

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 3rd APRIL 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

542. Planning Members discussed Plan 0698/89 for a bedroom and study extension to ~~to~~ "Brook Cottage", Walton-in-Gordano for Mr.C.Brown, and it was agreed that no objections be raised to the approval of this application. The Clerk was asked to inform the Planning Department of W.D.C. accordingly.

543. Clerk's Report

(i) Golf Club - land acquired from Sir William Miles Mrs McEwen-Smith, Mrs. Charlesworth, Mr. S.Russell and the Clerk had attended a meeting at the Clevedon Golf Club on Saturday, 18th March to discuss the possible alterations on this site. Members of the Golf Club explained their proposals with the help of a map and a model, after which we walked around the area. The Secretary explained that the necessary works will cost approximately £200,000 and they will have to get the approval of their members. However, in the meantime, they would like to assure the parish council and the local residents that they do not intend to cut down any trees, but in fact to enhance the site. A suggestion was made for their representatives to attend one of our meetings to explain the facts, and it was tentatively agreed that two of their members attend our A.G.M. on the 8th May for this purpose.

After discussion, it was agreed the Clerk write to the Clevedon Golf Club inviting them to attend our A.G.M. and explain their proposals for this land to the meeting.

(ii) Coastal Path The Clerk had written to Mrs. Reed of Avon C.C. as instructed, and had been informed that Mr.G.Rowles had agreed to have this section of the path open for one year only, after which he will again assess the position. Mrs. Reed is attending a meeting with the County Planning Officer shortly, and will inform us of the outcome. A letter had been sent to Mr.Rowles along the lines expressed at our previous meeting.

(iii) County Elections Notices regarding this election were displayed on the 29th May in the Church porch, the Post Office and the village hall. One was also posted on the notice board.

(iv) Avon and Somerset Constabulary A letter had been received from the Chief Inspector at Nailsea informing us that he has been transferred to Bristol. His successor is Chief Inspector Barrie Gardiner from Weston-super-Mare.

(v) Best Kept Village competition The necessary forms and posters had now been received for this event, and our participation will be discussed at the APM which will be held immediately after this meeting.

(vi) ALCA Meeting at Nailsea. The Chairman and the Clerk had attended this meeting on Thursday, 15th March. The following items were discussed:- V.A.T. for village halls; concessionary fare scheme in Woodspring and the Bristol airport. Reports from representatives from the Police Liaison Committee, the Transport Committee and the Accident Prevention Committee were also given. The officer of the Executive Committee also gave his report. A neighbourhood jigsaw exhibition of parish maps will be held in the Museum at Weston-super-Mare from the 28th April to the 5th May. An Ideal Hall Exhibition will be held in Pucklechurch on the 6th May.

544. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Clerk was asked to check with Mr. Blissett about the road works in Walton Street. She had been informed that the pot-hole outside Old Rectory House was being temporarily patched that weekend. Mr. Blissett thought the drain outside this dwelling had collapsed and it would be inspected before road-surfacing commences. Mr. Blissett also informed the Clerk that the entire length of Walton Street from the Cross Tree to Nore Road will be surface-dressed this summer, after all the patching work has been completed.
- (ii) The question of the raising of the kerb stones around the Cross Tree was discussed, as these stones have subsided as the road levels have been raised. The Clerk would contact Avon Highways for their views.
- (iii) Another complaint was made about two holes in the pavement outside the gates by Mr. Flower's farm. The Clerk was asked to take the necessary action.
- (iv) First Shelter Belt Vide Minute 537(iii), Members agreed that Mr. Goldstone be asked to clear the weeds and replace the dead trees along the first shelter belt at a cost of £45. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Goldstone accordingly, and to inform Mr. J. Flower of the proposed work.

545. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Local Council Review had been received and was circulated to Members.
- (ii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was also circulated to Members.
- (iii) A letter from Mr. B. Tucker was received thanking the Clerk for her help in obtaining a marquee for the village Festival.
- (iv) A copy of a letter to Mr. Blissett was received from Sir William Miles regarding the railings by the golf course. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Blissett supporting Sir William in his endeavours to get these railings repaired.

546. Finance A cheque for £20 in respect of petty cash was passed for payment.

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The meeting closed at 8.00 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.
8 parishioners also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr.J.I.Long, Rev.J.Smart, Mrs M McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) and Police Constable B.Book.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this meeting.
2. The Clerk read the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting which were approved and signed.
3. Chairman's Report
 - (i) Parish Rate A 5.3p rate had been levied for the year 1989/90 which would raise the sum of £1400.
 - (ii) Financial Report The receipts for the period 31st March 1988 to the 31st March 1989 totalled £1255.55; the various expenses incurred for the same period were £1146.77, leaving a balance at the 31st March 1989 of £108.78.

The parish council meetings are held every month, with the exception of August. The Action Aid project was dropped as it was difficult to get it started. The village newsletter would like a new editor. Anyone interested please let the Chairman know. The proposal for the erection of a dwelling behind the Old Post Office in Walton-in-Gordano was refused by W.D.C. An Appeal was lodged but this was also turned down.

Representatives from the Clevedon Golf Club will be attending our A.G.M. on the 8th May to explain their proposals for the land acquired from Sir William Miles. Parishioners were asked to attend this meeting when a map and a model of the proposed alterations to this site will be available for inspection. Some trees have been felled at the Manor Woods with the approval of the District Council.

It was agreed that the Coastal Path, which had been closed due to a landslide, will be open for one year only, after which the position will be re-assessed. Mr.B.Tucker had been authorised by Avon C.C. to clear the brook opposite the Church.

Mr.B.Cannell has resigned as a parish councillor, and Mr.J.I.Long was co-opted to take his place. The Chairman thanked Mr.Cannell for his work as a councillor.

A schedule for street cleaning had been received from W.D.C. which showed that Walton-in-Gordano would be visited for this purpose on a 8 week cycle. Mr.J.Purvis the Senior Emergency Planning Officer from Avon C.C. attended one of our meetings and informed us that he hoped to establish liaison with all parishes concerning the Community Adviser programme. Mr.J.Long has agreed to be the parish contact.

Mrs McEwen-Smith had informed the parish council that a 75% grant will be available from W.D.C. towards the cost of a second shelter belt, plus £100 from a donation made by Trusthouse Forte to the Chairman of W.D.C. for distribution to parishes. The total amount received was £1027. W.D.C. had enquired whether the parish council would like street name-plates to be sited at 'Walton Street' and the 'Coast Road', but, after discussion, it was agreed that no action be taken.

The Chairman thanked Mr. and Mrs.S.Wills for continuing to supply the paper, and to print the monthly newsletter free of charge. Mrs.Pope and her family were thanked for the work done by the Cross Tree and the planting of colourful flowers. Thanks were expressed to Mrs.McEwen-Smith for her help and advice throughout the year as our District Councillor; to all the parish councillors for their work and to the Clerk for her continued help, and also for typing the newsletter. The Chairman then asked if anyone had any comments to make. Mr.G.Rowles wished to explain about the closure of the section of the cliff path near his property due to a landslide. He said Avon C.C. had denied responsibility as the highway authority, but he pointed out that they are responsible for footpaths, and it is their duty to maintain them as otherwise they will be closed permanently. Mr. Rowles had promised to make a donation of £300 to St.Paul's Church if Avon C.C. would compensate him for his land. The Chairman thanked Mr.Rowles for clarifying the position.

3. Chairman's Report (cont'd)

The question of the discharge of sewerage into the Bristol Channel was raised; it was pointed out that people are very concerned at the lack of proper treatment works, as it was felt adequate funds are available for this project to be carried out. Our District Councillor has made a statement on this subject in her report which is to follow.

