Coastal Path It was pointed out that negotiations in this connection had still not been decided. A letter had been received from the Gordano Footpath Group. After discussing the contents of this letter, the Clerk was asked to write to this organisation stating that the parish council had taken all necessary steps to re-open this section of the Path, and they did not agree with the statement that 'there may be a low priority given to negotiations between the parties concerned'. The matter would be kept under review.
- (iii) 'Moorisde' - Effluent in stream A letter had been received from the Environmental Health Department confirming the action taken by the Technical Services of W.D.C. in this matter.
- (iv) Grant by W.D.C. for notice boards The Clerk pointed out an item regarding this matter in the Report of the Planning and Conservation Committee of W.D.C. It was decided to take no further action at present.
- (v) ALCA Meeting at Portbury It was decided to attend the A.G.M. on the 14th September. Items on the agenda were Bristol Airport; Planning - greater degree of planning control over agricultural buildings; the election of officers and the Concessionary Fares Scheme for Woodspring. A report will be given at our next meeting on the various items discussed.
- (vi) Donation from W.D.C. via Trusthouse Forte The District Councillor had advised the Chairman that a sum of £100 had been allocated to our parish council by W.D.C. who had received a donation from Trusthouse Forte for distribution to parishes in the area. The cheque had been received and had been paid into our deposit account at the Bank.
- (vii) Avon Wildlife Trust A letter had been received from this organisation regarding the appointment of a Greater Gordano Countryside and Wildlife Officer. A request for a donation towards the funding of this post would be appreciated. It was agreed that more information be sought at the meeting of the Trust on the 26th September before a final decision is made.
- (viii) Clearing of the streams in the Village Mr.B.Tucker had cleared the upper stream by his house. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Blissett who informed her that the order had been given for the stream in Moor Lane to be cleared, and also the weeds by the black ditch. Complaints were received that the ditches in Moor Lane were filled with rubbish and, although the verges had been cut, the grass and weeds were left by the roadside. In this instance, the Clerk was asked to write to Mr.J.Allcock, our County Councillor, to ask for his help and advice.

496. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received Mr. B. Cannell's letter of resignation with regret. The parish council would now have to co-opt a new councillor, and a notice to this effect will be displayed in the village.
- (ii) A suggestion was made that a sign showing the way to St Paul's Church be erected in the village, as visitors to the Flower Festival had experienced difficulty in finding the way. The Clerk was asked to write to the P.C.C.
- (iii) Mr. M. Ross had informed the Clerk that the complaint about a smell by Walton Bay Caravan Park had been investigated, and the problem had been solved.
- (iv) The Clerk had asked Mr. Blissett for his views about the use of a new access from Walton Street to Cross Tree Farm, and was informed that W.D.C. should be approached in this case. After discussion, it was decided that the Chairman contact Sgt S Molloy for his views, prior to further action.
- (v) A complaint was received that building works were being carried out at the Stable House. The Clerk contacted the Planning Dept, and an officer had inspected the site. The Clerk was assured that only minor works were being carried out to the roof of the lean-to and the wall at the back of the property, and no planning permission is required in this instance.
- (vi) A letter had been received from Weston-in-Gordano about the proposed new tip at Black Rock Quarry. It was decided to support Weston-in-Gordano parish council in their opposition to the increase of traffic through the narrow roads in the vicinity, and to write to the County Planning Officer accordingly.
- (vii) The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received further information from Mrs A Laws regarding Action Aid. It was agreed that Mrs. Charlesworth ask for the possible support of the W.I. at their A.G.M. in November towards this scheme.
- (viii) A complaint was received that a group of 'walkers' had caused damage to Mr. Dunn's field. The Clerk had contacted Mr. J. Dyer of the Gordano Footpath Group who informed her that he had no knowledge of who these walkers were, but would make enquiries on our behalf.

497. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) An invitation had been received from W.D.C. for the Chairman's Dinner and Charity Ball to be held on the 7th October. No councillor wished to attend.
- (ii) A letter had been received from W.D.C. regarding children's recreation areas and play equipment.
- (iii) A copy of Field Fare and literature was received from Avon Community Council, and were circulated to Members.
- (iv) Avon C.C. had sent a letter and a notice regarding the Structure Plan.
- (v) A letter from the Conservation Officer of W.D.C. was received regarding tree planting and tree surgery grants. It was agreed that the Clerk reply stating out interest in this scheme.
- (vi) A copy of the Annual Report 1987/88 was received from the Avon Community Council.
- (vii) A copy of 'Who Does What' was received from Avon C.C. for our information.
- (viii) It was agreed that no action be taken with regard to the letter from W.D.C. concerning Souty West Provincial Council Training Courses.
- (ix) It was agreed that no action be taken regarding the letter from Conservation Training for 'Possible Project work in your Parish'.

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

Mrs D. McLaughlin	£99.22 (salary etc for September quarter - details were circulated to Members).
S.W.E.B.	£ 7.95 (street lighting).

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

C J Badden - D McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1988 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 S.G.Russell and Police Sgt. S.Molloy.

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

500. Co-opting of new Councillor. After advertising the casual vacancy for the necessary period, Mr. John I. Long of Hill Cottage, Walton-in-Gordano had declared his interest in standing as a parish councillor. It was agreed nem con that Mr. J.Long be co-opted, and the appropriate form was signed.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. B.Cannell for his work as a councillor.

501. Planning The District Councillor informed the meeting that the plan for the change of use from agricultural land at the golf club had been approved by the Planning Committee at their recent meeting, though certain conditions were imposed. These were that Woodspring D.C. must have a sight of the detailed plan and that the woods should be left as at present. The plan for the new dwelling proposed to be erected at the back of The Old Post Office had been refused.

The Clerk had received a 'Consent to Fell' application regarding certain trees at The Manor House, and this document was noted.

502. Clerk's Report

- (i) Coastal Path A reply to our letter had been received from The Gordano Footpaths Group pointing out the reason they felt Avon C.C. was giving a low priority to the negotiations regarding the closed section of this path; Members accepted these facts. However, a complaint was made that there are further dangerous sections along this path, and the Chairman informed the meeting that he would contact Avon C.C. in this respect.
- (ii) Walkers on Mr.Dunn's fields. Mr. Dyer of the Gordano Footpaths Group informed the Clerk that he is still making enquiries about this complaint and will notify us when he has any facts.
- (iii) Grant for trees from W.D.C. The Clerk had contacted the officer concerned stating that we would like to be considered for some 'free trees', and was instructed to send a letter stating the exact location for the planting of these trees. He had also informed the Clerk that W.D.C. could possibly give a grant towards larger tree-planting schemes in the village if we applied in writing. After discussion, it was agreed that our District Councillor make enquiries on our behalf, and inform the Clerk of the position.
- (iv) St. Paul's Church - road sign. The Clerk had contacted Rev. J.Smart with this suggestion, and was informed this matter would be considered by the P.C.C. In the meantime, it was suggested that Mr.Blissett be asked his views in this respect.
- (v) The Annual Business Meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 30th November. The Chairman suggested that the report concerning Homes for Locals in Rural Avon be put on the agenda for discussion at this meeting; the Clerk would contact Mr.Horry.
- (vi) Street Cleaning. A letter had been received from W.D.C. with a schedule for street cleaning in the area. Unfortunately, Walton-in-Gordano had been omitted from the schedule. The Clerk contacted the Technical Services Dept who informed her that a revised schedule would be sent to parishes shortly, and that this service will be done on a 8-week cycle.

502. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vii) Works of maintenance As instructed, the Clerk had written to our County Councillor regarding the clearance of the stream in Moor Lane, and the untidy verges and ditches. She was informed by Mr. Allcock that he would contact Mr. Blissett. The stream, the ditches and verges have now been cleared and tidied. However, the trench in Moor Lane has still not been repaired, nor have the broken signs by the black ditch. Mr. Blissett would again be notified. The Clerk had telephoned W.D.C. regarding the damaged 'No Tipping' sign in Moor Lane, and was informed that this work would be put in hand shortly.
- (viii) Donation from Trusthouse Forte The Clerk asked for authority to write a letter of thanks to the Chairman of W.D.C. for his kind gesture in granting a sum of £100 to our parish from this gift.

503. Councillors' Reports

- (i) It was decided our apologies be sent to A.L.C.A. for their AGM at Clevedon on the 27th October.
- (ii) It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Chief Fire Officer of Avon C.C. asking for a mutually convenient date for a meeting with our Members to discuss Emergency Planning and Community Advisers.
- (iii) Complaints have been received that the two dogs at 'Rivendell', Moor Lane were causing a nuisance with excessive barking during the day when the occupants were out. The dogs had also run into neighbouring gardens causing inconvenience. After discussion, it was decided that a letter be sent to Mr. N. Wilyman informing him of the complaints, and hope that the problem can be solved amicably.
- (iv) A complaint was made that Avon Highways Dept did not leave any rock salt by Hill Cottage last winter, as had been done previously. Consequently several cars had slid along this stretch of road during last winter. The Clerk would contact Mr. Blissett.
- (v) S.W.E.B. had laid some cabling outside 'Taggart' in Walton Street and, unfortunately, the path had not been relaid after completion of this work. The Clerk would telephone S.W.E.B. in this connection.

504. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Local Council Review - Autumn 1988 - had been circulated to Members
- (ii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had also been circulated to Members.
- (iii) A copy of the Planning Reports and the Planning Index for September had been received from W.D.C.
- (iv) The Annual Report 1987/88 of the Avon Local Councils Association had been received for circulation.
- (v) The document 'Woodspring - The Future' had been sent by W.D.C. for our information.
- (vi) A letter and literature had been received from the Council for the Protection of Rural England.
- (vii) A letter regarding the Membership of Parish Councils had been received from W.D.C. This suggestion would be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting on the 30th November.
- (viii) It was agreed to take no action regarding the letter from Mencap.

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

R.J. Baldwin - £45.00 clearance of footpaths etc.
 Petty Cash - £20.00

The meeting closed at 8.40 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 NOVEMBER, 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, J.I.Long and S.G.Russell,
together with the Clerk.

Police Sgt S.Molloy also attended.

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

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

507. Community Adviser Programme The Chairman welcomed Mr.J.Purvis, Senior Emergency
Planning Officer and Mr. C.Jameson, Assistant Emergency Planning Officer from Avon C.C
who had kindly agreed to talk to our Members about the new arrangements regarding
civil defence in this area.

Mr.Purvis stated that they hoped to establish liaison with all parishes who had
shown interest in the Community Adviser programme started by Woodspring D.C.'s
officer, Mr.Kelly. In this instance, a register has been compiled and all up-to-
date reports prepared by the parishes have been sent to the Town Hall, Weston-super-
Mare. He explained the role of a Community Adviser, and it was agreed that Mr.
John Long be appointed as our contact in this instance. It was pointed out
that the C.B. equipment issued to parishes is owned by W.D.C. and does not come
within their jurisdiction. The main purposes of their programme are good communication
training programmes and training exercises.

Before leaving, Mr.Purvis and Mr.Jameson answered several questions by Members which
helped to clarify the present position. The Chairman thanked both these officers
for attending our meeting.

508. Planning There were no plans for consideration this month. However, we had received
a copy of an appeal by Mr.T.M.Hacker regarding the conversion of the redundant cow
byre to a dwelling and erection of garage and stables on land at Nortons Wood Lane.
After discussing this document, it was decided that no action be taken by our council.

509. Clerk's Report

(i) S.W.E.B. works at 'Taggart' The Clerk had contacted S.W.E.B. who had sent
a supervisor to inspect the site. He stated that the work had been completed
satisfactorily, and the pothole filled in. However, the Clerk had informed Mr.
Blissett that near-by residents were still not satisfied with the condition of
this footway, and was assured that Avon Highways department will look into this
complaint.

