MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 12th APRIL 1990 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.

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

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

- 617. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- 618. Planning There were no plans for consideration this month.
- 619. Conygar Quarry A letter had been received from the Clerk of Clevedon Town Council expressing concern at the proposal for the resumption of quarrying operations on this site. Mrs. McEwen-Smith informed the meeting that the onus is on us to produce evidence on the reasons not to quarry, as we do not know the extent of quarrying activities at present. The planning permission is very loose, as originally there were not so much traffic and not so many houses involved. Avon C.C. is seeking Counsel's Opinion on this plan. She pointed out that, as circumstances have changed, a letter is being sent to the Secretary of State to revoke the planning permission as originally submitted.

The Clerk of the Clevedon T.C. also asked if we could write to the County Planning Officer (Minerals Section) supporting their objections to this proposal. It was agreed to comply with this request.

620. Clerk's Report

- (i) Best Kept Village competition The necessary forms in connection with this event have been received and, after discussion, it was agreed to bring this matter up at the Annual Parish Meeting which is to follow this meeting.
- (ii) Fallen trees across footpaths The Clerk informed the meeting that a reply from Mr. Blissett about this problem has been received in which he states that Avon C.C. is dealing with this matter.
- (iii) Landslide along coastal path This matter is now in the hands of the owners of the land in question and Avon C.C. The Clerk had contacted the Gordano Footpaths Group and the Ramblers Association who are very concerned at the extent of the damage; they will keep an eye on the progress of negotiations.
- (iv) Shelter Belt The Clerk had sent the necessary letter, together with a map of the area for this shelter belt, to W.D.C. Mr.Philip Miles had sent a letter confirming that he would pay the balance of 25% towards the cost of this scheme. Work will be put in hand as soon as possible after we have received consent from W.D.C. regarding the grant.
- (v) Avon Wildlife Trust Forum Mrs. M.A.Charlesworth attended this meeting in Nailsea, and her report was read to the meeting. The items discussed were the Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead Local Plan; the need for more volunteers for work on Walton Common from September onwards, and the proposal for a permissive path along Portbury Ditch if permission can be received from the Riparian owners; the River Authority have already agreed.

The proposal to resume quarrying at Conygar Quarry was also discussed. Concern was expressed at linear tipping across the Valley - further enforcement notes are to be issued, and the Avon Wildlife Trust would like parish councils to write to the Planning Inspectorate to prevent this scheme.

620. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vi) S.S.S.I. at Holly Lane The Clerk made enquiries about the exact location of this site, and W.D.C. have now sent a map showing the parish boundary. Copies of this map were circulated to Members. The area in question is not in our parish.
- (vii) Copies of Minutes for the Police The Clerk had explained the position to the Police about receiving copies of our minutes, and the matter has now been resolved satisfactorily.

621. Councillors' Reports

(i) A letter was received from Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council regarding an 'Open Morning' on Middle Hill Common on Sunday, the 20th May. It was decided to discuss this matter at our A.P.M. which will be held immediately after this meeting. It was agreed to mention this event in our newsletter.

622. Correspondence not previously dealt with

(i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.

(ii) A copy of the Local Council Review was received and circulated.

- (iii) An invitation from the Avon and Somerset Constabulary to an Open Evening was received. It was agreed that we attend this meeting, if possible.
- (iv) A letter from the Chief Executive of W.D.C. for an informal meeting of the Chairman/Clerk was received. It was decided to discuss this at our next meeting.
- (v) A letter from the Planning Dept of W.D.C. regarding amendments to plans was received and noted.

623. Finance A cheque for £8.53 to S.W.E.B. in respect of the street light was passed for payment.

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The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 12th APRIL 1990 at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs. B.M.Adkins, Vice-Chairman and J.I. Long, together with the Clerk. 6 parishioners also attended.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. M.A.Charlesworth, S.Russell, Rev. J.Smart and Mrs. R.Tucker (W.I. representative), and K.Dilley (Village Hall representative).

- 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. As Mrs. McEwen-Smith was also attending another meeting, she asked to give her report at the beginning, and started by informing us that she was representing the Gordano Valley parishes for another year. She told the meeting that Mr.R. Moon and Mr. J.Bailey the Chief Executive and Solicitor and Deputy Clerk of W.D.C. had retired and Mr.C.Stephens is now the Chief Executive.