4. Mrs. McEwen-Smith's report was then read by the Clerk in her absence. Our District Councillor pointed out that Portbury and Walton-in-Gordano parish meetings still clash on Monday evenings, but she does try to split her time evenly. Planning applications in the parish have, on the whole, been agreed, and the parish council will report on the recent site meeting with the Clevedon Golf Club. The Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead Local Plan is now being re-drafted after public participation, and will be on deposit about the end of June. The 1st Alteration of the Avon Structure Plan was approved in December 1988, and is now on deposit as is the South West Avon Green Belt Plan. She then mentioned the remarks by Mr. R. Cottrell about the discharge into the Channel, and said she had spoken to Dr. Swinnerton of Wessex Water Authority who had assured her that they had Department of the Environment sanction, and that the treatment they propose is legitimate and, they feel, suitable. The Black Rock Quarry is still causing concern with the threat for 'tipping' purposes, and she will continue to strongly oppose this use as it is in the Gordano Valley which is an area we are committed to protect. She then mentioned Simon Barker's excellent Brief which encouraged her to continue to seek control of the future plans for the Valley (building-wise) by way of an Article 4 direction. She felt strongly about protecting the wild beauty on our doorstep. Mrs. McEwen-Smith then mentioned the re-development of the High Street in Weston-super-Mare which will start in September. The Leisure Centre at Scotch Horn, Nailsea was opened on the 16th March; and a pilot scheme in Weston for a waste paper bank is to be launched in April. Two blocks of flats in Nailsea for sheltered accommodation for the elderly has been completed which, hopefully, will release family houses for younger people. Homelessness, and a waiting list for homes is an ever-present problem. She reiterated that she is always available to answer queries or to help if needed. She then commended the next Chairman of W.D.C. - Councillor J. Daws - and pointed out that it is always a privilege to have a 'local' in high office. She reminded us that County Council Elections are being held on the 4th May for a new County Councillor, and the Euro-Elections are on the 15th June. Mrs. McEwen-Smith then thanked everyone for their loyalty and support, and stressed that it is a privilege and pleasure to serve as our District Councillor. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write and thank Mrs. McEwen-Smith for her informative and interesting report.

5. Mr. G. Rowles, the Churchwarden representing the P.C.C. then gave his report on behalf of Father Smart. He said it would be nice if a representative of the parish council could attend future Armistice Sunday Annual Commemorative Services. The Village Church has a financial problem, and there is a definite danger if income does not balance with outgoings, that the Church may close. The P.C.C. appreciate there is both the Village Hall and the Church competing for funds locally. However, the Churchyard is costing £240 to maintain this year, with only £55 coming from the parish council. The P.C.C. feel that the Churchyard should be supported by each villager, in which case they ask for a substantial increase from the parish rate. The average congregation is 20, and at the moment there is a loss at each Service, due to heating, lighting and a short-fall on the quota contribution from St. Paul's. The P.C.C. is facing this problem, and is determined to keep the Church a living place within this community. Mr. Rowles went on to say that the fabric of the Church is in good condition, thanks to various bequests and small donations; the trouble lies in everyday running costs, and he would respectfully remind all those that are on the Church Electoral Roll to be conscious of their commitment to the Church.

He reminded us of the Rogation Service which will be held on Sunday, 30th April at 3 p.m. with a Procession, and refreshments afterwards in the village hall.

Mr. Rowles was thanked for attending and for the instructive report.

6. Mrs. Helen Williams, representing the W.I., began by reminding us that the W.I. is still going strong, and that they will be celebrating their 60th anniversary next year. Mrs. Ann Charlesworth resigned as President after working very hard for 3 years, and Mrs. Rosemary Tucker has now taken over this post. Mrs. Williams felt it appropriate that a local resident is the new President, as it is the Walton-in-Gordano W.I. The charity this year will go to the local St. John's Ambulance service. Membership is down a little; the parking situation is partly to blame, and they could do with a few more members from the village. Mrs. Williams represents the W.I. on the Village Hall Committee and tries to encourage members to support any fund-raising events for the Hall. The annual Produce Show is always popular; they also support the village Carol Service at Christmas which is enjoyed by everyone. The W.I. also help at the Village Festival by running a stall.

Mrs. Williams was thanked for attending our meeting and for her report.

7. The report for the Village Hall Committee was again given by Mr. W. Charlesworth who thanked the Committee for their work during the year. He also thanked the people who supported and raised money for the Hall. Mr. J. Flower was especially thanked for the use of his field for various events.

It was pointed out in the financial report that there had been a drop in the income due to hall bookings being down, and the expense of a final legal fee of £275. Mr. Charlesworth informed the meeting that he had resigned from the Committee after 10 years and the new members were Mr. K. Dilley, Mr. C. Dunn, Mr. G. Rutley and Miss E. Tucker. As this year is the 60th anniversary of the Hall, it had been agreed to celebrate this event by providing a lunch for villagers with wine being paid for from hall funds. The Committee to run the 1989 Festival has been elected, and Mr. B. Tucker agreed to be Chairman.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Charlesworth for his report.

8. Any other necessary business.

- (i) Best Kept Village competition It was once again agreed that we enter this competition, and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements. Thanks were expressed to Sheri Russell and Emma Tucker for their help in arranging for the Sunday School children to paint posters for this event.
- (ii) A complaint was made about the stones around the Cross Tree which had sunk considerably due to recent road works at this junction. The Clerk would contact Mr. Blissett of the Highways Department of Avon C.C.

The meeting then closed at 9.05 p.m., after which light refreshments were served.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 8th MAY 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr.R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mesdames B.M.Adkins and M.A.Charlesworth, Messrs.J.I.Long and S.G.Russell, together with the Clerk.

11 members of the public attended; also Mr.V.Moss, a reporter from the South Avon Mercury.

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

Mr. Ian Sinclair and Mr.Dennis Mason, representatives from the Clevedon Golf Club, explained their proposals to extend the golf course on land acquired from Sir William Miles.

They pointed out that 8 acres of the 20 acres will be wooded and they hope to plant approximately 8,000 trees. This is only a proposed plan at present; they have to get the approval of their Members as these improvements will cost about £200,000.

Mr.Sinclair and Mr.Mason answered questions from the floor after ^{everyone} they had seen the plan and a model of the proposed alterations. The Chairman thanked Mr. Sinclair and Mr.Mason for coming to our meeting and explaining the position.

After the two officers from the Golf Club and Members of the Public had left our A.G.M. commenced at 8.00 p.m.

Police Sgt B.Book attended this meeting.

547. Election of Chairman Mrs M.A.Charlesworth proposed that Mr.R.J.Baldwin be elected as Chairman for the coming year, and this was seconded by Mr.J.I.Long.

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

548. 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.S.G.Russell.

549. Appointment of Committees.

(a) Village Hall Steering Committee It was agreed that Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth and Mr.J.I.Long be elected as representatives of the parish council 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 A.L.C.A. meetings.

550. Annual Subscriptions It was unanimously agreed to pay the annual subscription of £17.10 plus £3.88 for posters to A.L.C.A.; also the required sum to the Avon Community Council to be confirmed later.

It was again agreed to send £25 to the Avon Wildlife Trust and £30 to the Citizens' Advice Bureau. The Clerk had received a request from the Council for the Protection of Rural England for a minimum donation of £5 and this was agreed by Members.

551. The Minutes of the parish meeting held on the 3rd April 1989 were approved and signed.

552. Clerk's salary and expenses The Chairman proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased by 5.9% in line with inflation, making her salary £192.49 per annum. All other payments to remain the same. This proposal was agreed nem con.

The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanked Members.

553. Planning Plan 0908/89 for the proposed extension to form a sitting room, bedroom and bathroom at 'Taggart' for Mrs. M Dilley was examined and, after discussion, it was agreed that no objections be raised to the approval of this plan. The Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Department accordingly.

553. Planning (contd)

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The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been notified that planning approval was being sought for the conversion of the Old Chapel in Walton Street to a dwellinghouse. The purchaser had contacted the Planning department and was instructed by them that a permanent parking space must be found, and also adequate arrangements must be made for a septic tank before planning permission can be given. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Councillor to enquire whether a plan has been submitted, and to ascertain the present position with regard to the proposed conversion of this property.