(ii) Shelter Belt The Clerk was informed that Miss Thompson had left Avon C.C. and
Mr.Rankin was now the officer in charge. He assured us that Avon C.C. are still
prepared to make a 50% grant towards such a project. However, Mrs. McEwen-Smith
had notified the Clerk that W.D.C. is prepared to grant us 75% of the cost of
this shelter belt. Consequently, the Clerk had contacted Mr.Phillips of W.D.C.
to arrange a site meeting with our Chairman. After this meeting, the Clerk was
asked to contact Mr.Goldstone for an estimate as soon as possible which would
be submitted to Mr.Phillips for action. Mr.Goldstone confirmed that he will
be prepared to supply the trees and to carry out the planting. In the meantime,
he would get in touch with Mr.C.Dunn for an inspection of the site.

The Clerk had informed Sir William Miles of our proposal, and was notified that
he had no objections, but would like the following points clarified - (a) the
responsibility for the upkeep of the trees etc. to be settled; (b) the right of
access to the site/to be agreed; and (c) to make sure that no right-of-way to
the site is established. Members agreed to these requests.

509. Clerk's Report (cont'd)

- (iii) Dogs at 'Rivendell' At the request of the owner of the dogs, the Clerk had sent him a copy of the minutes of our previous meeting. A letter from Mr. T. Adkins was read to the meeting, in which he stated that he did not wish to be associated with the original complaint. After discussion, it was agreed to take no further action in this matter.
- (iv) Business Meeting at the Town Hall The Clerk had informed Mr. Horry that our parish council would like the item on "Houses in Rural Areas" to be included on the agenda for this meeting. The Chairman will speak on our behalf.
- (v) Maintenance work in the village The Clerk was informed by Avon Highways that rock salt will be left by Hill Cottage; the trench in Moor Lane has been filled in; and W.D.C. had confirmed that the 'No Tipping' notice in Moor Lane had been rectified. However, it was pointed out that the latter work has still not been done, and the Clerk was instructed to take the necessary action. Mr. Blissett had informed the Clerk that road signs have to be ordered in batches, and the damaged sign by the black ditch will be erected when they are received. The weeds and brambles will also be cleared at the same time. The question of the sign pointing to The Church will be considered by Avon Highways; in this instance the Clerk will contact them again.
- (vi) The Common The Clerk had contacted Sir William Miles who stated that he was quite satisfied with the condition of The Common. He further stated that Avon Wildlife Trust is constantly in touch with him and will be keeping a watchful eye on the flora and fauna as well as on the site generally.
- (vii) Coastal Path No further information has been received regarding this matter. However, the Clerk had been informed that a Public Paths Creation Order is being considered by Avon C.C. in this instance; we will be notified of the outcome in due course.
- (viii) Numbering of Walton Street and the Coast Road The Clerk had been approached by W.D.C. regarding this matter. It was decided that this suggestion would not be practicable, but it was felt the idea could be mentioned in the newsletter for the views of local residents.

510. Councillors' Reports

- (i) It was pointed out that accounts for the village hall should be presented to the parish council according to an article in Field Fare. The Clerk was asked to telephone Mrs M. Charlesworth accordingly.
- (ii) It was decided that, as there had been very little support for the proposed Action Aid scheme, the Clerk write to Mrs Anne Laws explaining the position and sending our apologies.
- (iii) The Chairman informed the meeting that an article in the Western Daily Press suggested the introduction of a 30 m.p.h. restriction in all villages. After considering the idea, Police Sgt. S. Molloy stated that speed only is not responsible for accidents and explained that the 30 m.p.h. speed limit could not apply to our village.
- (iv) A suggestion was made that a mirror could be sited by Old Rectory Farm to help the traffic problem at this narrow section of road. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary enquiries.

511. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon Community Council had sent a copy of Field Fare and other literature for our information. These were circulated to Members.
- (ii) The Annual Report from W.D.C. was received and circulated.
- (iii) The Minutes of the Forum held on the 26th September by Avon Wildlife Trust was received.
- (iv) The Planning Reports and Index were received for our information.

512. Finance A cheque for £7.95 was passed for payment to S.W.E.B. for the street light.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

RJ Balder

D McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs B.M.Adkins and Police Sgt. S.Molloy.

513. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed after the words 'for that purpose' were inserted in (b) of Minute 509 (ii).
514. Members agreed to place on record that, due to illness, Mrs Adkins has been unable to attend the last two meetings. The Clerk was asked to send Mrs Adkins the best wishes for a speedy recovery from the parish council.
515. Planning There were no plans for consideration this month. The Clerk had been contacted by Mrs Mortlock regarding the procedure to be taken concerning alterations to "The Sanctuary", Walton Bay. Mrs Mortlock was advised to send in her application, together with a plan of the works intended to be carried out, to the Planning Dept of W.D.C.
516. Clerk's Report
- (i) Shelter Belt Mr.Goldstone had sent his estimate for the work on the second shelter belt, which amounted to £1,060. A copy of this estimate together with a letter requesting a grant was sent to Mr.Phillips at W.D.C., who then confirmed that this application will be placed before the appropriate committee that week. As soon as approval is given, the Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Goldstone informing him that he could commence the necessary work. In this connection, Members thanked Mrs McEwen-Smith for her efforts on our behalf which were much appreciated.
- The Clerk had also contacted Sir William Miles about the future maintenance of the fencing around this shelter belt, and was informed that the tenant farmer should be responsible for this work. Members agreed to this proposal. Sir William Miles did point out, however, that he would like to have this agreement in writing when all negotiations are completed, together with a plan of the trees to be planted. It was agreed that this be done.
- (ii) S.W.E.B. works at 'Taggart' Mr.Long pointed out that a pile of top soil has been dumped all over the footpath outside this dwelling by S.W.E.B. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Blissett in this connection.
- (iii) Naming of streets in village The Clerk explained to Members that W.D.C. had written asking whether the parish council would like street name-plates to be sited at 'Walton Street' and the 'Coast Road'. After discussion, it was decided to make enquiries about where the Coast Road actually begins and ends before making a final commitment, and for this matter to be further discussed at our next meeting.
- (iv) Highway mirror by Old Rectory Farm The Clerk had contacted the Avon Highways department about this suggestion, but had been informed that they did not approve of mirrors on highways or on grass verges as they create a danger hazard. However, if the applicant wanted to erect a mirror on private land, planning permission from W.D.C. is essential. The applicant has been notified of this condition.
- (v) Picnic area by Coastal Path Mr. C.Young had notified the Clerk that he would like to contact the appropriate department about the possibility of making this area a conservation site. The necessary information was given to Mr. Young. We await the outcome.

516. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vi) Railings by 'Springfield Cottage' ^{head} The Clerk had contacted Mr. Blissett about the condition of the railings by this dwelling, and was informed that an inspection would be made shortly. The Clerk was asked to notify Mr. Blissett that Mr. Long would be pleased to meet him on site to explain the position.
- (vii) Accounts regarding the Village Hall Vide Minute 510(i), it was agreed that these accounts will be available for inspection at our A.P.M.
- (viii) Sign - 'To the Church' Mrs. R. Rowles had notified the Clerk that the suggestion for such a sign to be erected was discussed at their P.C.C. meeting, and it was thought a good idea. Their members felt that a sign could be added, either to the original sign-post in Moor Lane, with the amount of yards before the words 'To The Church'; or alternatively, a sign could be erected on the pavement outside Mr. C. Dunn's farm opposite The Church. Members agreed to advise the P.C.C. to take the matter up with the Planning Department of W.D.C.

517. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was received that vehicles coming down the Coast Road were hitting the low wall opposite the Church, and knocking stones off this wall into the road, which cause a danger hazard. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Blissett regarding this complaint, and a suggestion was made that he could arrange to meet Mr. Long who would show him the damaged wall.
- (ii) A letter was received from Mr. T. Kelly stating that no further action will be taken regarding "The Return to Somerset" campaign.

518. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members.
- (ii) Avon C.C. had sent an advertisement regarding the South West Avon Green Belt Local Plan for our information.
- (iii) Two copies of the Register of Electors were received and displayed - one copy in the Post Office and the other in the Church porch for the information of parishioners. It was decided to mention this in the newsletter.
- (iv) A copy of the Local Government Boundary Commission - Report No. 568 - was received from Avon County Council.
- (v) A copy of the Planning Index and Planning Reports was received from W.D.C.
- (vi) A notice showing the amended dates for the Christmas and New Year refuse collections was received from W.D.C. and displayed on the notice board.

519. Finance A cheque for £108.05 was passed for payment to the Clerk in respect of her salary and expenses for the December quarter; details of which were circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 9th JANUARY 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs B.M.Adkins, Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith and Police Sgt. S.Molloy.

520. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed after "Springfield Cottage" was changed to "Springhead Cottage" in Minute 516 (vi).

521. The Chairman informed Members that Mrs.B.M.Adkins was absent due to illness.

522. Planning Plan No. 3770/88 - Extension to existing bedroom at 'The Sanctuary' Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr.J.R.Mortlock - was inspected by Members and the Clerk was asked to inform the Planning Department that we had no objections to the approval of this plan.

Members were also informed that an Appeal has been lodged by Mr.P.Pope of the Old Post Office, Walton-in-Gordano against the refusal of his proposed erection of a dwelling on land adjoining this property.

Mr.P.Miles had notified the Chairman that Avon C.C. has approved the felling of some trees in West Woods, Walton-in-Gordano, and that the work was being carried out under the auspicious of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.

A Consent to Fell was received from W.D.C. in connection with some trees at The Manor House. Mrs.Wills had indicated that she would be prepared to have a site meeting with Members of the parish council to discuss this matter, but it was unanimously agreed that such a meeting was not necessary; it was felt that the work would be carried out to the satisfaction of the District Council and of the Parish Council.

523. Precept for 1989/90 The Clerk had been notified by the Treasurer's department of W.D.C. that the penny rate for this year was £228. After discussion, it was RESOLVED: THAT the parish council ask for £1,400 which would raise a 5.3p rate. The Clerk would notify W.D.C. accordingly.

524. Clerk's Report

- (i) Citizen's Advice Bureau The Clerk had received a letter from this organisation asking for a donation. It was agreed that a donation of £30 be made.
- (ii) St.Paul's Churchyard A letter was received from the P.C.C. asking for an increase in our donation this year. It was suggested that the parish council may have a statutory obligation to maintain this Churchyard, and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary enquiries. In the meantime, it was decided that we increase our donation to £55 this year.
- (iii) Transfer of Sgt S.Molloy A letter was received from Police Sgt. Molloy informing us that he had been promoted and was being transferred to Weston-super-Mare. His successor is Sgt. Brian Book. The Clerk was asked to write to Sgt.Molloy thanking him for his help and advice over the years and sending him our best wishes for his future.
- (iv) Coastal Path Mrs Reed from Avon C.C. had written to inform us that it was proposed to make a Public Path Creation Order in respect of the missing section of the coastal footpath. It was suggested that a letter be sent to her stating our appreciation of her efforts to finalise this problem satisfactorily.
- (v) Naming of streets After advertising and making enquiries, it has not been possible to solve this query. The Clerk was, therefore, asked to notify W.D.C. that the parish council is not considering taking any further action in this matter.

524. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vi) Works of maintenance The Clerk was notified that an official from Avon CC had not as yet contacted Mr.Long for a site visit to inspect the railings by 'Springhead Cottage' and the wall by the stream opposite The Church. The Clerk would contact Mr.Blissett again.

525. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was made that heavy lorries are still using the Coast Road and it was decided that when Mr.Long informs the Clerk of the name of the firm using these vehicles, she contacts the firm.
- (ii) It was pointed out that some car wheels have been tipped into the black ditch in Moor Lane. The Clerk would contact W.D.C.

526. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Avon C.C. had sent a Notice of Adoption of the Local Plan which had also been advertised in the local Press. This was noted.
- (ii) A report of the Severnside Radiology (Surveys) was received and noted.

527. Finance Two cheques were passed for payment:

Village Hall Steering Committee £18.00 - hire of hall for meetings
from January/June 1989.

Petty Cash £20.00

R J Ball

D W Long

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VVILLAGE HALL,
WALTON -IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

The Chairman welcomed Mr.T.Robinson who is the Acting Reserve Warden at the Nature Conservancy Council.

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

529 Planning. There were no plans for consideration this month. Mrs.McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that the Appeal by Mr. Pope against the refusal by W.D.C. of his proposed erection of a dwellinghouse at the Old Post Office, Walton-in-Gordano, will be heard in about three months' time.

The Consent to Fell the Lime Tree at The Manor House was discussed by Members; it was agreed to raise no objections in this matter.

530. Clerk's Report

- (i) Precept The necessary form has been completed and returned to W.D.C. requesting £1,400 as our precept for 1989/90.
- (ii) Maintenance of Churchyard Vidé Minute 524 (ii), the Clerk had made the necessary enquiries and was informed that the parish council has no statutory obligation to maintain this Churchyard. A letter has been sent to the P.C.C. stating that a cheque for £55 will be forwarded to them when our precept is to hand.
- (iii) Shelter Belt The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Goldstone asking when the planting of this shelter belt will be started, as the tenant was becoming concerned. She had been informed that the planting had commenced the week before, and Mr.Goldstone would inform her when the work was completed.
- (iv) Coastal Path Notification has been received from Avon C.C. that a Public Path Creation Order in respect of this section of the Path has now been made, and a copy of this Order was sent to us. A copy of a Press article concerning this matter was shown to Members who agreed to keep this matter under review.
- (v) Works of maintenance. It was confirmed that the car wheels in the ditch in Moor Lane had been removed by W.D.C.
Mr.Long informed Members that a site meeting had been held with Mr.Blissett of Avon Highways, who informed him that the wall by the stream in Walton Street would be repaired, and that 3 reflector lights will be erected along this stretch of the road. Mr.Blissett also stated that a new footpath will be formed from "Springhead Cottage" to "Taggart", and kerb stones will be placed along it.
Mr.Blissett had inspected the railings by the golf course and "Springhead Cottage", and informed Mr.Long that work on these railings will cost approximately £10,000. However, Sir William Miles has indicated that, if we have not heard from Avon C.C. by Easter, he will take the matter up further.
- (vi) Annual Audit The Clerk asked the council to authorise an audit to be held this year as the arrangements to have a triennial audit expires this year. Members agreed to this request.
- (vii) Naming of streets. The Clerk had informed W.D.C. that no further action is necessary regarding this matter.

531. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The meeting was informed that there was no further complaints about lorries using the Coast Road.
- (ii) A complaint was made about the footpath leading to The Common which was very overgrown with brambles, and it was decided to look into the matter.
- (iii) The Clerk had been asked to contact Avon Highways urgently about a large and dangerous pot-hole by the Cross Tree and this has been done.
- (iv) The Chairman asked our District Councillor for her views about the lack of street-cleaning in the village. This matter had been raised some time ago at our ALCA meeting, and W.D.C. was proposing new schedules for street-cleaning in the parishes. However, as no action has been taken as yet in this respect, Mrs McEwen-Smith agreed to contact W.D.C. on our behalf.

532. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter from Avon C.C. regarding Mineral Working in the Avon Local Plan was noted.
- (ii) The Annual Report and Accounts for 1987/88 was received from the National Association of Local Councils, and was circulated to Members.
- (iii) ALCA had sent literature on various subjects which were shown to Members. A copy of Field Fare was circulated to Members.
- (iv) A copy of the Rural Health Project by Avon Community Council was received and noted.
- (v) A letter from The House of Commons (Joyce Quin M.P) was received regarding Public Safety Information Bill, and noted.
- (vi) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members.

533. Finance. A cheque for £7.95 was passed for payment in connection with street lighting to S.W.E.B.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

RJ Balder
Wm Loughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 6th MARCH 1989 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.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs.J.I.Long and S.G.Russell.

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

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

536. Dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting. It was RESOLVED: THAT our A.P.M. be held at 8.00 p.m. after our normal parish meeting on Monday, 3rd April 1989. It was agreed that representatives from the Parochial Church Council, the Women's Institute, and the Village Hall Committee be invited to attend this meeting and report on their activities during the past year. It was also decided to invite our District Councillor to attend, if possible.

The date for our A.G.M. would be Monday, the 8th May 1989 at 7.30 p.m. The Clerk would notify the Press of these dates for publication.

537. Clerk's Report

- (i) Register of Electors The final draft of the Register of Electors has now been displayed in the Post Office and in the Church porch.
- (ii) Pot-hole by Cross Tree It was pointed out that this pot-hole has now been repaired, and the Clerk was informed that Avon Highways are proposing to tarmac the entire length of Walton Street in due course.
- (iii) Shelter Belt Mr.Goldstone notified the Clerk that work on this project has been completed, and he would be sending his invoice shortly. Members instructed the Clerk to forward this invoice immediately it is received to W.D.C. in order to qualify for our grant.

Members expressed their appreciation at the excellent work done by Mr. Goldstone. In his report Mr.Goldstone wished to record his thanks to Mr. J.Flower for his help in preparing the site for planting, and the Clerk was asked to write a letter to Mr.Flower thanking him on behalf of the parish council for his co-operation.

Mr.Goldstone also informed the Clerk that some of the trees along the first shelter belt had died, and the entire site needed weeding. He was prepared to do this work at a total cost of £45. After discussion, it was agreed to consider this matter fully at our next meeting.

- (iv) Audit The Clerk informed the meeting that it would be necessary to have an audit this year of the parish council's accounts for 1987, 1988 and 1989. However, no notification has yet been received of the date for an audit.
- (v) ALCA Meeting It was decided that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting at Nailsea on Wednesday, 15th March and report on the items discussed at our next meeting.

538. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mrs Charlesworth informed the meeting that the A.G.M. for the Village Hall was held on the 10th February. A copy of the accounts was presented to the parish council for information. It was decided to nominate two representatives on the Village Hall Committee at our A.G.M. on the 8th May.

538. Councillors' Reports (contd)

- (ii) A letter regarding the coastal path was received from Mr.G.Rowles, which was shown to Members. After discussion, it was agreed to reply to Mr.Rowles stating that, we feel it is a private matter between his Company and Avon C.C. Our only goal is to ensure that this path will be re-opened as soon as possible. In this connection, the Clerk was asked to telephone Mrs Reed at Avon C.C. for her views on the present position.
- (iii) The Chairman pointed out that Mr.P.Miles had offered to clear the fallen tree which blocked the footpath by 'Hackswood House'. Members expressed their appreciation.

539. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- A copy of the document "Woodspring - The Future" had been received and was
- (i) A copy of the document "Woodspring - The Future" had been received from W.D.C. and was circulated to Members.
- (ii) A letter from W.D.C. regarding street lighting repairs was noted.
- (iii) A copy of the Local Government Boundary Commission's Draft Modifications was received, and noted.
- (iv) Avon C.C. had sent a copy of the South West Avon Green Belt Local Plan which was noted.
- (v) Avon Wildlife Trust had written regarding a project called "Croakline", together with an article for inclusion in our newsletter.

540. Finance A cheque for £98.65 was made payable to the Clerk for her salary and expenses for the March quarter - details of which were circulated to Members.

R J Ballard

D M Langley

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.