Unfortunately W.D.C. are still troubled with the question of concessionary fares, especially as the Badger Company is not interested in any scheme proposed. However, they will press on with negotiations. Paper and bottle banks have been sited in the large towns in Woodspring, and have proved very successful. The Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead Local Plan has kept them busy. W.D.C. want to build more houses, but they will have to go to the Secretary of State for his approval. The Article 4 Directive is at present awaiting approval by the Secretary of State. Farm tracks in the Valley are causing distress, and Mrs. McEwen-Smith stated she would make sure this matter is kept under review.

The Gordano Valley sewerage scheme is progressing very well. Work in connection with storm damage generally has been good - Weston-super-Mare was very badly affected. The community charge was set at Avon's rate, but has since been capped and been reduced by £37 - the legalenforced charge is £395. Revised bills will be sent out later. Avon C.C. will have to reduce their budget by 26 million. Administration costs of rate-capping will be paid by Avon C.C. Mrs. McEwen-Smith then said she had tried to help the parishes regarding their planning applications, and also done her best to help in obtaining grants for shelter belts from W.D.C. She ended by saying that it has been her pleasure to serve our parish.

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

4. Chairman's Report

- (i) Parish Rate A 5.3p rate was again levied, making our precept for 1990/1991 the same as last year, i.e. £1400.
- (ii) Financial Report The receipts for the period 31st March 1990 to the 31st March 1990 totalled £2362.25; the various expenses incurred for the same period were £1922.39, leaving a balance at the 31st March 1990 of £439.86.

The Clevedon Golf Club extension is still a possibility. The only planning applications in our parish have been for small extensions. However, the layby at 'Roseway' may create a safety hazard, and will have to be carefully examined. The stables at 1, Brighton Cottage are causing W.D.C. some concern.

A Walk around the Gordano Reserve on the 20th June was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Mr.P.Miles had kindly agreed to pay 25% of the cost of the shelter belt at Cannon's Valley. The rest of the cost will be from W.D.C. in the form of a grant. A blocked drain by Old Rectory Farm caused some problems. Avon C.C. have promised to do a proper job on the drainage here next year.

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4. Chairman's Report (cont'd)

Avon Wildlife Trust has helped erect a seat below the Signal Station along the coastal path. Mr.P.Tolerton has arranged for conservation work to commence on Walton Common - volunteers are needed. Another landslide along the coastal path has occurred. Negotiations are being carried out with Mr. and Mrs. M.Ross.

The Chairman thanked Mr. and Mrs.S.Wills for continuing to supply the paper and to print the monthly newsletter at no charge. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. McEwen-Smith for her constant help and advice throughout the year as our District Councillor; to all the parish councillors for their work and to the Clerk for her help and also for typing the newsletter. He also thanked Valerie Baldwin for keeping the area around the Cross Tree tidy and for planting the colourful flowers

5. Mrs.Gladys Cooling, who was representing the P.C.C., then gave her report. She began by thanking the parish council for their donation towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. The Church building is in good order. The congregation has increased slightly. However, it needs the sum of £70 per week to keep the Church viable. They do hold other events to raise funds which help considerably. The main problem at present is the outside Churchyard wall which was damaged in the storm. They have had an estimate for this work. The wall between the Old School and the Church is also damaged and needs attention.

The Chairman thanked Mrs.Cooling for attending our meeting and for her report. It was then suggested that the parish council could write to W.D.C. on behalf of the P.C.C. enquiring whether the work of repairing the latter wall could merit a grant under their enhancement scheme. The Clerk was asked to act accordingly.

6. In the absence of Mr.K.Dilley, the representative from the Village Hall Committee, the Clerk read his report. The Hall had a reasonably successful 1989. They managed to provide five new tables and also decorate the rear area and still maintain some cash in hand. In achieving this, they have also arranged one or two social events which they hope villagers who attended them enjoyed as a focal point for the village.

He went on to say that it is the Committee's intention during the coming year to complete the refurbishment of the Hall and they look to the villagers to support them in their efforts. Mr. Dilley wished to take this opportunity to thank the parish council for their continuing support of the village hall.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Dilley thanking him for his report.