554. Clerk's Report

- (i) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk informed the meeting that the plan and the necessary form have been sent to Mr. Gunnery in respect of this event. She asked Members about the siting of a skip in Moor Lane as in previous years, and it was agreed that the Technical Services be approached for this facility during the weekend of the 10th/11th June.
- (ii) Precept The Clerk informed the meeting that our precept of £1,400 has been received from W.D.C. and has been paid into our bank on the 14th April 1989.
- (iii) Grantor-- 2nd Shelter Belt A cheque was received from W.D.C. for £770.25 towards the cost of this shelter belt which has been paid into our bank account. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the department concerned for this generous contribution.
- (iv) Audit A letter from Arthur Young, the Auditors, has been received notifying us that the audit will be held on the 4th August in the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare. The council's books and accounts will be deposited at the Town Hall on the 24th July, and on the 25th July local government electors may exercise their rights to inspect these documents. A notice to this effect will be displayed on the notice board in due course.
- (v) Walk around the Gordano Reserve Mr. Tony Robinson has notified the Clerk that residents of Clapton-in-Gordano, Weston-in-Gordano and Walton-in-Gordano will be invited to take part in this event on the 20th June, starting at 7 p.m. It was suggested that this be mentioned in the June edition of the newsletter, and posters will also be displayed advertising this special function.
- (vi) Tipping: Gordano Valley A second letter from W.D.C. regarding this subject was received and, after discussion, it was agreed that we inform them of our concern at the proposed tipping in the Gordano Valley and that we support Weston-in-Gordano parish council's objections to damaging developments in the valley.
- (vii) Maintenance works in the Village
- (a) Mr. Blissett had informed the Clerk that concrete slabs had been laid between the gaps over the drain outside Old Rectory House which were sealed before patching had been done of the road surface. Members decided to keep this matter under review.
- (b) A complaint had been made about the illuminated sign by the Coast Caravan Park site along the Coast Road. The Clerk had contacted the Planning department of W.D.C. who agreed that no permission had been given for such a sign to be erected, and that an inspector will be visiting the owner shortly.
- (c) The Clerk had been asked to contact the Planning department about a request to erect a fence along the side of Cross Tree Farm by Mr. Sissons-Hodges. It was pointed out that planning permission must be sought if the fence is over 1 metre high. The Clerk had informed Mr. Sissons-Hodges accordingly.

554. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (d) The question of the kerb stones around the Cross Tree was mentioned to Mr. Blissett, who informed the Clerk that he would ask his Foreman to see what can be done when the workmen are surfacing the road. The two holes in the pavement outside Mr. Flower's farm would also be attended to at the same time.

555. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was received that night-shooting had started again on The Moors, and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. T. Robinson, who informed her that he would be visiting the area shortly and will make enquiries. She was also asked to contact Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Waygood, the Keeper of the Walton-in-Gordano Shoot. It was also confirmed that if anyone heard shooting at night, they should telephone the Police at Weston-super-Mare.
- (ii) It was again pointed out that the banks along the stream in Moor Lane were becoming very overgrown and needed cutting back. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Blissett to enquire if Mr. B. Tucker is still responsible for this work.
- (iii) Mr. Long informed the meeting that the top-soil which has been laid on the footpath outside "Taggart" is not suitable. The Clerk would contact the appropriate department.
- (iv) Mr. Long also pointed out that one of the traffic bollards erected recently opposite The Church had been thrown into the stream. Mr. Blissett would be informed.
- (v) Complaints had been received that dates in the newsletter for certain events in the parish had been incorrect.

556. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A meeting of the Gordano Forum for the Avon Wildlife Trust was being held on the 8th May in Portishead. The Clerk had sent our apologies.
- (ii) A letter had been received from S.W.E.B. regarding electricity charges.
- (iii) Literature, including a copy of Field Fare, was received from ALCA. These were circulated to Members.
- (iv) A letter from the National Council on Inland Transport was noted.
- (v) A request from the Avon Community Council for dates of events in the summer and autumn in our village was received and passed to Mrs. Charlesworth for her attention.
- (vi) An invitation from ALCA to attend the 25th Theme Training Course in London was noted, but it was decided not to attend.

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

Mr. W. Goldstone	£1,027.00
S.W.E.B.	7.95
Cornhill Insurance	30.00
A.L.C.A.	20.98
Avon Wildlife Trust	25.00
Citizens' Advice Bureau	30.00
C.P.R.E.	5.00
Parochial Church Council	55.00

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 5th JUNE 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

559. Planning Members examined Plan LBL215/89 relating to the fence to be erected 6 ft from boundary of rear garden and village street pavement at Cross Tree Farm for Mr. M. Sessions Hodge. After discussion, it was agreed that no objection be raised to the approval of this plan, and the Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning department accordingly.

The subject of 'farm tracks' on Weston Moor and the possibility of an Article 4 Directive which would remove permitted development rights in the Gordano Valley had been discussed at the recent ALCA meeting. It had been agreed that a letter be sent to the Executive Committee with a copy to the Department of the Environment. This proposal would also be brought to the attention of Mr. Paul Dean, the local M.P. This subject will again be discussed at our next ALCA meeting in September.

560. Clerk's Report

- (i) Best Kept Village Competition The necessary posters have now been displayed in the village. The Clerk contacted the Technical Services department of W.D.C. regarding the siting of a skip in Moor Lane for the weekend 9th/10th June, and this was agreed. However, she was informed that there may be a charge for this facility as WDC now operate a direct labour scheme, although they would try and waive the cost, if possible.
- (ii) Walk around Nature Reserve A poster advertising this event on the 20th June has been displayed on the notice board.
- (iii) Fence adjacent to Clevedon Golf Course A letter was received from Mr. Blissett suggesting that the iron railings be replaced with a chain link fence. However, due to the costs involved, he is seeking further advice, and will advise us of the outcome in due course. A copy of a letter sent to Sir William Miles was also enclosed for our attention.

Members expressed their concern at the proposed chain link fence which they felt would not be suitable, and the Clerk was asked to contact Sir William for his views before replying to Mr. Blissett.

- (iv) Night shooting on the Moor The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. H. Waygood who informed her that they are not breaking the law and notified her that Mr. Michael Bailey is now in charge of the Walton-in-Gordano Shoot. A letter had been sent to Mr. Bailey and his reply was read to the meeting. He asked that, if this problem occurred again, we should contact him. It was also mentioned that Sgt B. Book had asked anyone who heard night shooting to telephone the Police in Weston-super-Mare.
- (v) Rubbish being washed up on Sand Bay Mrs E Ross from the Walton Bay Caravan Park had telephoned the Clerk regarding an article which appeared in the "Weston and Worle News" the previous week in which Councillor Lawson had said that a number of plastic bags of rubbish from this Caravan Park had been washed up on Sand Bay. Mrs Ross was very concerned at this article, as Mr. Ross makes sure no such refuse is thrown over the cliffs at this site. She informed the Clerk she would be contacting Cllr Lawson for more details, and would let us know the outcome. Nothing further has been heard so far.
- (vi) Illuminated sign along Coast Road The Clerk had been informed by Mr. Ashwell of the Planning department that a second letter has been sent to the owner of this site stating that if the problem is not solved immediately, further action will be taken by W.D.C. The Clerk was asked to check if this sign is still illuminated, and to inform Mr. Ashwell accordingly.

560. Clerk's Report (contd)

(vii) Post Office As requested, the Clerk had telephoned the head office in Bristol and spoke to Mr. Richard Smith in the Public Relations department. He informed her that nothing can be done until the investigation regarding the closure of our post office has been completed. The Clerk informed him that we were very concerned and that a petition is being prepared which will be sent to him. Sir William Miles had contacted the Clerk for the name of the officer dealing with this matter as he wished to speak to him personally. We await the outcome of the investigation.

(viii) Countryside Officer A letter had been received from Mr. Philip Tolerton, who had recently been appointed to this post, asking if he could attend one of our meetings to introduce himself and to give a short talk on his work with the Nature Conservancy Council. It was decided that he be invited to attend our September meeting, and the Clerk would notify him accordingly.

(ix) Shelter Belts Mr. W. Goldstone had acknowledged our cheque for the planting of the second shelter belt, and would soon be completing the maintenance of the first shelter belt. It was, therefore, agreed to pay his account for £45 at our next meeting.

(x) ALCA Meeting at Clevedon Mrs. B. Adkins and the Clerk had attended this meeting on the 1st June. The Clerk gave her report on the subjects discussed which included - the concessionary fare scheme which has been passed to the full council of WDC for consideration; the agreement by Bristol Airport to go ahead with the runway, though a Public Inquiry may be held; local opinion to be sought before plans are approved which was raised by Weston-in-Gordano P.C., and a report from the Accident Prevention Committee which expressed grave concern at the increase in road accidents - parishes were asked to report any local black spots. Mr. Horry asked for agenda items to be sent to him a month before a meeting.

(xi) Works of maintenance in the village

The Clerk had notified Mr. Blissett about the under-mentioned items, and was informed that he will instruct his foreman to look into these matters urgently.

- (a) The manhole cover by the bus stop which is loose.
- (b) The holes in the pavement by Mr. Flower's farm gate which have not been repaired.
- (c) The kerb stones around the Cross Tree
- (d) Loose chippings on the pavements which should be cleared
- (e) The clearing of the banks by the stream in Moor Lane. The Clerk was informed that Avon Highways are responsible for this work.

561. Councillors' Reports

(i) The Chairman expressed concern at the electricity charges for the village hall, and Mr. J. Long agreed to look into this matter.

(ii) The Clerk was asked to notify Avon C.C. that the wall by the stream opposite The Church had not been repaired, and the bollard had not been replaced; the "Road Narrows" sign by the bridge over the black ditch needs attention; and water is still leaking onto the road outside Brighton Cottages.

(iii) The question of a second vehicular access being made by "Rippleside" on the Coast Road was discussed, and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

(iv) The meeting was informed that Mrs. Pope wished to notify the parish council that she will not be able to attend to the flowers by the Cross Tree in future.

562. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.
- (ii) A Notice for the Parliamentary Election was received and displayed.
- (iii) A letter was received from Mrs. Sims, the Conservation Officer, regarding grants for Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes which was noted.
- (iv) A letter regarding grants for Buildings at Risk - Historic Buildings in Conservation Areas - was received and was noted.
- (v) Copies of the "Handy Guide" were received from WDC and were distributed to Members.

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

Avon Community Council £6.00 - annual subscription

Mrs D. McLaughlin £107.89 - salary and expenses for June quarter - details were circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

R J Baldwin *D McLaughlin*

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 3rd JULY 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

565. Planning Plan No.1640/89 for the proposed layby at "Roseway" for Mr.D.Jarrett was discussed by Members at length, and it was unanimously agreed that the plan be refused for the following reasons; the proposed layby is to be situated on a very busy road and by cross roads. It will also be near a bend and as there is no speed restriction along this road, this would create a dangerous traffic hazard. The Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Department accordingly.

A Members also raised the question of stables being built near existing dwellings in the village, and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the need for planning permission for this type of structure.

566. Clerk's Report

(i) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk notified Members that the first part of this competition ended on the 2nd July, and as she has not heard from the organisers, it does not seem we have won this year. However, she wishes to thank Mrs Valerie Baldwin for planting flowers by the Cross Tree, and looking after them and also for tidying the notice board.

The Clerk had been informed that the cost of hiring a skip in connection with the tidying of the village for this event, would be £36.80. In past years this facility has been given free of charge, and the Clerk would contact the Technical Services department for their views.

(ii) Illuminated sign on Coast Road The Clerk had contacted the Planning Department as this sign was still on, and the officer informed her that he had written to the owner of this site informing her that an enforcement order would be made if this was not rectified. The Clerk had also contacted Sgt B. Book who informed her he would have a look at it for himself.

The meeting was then informed that the illumination has now been turned off and the matter is in order.

(iii) Fence adjacent to Golf Course The Clerk had telephoned Sir William Miles about Avon C.C.'s plan for a chain link fence to replace the original railings, and he informed the Clerk he would be contacting Mr.Blissett himself as he was totally against such a proposal. We await the outcome of these negotiations.

(iv) Annual Audit A notice concerning the annual audit has been displayed in the notice board informing parishioners of the date for inspection of the parish council's accounts for the past three years. The accounts will be lodged with the Chairman for the necessary period to enable inspection. The Clerk will attend at the Town Hall for this audit on the 4th August.

(v) Shelter Belts A cheque for £45 will be sent to Mr.W.Goldstone for the completion of the tidying of the two shelter belts as agreed.

(vi) Reporter for the Evening Post Mr.John Thompson of 9 Helston Road, Nailsea had informed the Clerk that Mr.Nigel Heath has left and he is now the official Press reporter. Copies of our agendas for meetings will be sent to him.

(vii) Nature Reserve - Walk About 30 people enjoyed this walk on Tuesday, 20th June. They represented villages of Weston-in-Gordano, Clapton-in-Gordano and Walton-in-Gordano.

566. Clerk's Report (con'd)

- (viii) Bags of rubbish - Sand Bay The Clerk had contacted Mrs E.Ross who informed her that she had been in touch with Councillor Lawson, the complainant, and she felt the matter could be left in abeyance for the time being.
- (ix) Mr.Philip Tolerton - Countryside Officer Mr.Tolerton has agreed to attend our next meeting and give a talk and show slides of his work. Our Members agreed that this should start after our meeting at 8.30 p.m., and the Clerk would inform Mr.Tolerton accordingly. This visit would also be included in the village newsletter.
- (x) Works of maintenance The Clerk had contacted Mr.Davey of the Avon Highways department regarding the following, and was informed that -
 - (a) work will be put in hand shortly on the wall opposite The Church, and also to replace the missing bollard.
 - (b) the complaint about water leaking onto the road opposite Brighton Cottages would be looked into.
 - (c) the 'Road Narrows' sign by the bridge over the black ditch will be erected as soon as these signs are received.
 - (d) work will be put in hand as soon as possible to clear the stream in Moor Lane.
- (xi) Vehicular Access by "Rippleside" The Clerk had contacted the Planning department about the construction of a second vehicular access by this dwelling, and was notified that the occupant had sent in a plan in 1988 which was approved by W.D.C.
- (xii) Coastal Path - landslide Notice was received that a Public Path Creation Order has now been made with regard to the section of this footpath which becomes operative on the 4th August 1989.

567. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was received that refuse bins along the Coast Road had been broken and litter was being left on the laybys. The Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate department for action.
- (ii) A further complaint was made about the overgrown banks along the brook in Moor Lane, and urgent action is necessary to prevent flooding later in the year. The Clerk would contact Avon Highways again.
- (iii) After discussing the matter about the appointment of a Village Orderly, it was decided to put this item on the agenda for the A.P.M. for the comments of villagers generally.
- (iv) The Clerk was asked to again contact Mr.Blissett regarding the painting of white lines by the Post Office; the holes in the pavement outside Mr.Flower's farm gate; the stones around the Cross Tree, and the loose cover on the manhole in the road by the notice board.
- (v) The question of the soil dumped outside "Taggart" was again raised, but it was decided to leave this matter in abeyance for the time being.
- (vi) The Chairman raised the question of electricity charges regarding the village hall, and it was decided to discuss this matter again when further details are available.

568. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Local Council Review was circulated to Members.
- (ii) A leaflet entitled "Enjoying our Countryside" - A Strategy for the Future" was received and circulated to Members.
- (iii) A letter was received from Avon C.C. regarding Mineral Working in Avon Local Plan, which was noted.
- (iv) It was decided to take no action regarding the letter for membership by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

568. Correspondence not previously dealt with (cont'd)

- (v) A copy of the 2nd Alteration to the Structure Plan was received from Avon C.C., and was noted.
- (vi) A letter from Dr. Kelly regarding the "Return to Somerset" campaign was discussed; the Clerk was asked to reply stating that we support this project, and await further information.
- (vii) It was decided to take no action regarding sponsorship for Action Aid.

569. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Mr. W. Goldstone	£45.00 - maintenance of shelter belts
Village Hall Committee	£18.00 - hire of hall for parish meetings
Petty Cash	£20.00
S.W.E.B.	£ 8.53 - street light.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

K. Radford
D. M. Lougher

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER 1989 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) and Mr.Philip Tolerton, Gordano Countryside Officer, also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Mr.J.I.Long.

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

571. Planning Members discussed Plan 1840/89 - renewal of temporary consent for retention of garage at Cosy Corner for Walton Bay Caravan Park Ltd - and raised no objections to this application. It was pointed out that the Appeal by Mr.Pope for an additional dwelling on land at the rear of the Old Post Office, Walton-in-Gordano, was refused.

Members were notified that no planning consent has as yet been given to Mr.D.Jerrett for a proposed layby at "Roseway", Walton-in-Gordano.

The Clerk had been informed by the Planning Department of W.D.C. that no planning permission is required for the construction of stables at existing dwellings if it is within the curtilage of the house, and is not more than 70 cubic metres in size.

572. Clerk's Report

- (i) Audit The Clerk informed the meeting she had attended for audit at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 4th August, and was notified that the accounts for the parish council for 1987/88/89 were satisfactory. It was agreed that a cheque for £46.00 be passed for payment in respect of the audit fee.
- (ii) Emergency Planning Officer A letter has been received informing us that Mr. Tim Downey is our W.D.C. representative regarding Civil Defence. He also sent a form regarding C.B.radios, which has been completed by the Chairman and returned.
- (iii) Best Kept Village competition A letter was received from the organisers of this event informing us that our village was awarded between 70% and 79% points. Their comments were read to the meeting and noted.
- (iv) ALCA - AGM at Pucklechurch An invitation had been received to attend this meeting, but it was agreed that our apologies be sent. A copy of the Avon Local Councils Association Annual Report was also received, and this was circulated to Members.
- (v) ALCA Meeting at Long Ashton It was agreed that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting on the 6th September, and report back to our next meeting.
- (vi) Community Charge, Business Rate A meeting of the Special Woodspring Area Group in this connection is to be held in the Church House, Silver Street, Nailsea on the 18th October at 7.30 p.m. It was agreed that the Clerk ask Mr.J.Long if he would like to attend on our behalf.
- (vii) Hire of Skip Vide Minute 566 (i), the Clerk had written to W.D.C., and a reply has been received agreeing to waive the charge in this instance. The Clerk was asked to write to the appropriate department expressing our thanks.
- (viii) Tree Planting and Tree Surgery Grants 1989/90 Another letter was received from W.D.C. in this connection, and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries from Mrs.P.Wills and Mrs.E.Ross whether they had any suggestions which could justify such a grant. Mrs.Wills informed the Clerk that she had no such projects, but Mrs.Ross asked whether the dangerous sections of the coastal path could be fenced, and that two seats be placed along this path - one at the Clevedon end and the other at the Portishead end. After discussion, it was agreed that these suggestions be left in abeyance for the time being.

572. Clerk's Report (con'td)

- (ix) Refuse Bins The Clerk had contacted Mr.Squib at the Town Hall regarding replacement of damaged bins along the Coast Road, and was informed the matter is in hand.
- (x) "Return to Somerset" campaign. A letter has been received from Dr.W.P.Kelly informing us that a Public Meeting will be held on the 16th October in Weston-super-Mare concerning this campaign. Anyone interested can attend.
- (xi) Brambles and weeds by 'Sunny Bank' Mr.Blissett informed the Clerk that the owner of this property is responsible for the necessary work, and the Chairman said he would contact Mr.Flower personally.
- (xii) Works of maintenance. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Blissett regarding the following and was informed that work will be put in hand as soon as possible:
- (a) water across road by Brighton Cottages; (b) stream in Moor Lane to be cleared; (c) loose manhole cover by the notice board; (d) holes in pavement outside Mr.Flower's farm; (e) the painting of white lines by the Cross Tree and (f) the replacement of the missing cat's eye further along the road.
- After discussing these matters, our District Councillor informed the meeting she would contact Mr.Blissett personally, and state the urgency of these works.

573. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth gave a satisfactory explanation regarding the electricity account for the village hall, and the matter is now settled.
- (ii) Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth asked about the collection of waste paper from the village and enquired whether the Friends of the Earth could be contacted for their comments. It was agreed that the Clerk make the necessary enquiries.

574. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) The County of Avon had sent the 1988/89 Prospectus for Courses.
- (ii) A letter from W.D.C. regarding 'Enjoying our Countryside', together with a leaflet, was received and circulated.
- (iii) A letter from W.D.C. concerning Burial Facilities in the District was discussed; the Clerk was asked to contact Rev J.Smart for his views before replying.
- (iv) A copy of Field Fare was received and circulated to Members. Other literature from Avon Community Council was also noted.
- (v) County of Avon had enquired whether our parish would like any volunteers for the Community Adviser Training. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to return the form stating we do not wish to nominate a volunteer.
- (vi) It was noted to take no action regarding the request for Action Aid.
- (vii) Avon Community Council had sent a letter regarding the distribution of a Health Directory, and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether Mrs.E.Ross would agree to have copies of this document in her shop for the benefit of the general public. It was also agreed that parishioners be informed that copies will be available if they contact a parish councillor.
- (viii) Mr.J.Arbutnot had written pointing out that grants may be available for projects in the village from the Avon Rural Initiatives Fund. After discussion, it was decided to leave this matter for consideration at our next meeting.

575. Finance. Two cheques were passed for payment as follows: Arthur Young (auditors) £46.00 and Mrs.D.McLaughlin £90.92 (salary and expenses) - details of which were circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

At the conclusion of the above meeting, Mr.Philip Tolerton, the Countryside Officer from Avon Wildlife Trust, gave a very interesting talk and showed slides of the Gordano Valley and places of interest. The Chairman thanked him for attending our meeting, and answering questions on Walton Common; horse-riding in the district; and the question of tipping in the area.

R J Biddle

D McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO on MONDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

577. Planning Members again discussed the proposed layby at 'Roseway', and expressed their concern at the approval given by W.D.C. for this application. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department stressing the parish council's concern and reiterating the dangerous hazard this may cause, bearing in mind the speed of traffic through the village.

It was also agreed that the legal requirements about future owners of this property adhering to the present conditions be clarified by the Planning department. The Clerk was also asked to send the advertisement which had appeared in the local Press stating, incorrectly, that this dwelling had a large garage.

578. Tree Planting Grants A letter had been received from Mr. P. Miles enquiring about the possibility of a shelter belt being planted in Cannon's Valley on land rented by Mr. C. Watts. After discussion this matter, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr. Goldstone and ask him to get in touch with Mr. P. Miles to arrange a site meeting. The Clerk had telephoned Mr. Phillips of the Conservation department of W.D.C. who said that a 75% grant would be available for this work, when approved. We await the estimate from Mr. Goldstone before any further action can be taken.

579. Clerk's Report

(i) Brambles at 'Sunny Bank' The Clerk has written to Mr. J. Flower but, as yet, no work has been carried out to clear the brambles or to repair the adjoining wall. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mrs. McEwen-Smith to ask her to look into this matter on our behalf.

(ii) Collection of Waste Paper On asking a member of the "Friends of the Earth" about the collection of waste paper from the village, the Clerk was informed that perhaps a 'paper bank' could be sited in the village which could be collected by W.D.C. when full. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries from W.D.C. about this service, and also to contact Mr. P. Miles for his views.

(iii) Burial Facilities in the District Further to the letter received from W.D.C. on this subject, the Clerk telephoned Rev. J. Smart who informed her that there are spaces for only 30 more burials in the village Churchyard, and that he is very concerned at the problem generally. A letter has been sent to W.D.C. on these lines.

(iv) Flower Festival in St. Paul's Church Members expressed their thanks to Mrs. B.M. Adkins and Mrs. D. McLaughlin for their participation, on behalf of the parish council, in arranging a floral display at this Festival depicting village life. It was agreed that the Festival had been a great success.

(v) V.A.T. payment The Clerk informed the meeting that a claim for £42.78 had been sent to the appropriate department for our V.A.T. payment. As soon as this is received, it will be paid into our deposit account at the Bank.