7. Mrs. R.Tucker, the President of the W.I., sent her report which was read by the Clerk. The W.I. meet on the third Thursday in the month in the village hall, except in January. They have approximately forty members and are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members. They have a varied programme of talks and demonstrations during the previous year, ranging from how to make home-made chocolates to conservation in the Gordano Valley. At one meeting members demonstrated their own skills, patchwork, spinning, cake decorations etc. Each year they have a Christmas and Birthday party. Later this month they celebrate their Diamond Jubilee with a dinner in the Hall. Each year they support a different charity - last year it was the Clevedon branch of the St. John Ambulance - when they presented them with a cheque to buy a radio for their new ambulance. A patchwork class is run fortnightly by a member and they also have a skittle team who are through to the semi-finals at the Avon Federation League. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join them for a very interesting programme planned for this year.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs.R. Pucker thanking her for an interesting report.

8. Any other necessary business

- (i) Street lighting in the village A number of residents had been against the suggestion that additional lights should be introduced in the village. After discussion, therefore, it was agreed that the plan for more street lights be abandoned.
- (ii) Best Kept Village competition It was agreed unanimously that Walton-in-Gordano would not enter this competition this year.
- (iii) Conygar Quarry A letter was received from the Clevedon Town Council and read to the meeting. General concern was expressed at the proposals for the resumption of quarrying operations on this site. The parish council agreed to support the objections raised by Clevedon T.C. to the proposal.
- (iv) Rights of recreation on The Common It was agreed that Walton-in-Gordano should perpetuate the rights of commoners by holding a commerative event in August 1992 which is the 100th anniversary when parishioners were given the rights to Walton Common. Members agreed to discuss this more fully nearer the date. The meeting was informed of the concern expressed by residents at the damage being done to the Common by horses, and it was agreed to pursue this matter further.
- (v) Burial Grounds This subject was raised as W.D.C. had asked the parish council about the position with regard to spaces for burial in our parish. Rev. J. Smart had informed us that there are only spaces for 30 more burials in the village Churchyard and he is very concerned about theproblem generally. This matter will be kept under review.
- (vi) Video Camera Survelliance in the village This proposal was discussed and it was decided to defer the matter for the time being.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 10th MAY 1990 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Police Constable D.Morgan also attended.

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

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

- 625. 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 Mrs. M.A. Charlesworth.
- 626. 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. The Chairman thanked these two councillors for their co-operation in the past.
 - (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.
- Annual Subscriptions It was unanimously agreed to pay A.L.C.A. the sum of £18.81 as our annual subscription, plus £3.75 for the Local Council Review, and £10 subscription to the Avon Community Council.

Vide Minute 599 (viii), it was agreed to pass the following cheques: £75 to the Parochial Church Council; £25 to the Avon Wildlife Frust; £15 to the Citizens' Advice Bureau; and £5 to the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

Cornhill Insurance had requested payment of our annual insurance premium of £30 and it was agreed to send a cheque for this amount to them.

- 628. The Minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 12th April 1990 were approved and signed.
- 629. Clerk's salary and expenses The Chairman proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased by 7% in line with inflation, making her salary £206 per annum. After discussion, it was agreed to ask the Clerk to make enquiries from other parish clerks regarding her additional expenses, and to finalise these at our next meeting.

The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanked Members.

- 630. Planning The meeting was informed that an amended plan for a layby at 'Roseway' Walton-in-Gordano is in the hands of the Planning Department of Woodspring D.C.
- 631. Clerk's Report
 - (i) Shelter Belt at Cannon's Valley A letter, giving details of the trees to be planted, was sent to the Planning Department, and an acknowledgement has been received. We await the official approval for work to commence.

631. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (ii) Enhancement Scheme The Clerk had been in touch with Mrs.R.Rowles, the Secretary of the P.C.C., requesting an estimate for the work of repairing the damaged wall at St.Paul's Churchyard. This was sent to the appropriate department of W.D.C., and an acknowledgement has been received. An officer from W.D.C. has inspected the site, and will be contacting Mrs.Rowles for further details before the work is approved.
- (iii) Landslide on coastal path The meeting was informed that it is hoped to bridge the gap where the landslide occurred; however, the matter is still to be decided between Avon C.C. and the owners of the land. We await the outcome of these negotiations.
- (iv) Conygar Quarry An acknowledgement has been received from the Avon County Planning Officer to our letter, and we now await the result of the Inquiry.
- (v) Street Lighting As instructed, the Clerk had contacted S.W.E.B. regarding the cost of erecting additional street lights in the village. She informed the meeting that, if lights can be attached to brackets on existing poles, they will cost approximately £150/£180 each. If new columns are needed, the cost will be about £250, plus £200 for underground service cables. It was agreed to defer this project for the time being.
- (vi) Seat by coastal path It was agreed that the Clerk write to Sir William Miles for his permission to site a seat below the Signal Station, and to inform Avon Wildlife Trust accordingly.
- (vii) Works of maintenance Mr.Blissett had informed the Clerk that work of repairing the wall opposite St.Paul's Church will be put in hand as soon as possible. The white arrows will be painted on the road by the Cross Tree when the contractor is next in the area.
- (viii) Open Morning at Weston-in-Gordano This event has been mentioned in our newsletter for the information of villagers.
- (ix) ALCA Meeting at Tickenham The Clerk read a report on the items discussed at this meeting held on the 9th May which was attended by the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk. Mr.Pearce, the representative on the Accident Prevention Committee, will raise our request for a speed limit through the village at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

Weston-in-Gordano raised the matter of tipping in the Gordano Valley. This will be discussed at the next ALCA meeting.

632. Councillors' Reports

- (i) It was agreed to pass a cheque for £17.25 to Mrs.M.Dilley for a video and film of the Village Festival, which will be kept with the parish council's records.
- (ii) A complaint was made about cycling on footpaths from the Golf Course and across the road to The Common. This was duly noted.
- (iii) A letter to Sir William Miles from Avon Wildlife Trust, supporting his temporary closure of the permitted route for horse riding over Walton Common, was received and discussed. Members agreed that, due to trespassing, quite substantial damage is being done here, and it was suggested that a stile may be the best solution. This matter to be considered further.
- (iv) A letter was received from the new Chief Executive of W.D.C. asking to meet the Chairman and Clerk informally. A suggestion was made that perhaps Mr. Stephens could attend one of our meetings, and the Clerk was asked to contact his secretary accordingly.

632. Councillors' Reports (contd)

- (v) The question of the Centenary of Parish Councils was again discussed and it was agreed to defer the matter for the time being.
- (vi) A complaint was received about confetti being left outside St.Paul's Church after a recent wedding, and the Clerk was asked to write to Rev. J.Smart in this connection.
- (vii)A letter from the Portishead Town Council, regarding the proposed Community Hospital in Portishead, was discussed, and the Clerk was asked to reply stating that, it was felt if we supported the building of a hospital in Portishead, the one at Ham Green may be closed. Members expressed concern about the possibility of the closure of the hospital at Ham Green. This matter will be kept under review.

633. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter from Woodspring D.C. regarding concessionary bus fares and community transport schemes was discussed, and noted.
- (ii) Avon C.C. has sent a letter regarding the Avon Waste Disposal Local Plan Draft Written Statement which was noted.
- (iii) A letter concerning the 'Back to Somerset' campaign was received and noted.
- (iv) W.D.C. had sent copies of the Planning Reports and Planning Index for our information.
- (v) Literature, including a copy of the Field Fare, was received from ALCA and circulated to Members.
- (vi) Woodspring D.C. sent a copy of the Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead Area Local Plan which was circulated to Members. Objections to this Plan must be received at the Town Hall by the 26th June 1990. A notice to this effect will be displayed on the village notice board.

634. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Parochial Church Council	£75.00
Avon Wildlife Trust	25.00
Mrs. M.Dilley	17.25
Citizens' Advice Bureau	15.00
Comhill Insurance PLC	30.00
Avon Community Council	10.00
A.L.C.A.	22.56
Petty Cash	20.00
Council for the Protection	5.00
of Rural England	

A cheque for £700, being half of our precept for 1990/91, was received from W.D.C. and paid into our Deposit Account at the Bank on the 2nd April. The Clerk was asked to enquire from the Treasurer if it would be possible to receive the balance as soon as possible.