(vi) Health Directory - Avon Health 1989/90 The Clerk had been in touch with Mrs. E. Ross to enquire whether she would like copies of this document for distribution from her shop. She confirmed that she would require 40 copies. The Clerk also arranged to include this item in the newsletter to inform parishioners of this service. It was agreed to ask Avon Community Council for 90 copies.

(vii) Annual Business Meeting It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on Wednesday, 22nd November for Chairmen and Clerks.

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

PRESENT: Councillors R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs.B.M.Adkins, Vice-Chairman, J.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.

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

584. Planning An application for an extension to the kitchen at 'Orchard Lea' for Mr. and Mrs. R.A.Banks was received. After examining the plan, it was agreed that no objections be raised to its approval, and the Clerk was asked to notify the Planning department accordingly.

A reply from W.D.C. to our letter concerning the layby at 'Roseway' was received and discussed. It was decided to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being.

Mrs. S.Akery of 'Arodene' had sent a letter pointing out that she has been in touch with the Planning department of W.D.C. regarding the siting of a gas tank in the front garden of this property; also of their plan to clear the pastureland at the rear of the dwelling to make a smallholding. She had been notified by W.D.C. that no planning permission is required in either of these cases. Members agreed that these proposals were satisfactory, and the Clerk was asked to convey these views to Mrs.Akery.

The Clerk pointed out the condition for Plan 1840/89 appertaining to the temporary consent for the garage at 'Cosy Corner', and this was noted.

Concern was again expressed at the stables being built at 1 Brighton Cottages. The Clerk had contacted the Planning department and spoken to Mrs.Jones, one of the Enforcement Officers, who had visited the site and spoken to the owner. The proposed six stables need no planning permission, and Mrs.Jones confirmed that the work envisaged is satisfactory. The Clerk also informed Sir William Miles about the proposals. However, the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs McEwen-Smith to explain the situation and to state our concern about the possibility of this being a commercial enterprise. Our District Councillor informed the meeting that she would make enquiries on our behalf, and inform as accordingly.

585. Clerk's Report

- (i) Shelter Belt at Cannon's Valley Mr.Goldstone had been notified of the proposed new shelter belt, and he had agreed to meet Mr.P.Miles and Mr.C. Watts on site to discuss arrangements. The Clerk had contacted Mr.Miles who informed her that this meeting had been held, and he is awaiting Mr.Goldstone's estimate for the work, which should hopefully commence in March 1990.
- (ii) Collection of Waste Paper The Clerk had made enquiries in this connection and was notified that there was a surplus of this commodity and, consequently, no further supplies were required. She then contacted Mr.B.Ashby at W.D.C. who informed her that a scheme is being pursued whereby larger parishes may agree to have paper banks where smaller parishes could take their supplies. However, he is cautious at present as the market for waste paper has collapsed. We await further developments.
- (iii) Stream in Moor Lane The Clerk had contacted Mr.Blissett who informed her that an order has been sent to Mr.Baldwin accepting his estimate to clear the weeds in this stream and to tidy the banks. This work has now been done, and Members expressed their appreciation to Mr.Baldwin.
- (iv) Health Directory The Clerk has written to Avon Community Council to order 90 copies of this document for circulation to residents in the Parish.

- (v) Bristol and Kingswood Map The Clerk has received 10 copies of this map which were distributed to Members.
- (vi) Visit by Chairman of W.D.C. A letter has been received asking if Mr.J.Daws could attend one of our meetings. The Clerk had notified the Chairman's Officer when our meetings are usually held, and was informed that the only available date would be in April. However, as our A.P.M. is held in April, it was agreed to discuss this arrangement at our next meeting.
- (vii) 'Sunny Bank' - clearing of brambles Mrs.McEwen-Smith had contacted the owner of this property on our behalf and explained the necessity of carrying out this work. The meeting was informed that the work had now been completed.
- (viii) Refuse Bins on Wheels. Vide Minute 580 (iv), the Clerk had contacted A.L.C.A. who had no knowledge of this facility, and suggested that she ask W.D.C. for their views. W.D.C. had informed the Clerk that they have no plans to introduce this type of bin at present.
- (ix) Works of maintenance The Clerk was informed that the white lines on the highway by Cross Tree Stores had been completed; however, the white arrows indicating the flow of traffic at this junction had been omitted. The Clerk would notify Mr.Blissett again. She was also asked to point out that the reflector lights by the bridge in Moor Lane had not been replaced; nor had the brambles been cleared.

The Clerk was also asked to contact W.D.C. to replace the 'No Tipping' sign in Moor Lane which has been removed by vandals.

586. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint had been received that one of the horses from 1, Brighton Cottages which is grazing in the field by Mr.C.Young's farm, has bitten some members of the public who were walking along the adjacent footpath. The Clerk was asked to telephone Mr.Young for his views.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to enquire from Miss Emma Tucker if she is still editing and publishing the village newsletter.
- (iii) An account had been received from W.D.C. for the cost of hiring a skip in connection with the tidying-up of the village for the Best Kept Village competition in July. However, the Clerk had received a letter confirming that no charge would be made for this facility, and in these circumstances, the Clerk was asked to deal with this matter.

587. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A leaflet regarding grants for Environmental Improvements was received from Avon C.C. It was agreed to discuss this at our next meeting.
- (ii) A letter from Avon C.C. concerning Aids for Disabled was noted.
- (iii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.
- (iv) Copies of the Woodspring Annual Report 89/90 was received and distributed to Members.
- (v) It was agreed to send our apologies to the C.P.R.E. for their A.G.M. to be held on the 18th November at Thornbury.
- (vi) The Minutes of the ALCA meeting held in Long Ashton on the 6th September were received, together with the agenda for the meeting at Winscombe on the 7th December. It was agreed that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting.
- (vii) A Notice regarding The Structure Plan was received from Avon C.C., and displayed on the notice board.
- (viii) A copy of Field Fare was received and circulated to Members.

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

Mr.R.J.Baldwin	£55.00 (cutting & clearing footpaths)
Petty Cash	£20.00
S.W.E.B.	£ 8.53 (street light)

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

R.J. Baldwin The Clerk

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

589. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
590. Planning Members again discussed the question of the stables at 1 Brighton Cottage, and expressed their concern that these stables were being rented out and this could be described as a commercial enterprise. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs.Jones, the Enforcement Officer at W.D.C., to ask for her comments. She was also asked to inform our District Councillor of the position.
591. Change of day and/or time for Parish Council meetings Members discussed this matter, and agreed that the second Thursday in each month would be the most suitable for our future meetings. The Clerk was asked to contact the absent councillors to ask for their views. It was **RESOLVED**; THAT this matter be deferred until our January meeting when a final decision can be made.
592. Clerk's Report
- (i) Village newsletter Concern had been expressed by parishioners that important items of village activities were being omitted from this leaflet and, after discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Emma Tucker stating that the parish council would continue to publish this newsletter themselves. She was asked to write thanking Emma for her help and co-operation in editing this newsheet since May of last year.
 - (ii) Cross Tree Stores The Clerk had been sent a notice regarding the application for the Transfer of a Justice's Licence for this shop, which will be heard on the 12th December at the Long Ashton Magistrates' Court.
 - (iii) Annual Business Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks Mrs M.A.Charlesworth and the Clerk had attended this meeting on the 22nd November. The subjects discussed were: extensions to properties in the Green Belt; concessionary fares scheme in Woodspring; back door refuse collections in rural areas; control of dogs on playing fields/open spaces; and the community charge update. The meeting was informed that Mr.R.H.Moon, the Chief Executive and Mr.J.Bailey, the Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive were retiring. All town and parish councils expressed their thanks to these two officers for their help and advice during their terms of office.
 - (iv) Grants for Environmental Improvements and Avon Rural Initiatives Fund It was pointed out that the Village Hall Committee has written for information regarding these grants, and the matter is now in their hands.
 - (v) Visit by Councillor J.Daws to our meetings It was decided to leave the date for such a visit for the time being.
 - (vi) Hire of Skip in connection with the Best Kept Village competition The Clerk had contacted the officer concerned regarding the invoice sent to us for payment, and was informed to return the document and to accept his apology for the mistake.
 - (vii) 'No Tipping' notice The matter is now in the hands of the officer dealing with the erection of these signs and, hopefully, the work will be carried out shortly.