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 THURSDAY, 14th JUNE 1990 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 and S.G.Russell.

- 635. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- 636. Planning Plan No. LB 1196/90 for the re-slating of the roof at Old Rectory House, Walton-in-Gordano for Sir William Miles was discussed, and it was agreed that no objections be raised to the approval of this application. The Clerk would notify W.D.C. accordingly.

- (i) Precept Vide Minute 634, the Clerk had been informed by the Treasurer's department of W.D.C. that our second instalment of £700 will be sent to us in September 1990. Members accepted this revised policy.
- (ii) Shelter Belt at Cannon's Valley A letter confirming that a grant of £371.25 or 75%, whichever is the lower, for the planting of this shelter belt has been received from W.D.C. The work must be completed and the grant claimed by the 24th March 1991. The Clerk was asked to notify Mr.Goldstone and Mr.P.Miles of the position.
- (iii) Confetti by St. Paul's Church. A letter has been received from Rev. J. Smart explaining the position; his remarks were noted.
- (iv) Audit of Accounts The Clerk asked for authority to send a summary of the parish council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 1990 to the Auditors. It was pointed out that the next audit will take place in 1992.
- (v) Meeting with new Chief Executive of W.D.C. It was agreed to defer this meeting for the time being.
- (vi) Donations The Clerk informed the meeting that acknowledgements with thanks have been received from the Avon Community Council; the Citizens' Advice Bureau and the Avon Wildlife Trust.
- (vii) Clerk's expenses. Vidé Minute 629, the Clerk had received a copy of a leaflet concerning this matter from the Avon Community Council which was discussed by Members. After deliberation, it was agreed that the Clerk's cost of telephone calls be increased to 22p per call; the use of a room as am office be increased to £16.50 per quarter; all other expenses to remain the same. The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanks to Members.
- (viii) Seat along Coast Road The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.P.Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust to arrange a meeting in order to agree the exact site for this seat, and also to invite Mrs.E.Ross to attend, if possible. The meeting was informed that Sir William Miles had made a donation of £20 towards the cost of this facility, and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to him for his kind gesture.
- (ix) Clerk's letter-headed paper It had been agreed for the Clerk to order 200 sheets of headed paper in connection with correspondence on behalf of the parish council. The cost is £20.60 (V.A.T. £2.69).
- (x) Speed Limit in Walton-in-Gordano A letter concerning this subject was received from Mr. Boxall of Avon C.C. It was agreed to await further information from our representative on A.L.C.A.

638. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received Mr.S.G.Russell's letter of resignation with regret. The parish council will now have to co-opt a new councillor, and a notice to this effect will be displayed in the village notice board. The Clerk will also inform W.D.C. of the position.
- (ii) The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr.P.Miles had agreed to clear the two shelter belts of weeds. Members expressed their appreciation of his kind offer.
- (iii) Members discussed the need for a new notice board in the village, and the Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles for his views on the possibility of a notice board being attached to the wall by the Post Office. The cost of this work will be taken into account when we levy our precept for 1991/92.
- (iv) The Chairman informed Members that a Village Garden Party/Fete will be held on Saturday, 14th July. He suggested that the parish council could make a donation to the Village Fete Committee. Members discussed this proposal, and it was finally agreed that a sum of £60 be donated. However, this matter will be finalised at our July meeting.
- The meeting was informed that horse-riding on The Common has decreased (v) recently, although motor cyclists and the use of mountain bikes on this site has increased. The Clerk was asked to inform Sir William Miles of this practice, and also to contact Mr.P. Tolerton of the A.W.T. for his views and advice.
- (vi) A complaint was made that work on the fence by the golf course has not been completed; the Clerk was asked to inform Mr. Blissett about this matter.
- (vii) The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning department of W.D.C. with regard to the untidy condition of 1 BrightonCottage at present. This dwelling is now vacant, and Members expressed concern that it could be sold as boarding stables.
- (viii) The Chairman informed the meeting that it has been suggested that a bridge be erected across the gap caused by a landslide along the coastal path. It was agreed that a meeting could be arranged to discuss this problem with Members of the council and the owners of the land in question.

Correspondence not previously dealt with 639.

- (i) A copy of the Local Council Review was received and circulated to Members.
- (ii) A letter from W.D.C. regarding parish community charge for 1990/91 was received and noted.
- (iii) The Publicity department of Avon C.C. had sent leaflets and a questionnaire entitled 'Environment Initiative' which were circulated to Members.
- (iv) A letter was received from the County Engineer on an exhibition on lighting and crime which was noted.
- (v) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.
- (vi) It was agreed to complete the form on 'Village Profile' received from Avon Community Council and return it.
- (vii) Copies of the W.D.C. 'Handy Guide' were received and circulated to Members.
- (viii) It was decided not to attend the meeting at Nailsea arranged by the Environmental Health department of W.D.C. regarding 'Tidy Woodspring Campaign' on the 20th June.
- (ix) It was agreed to mention the 'Avon Village Ventures competition' organised by Avon Community Council, in our next edition of the newsletter.

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

£107.89 (salary and expenses/- details of which Mrs. D.McLaughlin had been circulated to Members)

Clerk's letter-headed £ 20.60

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

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

- 641. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- 642. Co-opting of new Councillor After advertising the casual vacancy for the necessary period, Mrs. Esme M. Ross of 'Severn Leigh', Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano had declared her interest in standing as a parish councillor. It was agreed nem con that Mrs. Esme M. Ross be co-opted, and the appropriate form was signed. The Chairman then welcomed Mrs. E.Ross to take part in the proceedings.
- 643. Planning The Clerk informed the meeting that copies of planning applications for our parish were being sent to the Information Office at Clevedon for collection. Our District Councillor suggested that the Clerk contact the Administration Officer of the Planning department to ask that any planning applications for our parish be sent to Portishead Information office for collection by the Clerk.

It was pointed out that an Appeal against the refusal for a kitchen at 'Orchard Lea' by Mr. and Mrs. Banks has been turned down. Another plan No. 1358/90 for a conservatory to the rear of 'Orchard Lea' has now been submitted. After discussing this plan, it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Planning department pointing out that the parish council feels this large extension is not sympathetically placed on the building, especially in a conservation area, and we would not, therefore, recommend approval.

Plan 1457/90 - is for a temporary Portakabin to be sited near 'Myrtle Cottage' Walton-in-Gordano for Mr.M.J.Long for a disabled child. Members discussed this application at some length, and it was finally agreed to recommend approval, but with the following condition - this temporary building is only to be used while the child in question is in occupation, and must not be used for any other purpose. Mrs. McEwen-Smith said she would make enquiries from the Planning department regarding this application, as it was felt such a structure is not suitable in a conservation area. However, it was felt that as the Portakabin is to be used solely for the use of a disabled child, the application be approved.

An amended plan No.1451/90 for a layby at 'Roseway', Walton-in-Gordano for Miss A. Lane-Willan, was discussed, and it was finally agreed that no objections be raised in this instance. The Clerk would notify the Planning department accordingly.

- (i) Audit The necessary details regarding our accounts for the year ended 31st March 1990 have been sent to the Auditors but, so far, no reply has been received.
- (ii) Village notice board The Clerk had contacted Sir William Miles about the siting of a new notice board on the wall by the Cross Tree stores. However, Sir William does not agree with this suggestion, and feels it would be better outside the village hall. After discussion, Members decided to leave this matter in abeyance for the present.
- (iii) The Common gate/barrier by the footpath The Clerk contacted Sir William Miles who suggested a gate be erected to prevent motor cyclists and people using mountain biles riding on the Common. He also sent a note about the rights of certain commoners to use the Common, and suggested that these people have a key to unlock the gate when required. Mr.P.Tolerton was also informed of the position. He suggested the Clerk contact Mrs.Reed of Avon C.C. She pointed out that gates are only erected by them where the land in question is for agricultural use, and suggested a safety barrier might be a better idea, and has sent a plan for our use. Members, however, decided that a site meeting with Mrs.Reed might be more helpful, and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

644. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (iv) Avon Wildlife Trust Walk on The Common This event which was organised by Mr.P. Tolerton took place on the 28th June at 7.30 p.m. A large group consisting of 24 adults and 7 children turned up for a very enjoyable evening.
- (v) l Brighton Cottage The Clerk notified the appropriate department of W.D.C. of our concern that this property which is now unoccupied might now be sold as boarding stables. She was informed that when the house is sold, and is actually being used for commercial purposes, we should contact them again.
- (vi) Seat along the coastal path. A site meeting was arranged for the 11th July with Members of the parish council and Mr.P.Tolerton to decide on the exact location for this seat. The meeting was informed of the arrangements made regarding the erection of this seat.
- (vii) Speed limit in the village Mr.Pearce, our representative on ALCA, telephoned the Clerk and informed her that he had attended the Accident Prevention meeting of W.D.C. and had raised this matter on our behalf. It was unanimously agreed at this meeting that something must be done to slow traffic through Walton-in-Gordano. A suggestion was made that the word 'SLOW' be painted on the highway at either end of the village, and that the words 'REDUCE SPEED NOW' be shown just below the 'Walton-in-Gordano' sign. The Accident Prevention Committee also agreed that they write to Avon C.C. urgently.

After Members discussed this matter, it was agreed that more signs are not necessary in the village, and that these will not help to solve the problem. It was decided to raise this matter at our next ALCA meeting.

However, it was also agreed to thank Mr. Pearce for his efforts in trying to solve our problem.

- (viii) Fencing by the Golf Course The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Blissett again urgently regarding the condition of this fencing. Some of the railings have been treated, but there are sections where it is very dangerous and needs attention.
- (ix) Shelter Belt at Cannon's Valley The Clerk has notified Mr.Goldstone and Mr.P.Miles that W.D.C. have now approved the grant for this work. Mr.Goldstone confirmed that he will be making arrangements to commence work shortly.
- (x) Brook in Moor Lane Complaints were received that this stream is again in need of clearing. The Clerk was asked to enquire from Mr.Blissett whether Mr.R.Baldwin could again carry out this work.

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- (i) A cheque for £60 will be signed and sent to the Village Fete Committee after this meeting.
- (ii) It was pointed out that the clock in the village hall has not been working for some time; it was agreed to look into this matter.
- (iii) It was confirmed that the future of the large clock presented to the village hall will be included on the agenda of the Village Hall Committee at their meeting in December.
- (iv) A letter has been received from Mr.W.Charlesworth regarding the very little flow of water in Walton Brook. Members were informed that this matter had been raised some years ago with the Wessex Water Company, who confirmed that there was no problem with the water supply in the village. The Clerk was asked to check on these facts, and inform Mr.Charlesworth accordingly.

646. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from W.D.C. re the Control of Dogs, and noted.
- (ii) It was decided to take no action regarding the letter from W.D.C. concerning bus shelters.
- (iii) A letter of acknowledgement had been received from the C.P.R.E. thanking us for our donation.
- (iv) A letter from the Royal British Legion concerning War Memorials was received and noted.
- (v) A letter was received from Midshires Housing Ltd. concerning provision of housing for local people; it was decided to take no action.
- (vi) It was agreed that our apologies be sent to W.D.C. Environmental Health dept regarding the meeting for 'Tidy Woodspring North' to be held on the 19th July.

647. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Village Hall Committee

£15.00 - hire of hall for period July - Dec 1990 for parich council meetings

S.W.E.B.

£ 9.11 - street light

Walton-in-Gordano Fete Committee

£60.00 - see Minute 645 (i)

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The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.B.M.Adkins and Police Constable D.Morgan.

- 648. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- Planning Plan 1451/90 Layby at 'Roseway' the Clerk had been in touch with W.D.C. regarding the present position concerning this proposal, and was informed that the County Engineer has no objections to the amended plan, and neither has the Conservation Section of W.D.C. However, they are awaiting satisfactory details before approval can be given.

A letter from the Director of Planning concerning the new policy of 'Planning Enforcement' was noted.