592. Clerk's Report (cont'd)

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- (viii) A.L.C.A. Meeting The meeting agreed that Mrs.B.M.Adkins, Mr.J.I.Long and the Clerk attend this meeting on the 7th December at Winscombe. A report will be given at our next meeting.
- (ix) Shelter Belt by Cannon's Valley The Clerk had contacted Mr.W.Goldstone about the cost of the work regarding supplying and planting trees on this site, and was informed that the estimate would be £495, and that he had sent it some time ago. Unfortunately, Mr.Philip Miles had not received it and the Clerk had, therefore, informed him of the position. As soon as the estimate is received, the matter will be discussed further by the parish council, and the appropriate department of W.D.C. will be informed if a grant in this connection is required.
- (x) Extension to the Clevedon Golf Course Mr.Ian Sinclair had contacted the Clerk for an extract of the minutes of our A.G.M. in April regarding their proposals for the land acquired from Sir William Miles. This had been done.
- (xi) Works of maintenance The Clerk had again contacted Mr.Blissett about the white arrows on the highway by the Cross Tree Stores, and the reflector lights by the bridge in Moor Lane. He confirmed that orders had been given for both these jobs to be carried out. Mr.Blissett also agreed that Mr.R.J.Baldwin be authorised to cut the weeds and brambles by the bridge in Moor Lane. The meeting was informed that this work had been carried out.

593. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mr.Philip Miles had kindly agreed to clear the two shelter belts in the village of weeds. Members expressed their appreciation.
- (ii) Another complaint had been received that damaged refuse bins along the Coast Road had still not been replaced. The Clerk would contact the officer in charge at W.D.C.
- (iii) The Clerk was asked to confirm from Mr.Blissett who is responsible for the raised kerbyby 'Parsonage Hayes'.
- (iv) The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Philip Tolerton from the Avon Wildlife Trust about the possibility of a seat being sited below the Signal Station along the Coast Path for the use of visitors.
- (v) The Clerk was asked to make enquiries from Mr.John Arbuthnot about the legal position regarding the holding of a private party, where the proceeds were to go to a charity.

594. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A notice regarding meetings open to the Public during December from W.D.C. was displayed on the notice board.
- (ii) The Annual Report for 88/89 from the Avon County Council was received and circulated.
- (iii) Two copies of the Register of Electors were received and displayed - one in the Post Office and the other in the Church porch.
- (iv) A letter from the Citizen's Advice Bureau for a donation was received. It was decided to discuss this at our next meeting.
- (v) A letter from the Avon Wildlife Trust for a grant was received. This will also be discussed at our next meeting.

595. Finance A cheque for £105.31 was passed for payment to the Clerk in connection with her salary and expenses; details of which had been circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

R.J. Baldwin
D.H. Longden

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON MONDAY, 8th JANUARY 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs. M.A.Charlesworth, Messrs.J.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.B.M.Adkins.

596. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
597. Planning The Clerk had written to Mrs.Jones, and in her reply she stated that she had driven past 1 Brighton Cottages to see for herself what the situation was, and saw no obstruction of vehicles or untoward action regarding the use of these stables. However, she pointed out that if it is confirmed a commercial enterprise is being carried out at this site, she will take further action. Our District Councillor also reiterated the comments made by Mrs.Jones and informed Members that if traffic problems are experienced, to contact W.D.C. again. It was agreed to keep this matter under review.
598. Change of day for Parish meetings. After discussing this matter, it was proposed by Mr.R.J.Baldwin, seconded by Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth, and unanimously **RESOLVED: THAT** our parish meetings be held on the second Thursday in each month, except August. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.
599. Clerk's Report
- (i) Precept for 1990/91 The Clerk had received a letter from the Treasurer of W.D.C. asking for the amount of our precept for this period. After discussion, it was agreed that a sum of £1400, the same as last year, would again be needed. The Clerk was, therefore, instructed to inform the Treasurer accordingly.
 - (ii) Blocked drain by Old Rectory Farm The Clerk had been informed of this problem on two occasions, and had contacted the emergency officer of Avon Highways department, who had made arrangements for the work to be done. However, the trouble had not been rectified, and Sir William Miles again informed the Clerk and Mr.Blissett of the situation. Mr.Blissett notified the Clerk that a temporary repair would be carried out for the present but, hopefully, a permanent solution could be found when funds become available next year. Members agreed to keep this matter under review.
 - (iii) The Village Newsletter The Clerk had written to Emma Tucker as authorised informing her that the parish council would again be responsible for the editing and typing of this newsheet, and her reply in acknowledgement had been received.
 - (iv) Raised kerb by 'Parsonage Hayes' The Clerk had contacted Mr.Blissett about this complaint, and had been informed that, if Mr.J.Flower is agreeable, a site meeting could be held to discuss this matter. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.
 - (v) Seat along the Coast Path The Clerk had telephoned Mr.Philip Tolerton who confirmed that a letter be sent by the parish council stating the approximate cost and the exact siting of this seat to Avon Wildlife Trust; the matter would then be considered by his department. The Clerk had made enquiries and the cost of such a facility would be in the region of £200 plus V.A.T. A letter to this effect would be sent to the Avon Wildlife Trust.
 - (vi) Works of maintenance Mr.Blissett had informed the Clerk that the painting of white arrows by the Cross Tree, and the replacement of the reflector lights in Moor Lane, had been authorised and work should commence shortly.

599. Clerk's Report (con'td)

- (vii) ALCA meeting at Winscombe The Clerk gave a report of the items discussed at this meeting held on the 7th December 1989 which had been attended by Mrs.B.M.Adkins, Mr.J.I.Long and the Clerk.
- (viii) Donations for 1990/91 It was unanimously agreed that the following donations be made for this period: The Parochial Church Council £75; Avon Wildlife Trust £25; Citizens' Advice Bureau £15; and the Council for the Protection of Rural England £5. The Clerk was asked to write to these organisations informing them that a cheque would be sent when our precept is received in April.

600. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Clerk was asked to write to Sir William Miles stating that the two willow trees by 'Benbrook' in Moor Lane needed attention. She had been notified by Mr.Blissett that this work was the responsibility of the landowner.
- (ii) A complaint was received that flooding had occurred along the footpath between 'Arodene' and 'Brighton Cottages' which had spread across the main road. The Clerk had notified Mr.Blissett who said he would look into this matter.
- (iii) Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that she had been in touch with Mr.Travis of the Technical Services department of W.D.C. about the replacement of the damaged refuse bins along the Coast Road. The work would be carried out shortly.

601. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (a) A letter from Mr.Ian Sinclair of the Clevedon Golf Club had been received concerning the extension of the golf course.
- (b) A copy of the Woodspring Digest had been received and circulated to Members.
- (c) A letter from Mr.M.Turnbull regarding Local Council Finances - Post April 1990 had been received and noted.
- (d) A letter from Ernst & Young (Auditors) regarding returned cheques was received and noted.
- (e) A copy of the Local Council Review was received and circulated.
- (f) A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 22nd November 1989 was received.
- (g) A letter from Mr.M.Turnbull (the Treasurer of W.D.C.) was received regarding information to accompany the Community Charge Demand Notices was noted.

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

£18.00 Village Hall Committee (hire of hall for 6 months
January 1990 to June 1990)

£ 20.00 Petty Cash

£ 8.53 S.W.E.B.

P.D. Ballin

W.M. Langhorne

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Police Constable D.Morgan also attended.

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

603. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
604. Planning Plan No. 0099/90 for a side extension to 'Rosebank', Coast Road, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr.M.J.Jordan was discussed, and the Clerk was instructed to inform W.D.C. that this application was approved by Members.
605. Precept for 1990/91 Vidé Minutes 599 (i), it was proposed by Mr.J.I.Long seconded by Mrs. M.A.Charlesworth and **RESOLVED:** THAT our precept for this period be the same as last year, i.e. £1400. The District Council has already been advised of this proposal.
606. Clerk's Report
- (i) Seat along the Coast Road An acknowledgement has been received from Mr.P.Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust that our request for a grant for this facility will be discussed at their Steering Committee on the 7th March.
 - (ii) Flooding by Old Rectory House/Farm Sir William Miles had again complained that his yard was flooded due to the damaged pipe. The Clerk notified Mr. Blissett who said he would send workmen to repair the pipe. Unfortunately, this problem occurred again a few days later, and the Clerk contacted Mr. Davey who stated he would call within one hour to inspect the damage. He did stress, however, that Avon Highways department have agreed to do a major repair job here in the new financial year. In the meantime he hoped the temporary work would be satisfactory. The Clerk informed Sir William Miles of the situation.
 - (iii) Removal of fallen trees across footpaths Sir William Miles had enquired whether help would be possible from either the District or County Councils in clearing footpaths in the area of fallen trees caused by the recent gales. The Clerk asked Mrs.Reed and Mr.Blissett for their comments, and was informed that the responsibility for this work rested with the landowner. The County Council is only responsible for the clearing of surface growth, i.e. brambles and nettles etc., and not for any growth in the sub-soil. It was agreed that the Clerk convey these facts to Sir William Miles by letter.
 - (iv) Street Light A letter from S.W.E.B. regarding V.A.T. payments on street lights was discussed by Members, after the Clerk had informed them that V.A.T. charges are only liable if we use over 3000 units per quarter. The necessary form will be completed and returned to S.W.E.B. It was also decided to raise the matter of the erection of additional street lights in the village at our next A.P.M.
 - (v) Works of maintenance It was pointed out that the painting of white arrows on the road by the Cross Tree were still not done, and that a fallen tree had knocked off the reflector light by the bridge in Moor Lane. The Clerk would contact Mr.Blissett again.
 - (vi) A.L.C.A. Meeting at Blagdon Mr. J.Long and the Clerk had attended this meeting on the 6th February, and a report on the items discussed was given to Members.

It was decided that the question of speed limit enforcement by electronic means be raised at our next ALCA meeting in June.

607. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Sir William Miles had been notified that the work of attending to the two willows in Moor Lane were his responsibility. He agreed to look into this matter.
- (ii) A request has been received from the Police, who attend most of our meetings, that a copy of our minutes be sent to them for information. Members raised no objection to this request, but the Clerk was asked to verify from W.D.C. whether this practice is permissible.

608. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Two sets of the final copy of the Register of Electors were received and would be displayed on the 16th February - one in the Post Office and the other in the Church porch for the information of parishioners.
- (ii) A notice of the meetings of W.D.C. for February and March was displayed in the notice board.
- (iii) Literature, including the Annual Report for 1988/89 from the Society of Local Council Clerks was received and noted.
- (iv) Avon Community Council had sent literature, plus a copy of the Field Fare, which were circulated to Members.
- (v) Copies of the current Planning Reports from W.D.C. were received and noted.

609. Finance There were no cheques for payment this month.*F. J. Balder**W. McLaughlin*The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 8th MARCH 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from S.G.Russell, Mrs. M. McEwen-Smith (District Councillor), and Police Constable D.Morgan.

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

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

612. Dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting It was RESOLVED: THAT our APM be held at 8.00 p.m. after our normal parish meeting on Thursday, 12th April 1990. It was agreed that representatives from the P.C.C.; the W.I. 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. will be on Thursday, 10th May 1990 at 7.30 p.m. The Clerk would notify the Press of these dates and also include this in our April newsletter.

613. Clerk's Report

- (i) Walton Common Mr.Philip Tolerton from the Avon Wildlife Trust is organising some practical conservation work on this site on Sunday, 25th March with the permission of Sir William Miles, and this event has been published in the newsletter.
- (ii) Flooding at Old Rectory House/Farm Members were informed that there was no problem here at present. The matter would be kept under review.
- (iii) Minutes for the Police After discussing this matter further, it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Police informing them that it is felt unnecessary for a copy of our minutes to be sent to them monthly, as it has not been done in the past. Furthermore, they are permitted to see the minutes when they attend our meetings. It was also pointed out that the Public and the Press are entitled to see our minutes by prior arrangement with the Clerk at her home.
- (iv) Fallen trees across footpaths Vide Minute 606 (iii), Sir William Miles had sent a copy of the byelaws concerning this matter, and the Clerk had forwarded a copy to Mrs.Reed of Avon C.C. and to Mr.Blissett for their views. Unfortunately, due to pressure of work, no reply has yet been received from these two officers. However, the Clerk will continue to pursue this matter.
- (v) Landslide along the Coastal Path Mrs E.Ross informed the Clerk that a further landslide had occurred here, and that the dangerous section of this path had been blocked off by Mr.Ross. Mrs.Reed had been informed, and an inspector from her department visited the site the next day. He informed the Clerk that the path was now in a very dangerous condition, and he would be contacting Mr.and Mrs Ross for their views.

After discussing this matter, it was decided that the Clerk notify the Gordano Footpaths Group, and the Ramblers Association of the situation, and also inform Mr.and Mrs Ross of the action taken so far. It was also felt the matter should be dealt with by the landowners and Avon C.C.

- (vi) Rubbish bags by the Coast Road The complaint that these bags had broken during the recent gales and their contents were strewn everywhere was passed to W.D.C. who said they would attend to it immediately.

613. Clerk's Report(con'td)

- (vii) S.S.S.I.- Holly Lane, Walton-in-Gordano This item appeared in W.D.C.'s report of the Planning and Conservation Committee meeting of the 30th January, and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether this land came within our parish boundary. Mrs.Charlesworth also agreed to contact the N.C.C. for their views. The Clerk was asked to ask the Planning Department of WDC for an up-to-date copy of a map regarding the parish boundary.

614. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mrs Charlesworth presented a copy of the accounts and the balance sheet for the village hall to Members for their information. It was decided to nominate two representatives on the Village Hall Committee at our A.G.M. on the 10th May 1990.
- (ii) The Chairman had received Mr.Goldstone's estimate for the shelter belt at Cannon's Valley from Mr.P.Miles in the sum of £495. It was agreed that this estimate be sent to the Planning Department of W.D.C. with a letter requesting a grant of 75% for this work which, it is hoped, will commence in the autumn. The Clerk was asked to confirm with Mr.P.Miles that he is still prepared to pay the 25% balance of the cost for this scheme.
- (iii) Members agreed to discuss the question of a further grant towards a scheme for the enhancement of the village which W.D.C. fund at our A.P.M. in April. One suggestion was the improvement of the wall by the stream opposite St.Paul's Church.

It was also suggested that a commerative event could be held on The Common, and the Clerk was asked to verify the date when parishioners were given the right to use The Common as a recreational area.

- (iv) A complaint was made about the overhanging trees by Cross Tree Farm, and the Chairman stated that he would contact the owners himself.

615. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from the Clerk of Long Ashton re planning procedures which had been discusses at our recent A.L.C.A. meeting.
- (ii) A letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission was received concerning the Supplementary Parish Review and this was noted.
- (iii) A letter from W.D.C. regarding Storm Damage was discussed; it was agreed that no action be taken in this instance.
- (iv) Avon C.C. had sent a notice regarding the South West Avon Green Belt Local Plan - Alteration 1 for Long Ashton. This was noted.
- (v) W.D.C. had sent a letter notifying parishes that an Environmental Working Party in this district had recently been established. The Civic Trust is staging a national Environment Week and parishes are invited to propose suggestions for the improvement of the environment in our parish. After discussing this matter, the Clerk was asked to write to W.D.C. pointing out that mains drainage, and a scheme for efficient traffic control in the village would be appreciated.

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

Mrs.D.McLaughlin	£102.81	(salary and expenses for March quarter; details of which were circulated to Members.
Petty Cash	£ 20.00	

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

R. J. Balder
W. McLaughlin