- (i) Gate by the footpath to The Common The meeting was informed that Mr.P.Miles has erected a gate at the entrance to The Common to prevent horses and mountain bikes gaining access to this site. Members agreed that this is a good idea and, hopefully, will prove successful. The Clerk was asked to notify Mrs.Reed of this work and also to write to Mr.P.Miles expressing our appreciation and thanking him for carrying out this work.
- (ii) Confetti outside St.Paul's Church The Clerk had contacted W.D.C. about the legal position with regard to confetti being thrown outside the Church after weddings, and was informed that this problem does come under the Litter Act 1983. A copy of this Act has been sent to us for information. The Clerk was asked to write to Rev J.Smart advising him of the position, and suggesting that perhaps wedding parties could be informed that they are breaking the law by this action. The meeting was informed that the complainant wished to thank the parish council for its prompt action in this matter.
- (iii) Speed Limit B.3124 Further to Minute 644 (vii), Mr.Pearce, our representative on ALCA, had contacted the Clerk expressing his appreciation at the action taken by the Accident Prevention Committee of W.D.C. The Clerk, however, informed him of the decision taken at our last parish meeting concerning this matter, which we hope to raise at the next ALCA meeting.
- (iv) Railings by the golf course Mr.J.Long informed the meeting that an officer from Avon Highways had called to see Mr.Hollingsworth, the owner of Springhead Cottage, to inform him that they have agreed to remove the broken sections of the railings and have them repaired before reinstating them.
- (v) Water flow in brook in Moor Lane. A further complaint was received about the low level of water in this brook, and the fact that debris in this stream is not being adequately flushed. The Clerk was asked to contact the Wessex Water Authority again to ask for answers to the questions raised by Mr.W.Charlesworth.
- (vi) 'Tidy Woodspring North' The Clerk had sent our apologies for the meeting held on the 30th August. Another meeting has been convened for the 27th September at the Folk Hall in Portishead. Mr.J.Long and the Clerk agreed to attend this meeting if possible.
- (vii) 'No Tipping' sign. An account for £30 was received from W.D.C. for the erection of this sign in Moor Lane. Members discussed this matter, and it was finally decided that the Clerk return this account to W.D.C. stating we already have two signs forbidding 'tipping' in Moor Lane one by the bridge and the other by the ash track.

- volume of smoke caused by this bonfire. The Clerk will also contact the Environmental Health department about the legal position.
- (ii) The Chairman had received an invitation from Woodspring's Chairman to attend a Charity Ball on the 26th October. Members regretted they were unable to attend.
- (iii) A Gordano Valley Forum will be held on the 1st October at the Gordano School in Portishead. Mrs.M.A. Charlesworth will attend on our behalf.
- (iv) The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Blissett again about levelling the path by 'Taggart' as Mr. Dilley is prepared to cut the grass on this site if the 'tidying-up' is done.
- (v) A complaint that some white powder has been found on some plants in gardens by the Walton Bay Caravan Park was received. The Clerk would contact the appropriate department of W.D.C. for their comments.
- (vi) It was agreed to make a donation of £5 towards the leaving present for Mr. B. Wilyman who is standing down as our representative on the Executive Committee of ALCA. A cheque for this amount will be sent to ALCA.
- (vii) The Clerk was asked to make enquiries from the highways department of W.D.C. about the possibility of a notice board on two free-standing posts being sited on the widest part of the pavement next to the bus stop by 'Home Farm'.

652. Correspondence not previously dealt with

(i) A letter from the National Rivers Authority (Wessex Region) regarding collection of flood information was received, and noted.

(ii) Literature, and a copy of Field Fare, was received from ALCA. It was agreed to take no action concerning Target 750 Centenary Appeal. A letter from the County of Avon in connection with highway verges maintenance in Woodspring was noted.

(iii) APublic Lighting Maintenance form was received from S.W.E.B. for our records. (iv) Avon Community Council will be holding their AGM in Cadbury Heath Hall on the 26th September. It was decided to send our apologies.

(v) The notice for the Parish Councils Airport Association meeting on the 5th September was received too late for us to attend.

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

£5.00 - donation for Mr.B. Wilyman Mrs.D.McLaughlin 105.86 - salary & expenses for the September guarter details of which were circulated to Members.

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The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

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

One member of the public also attended.

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

- 654. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- Planning Members again discussed the amended planning application regarding the layby at 'Roseway' for Mss.A.Lane-Willan, who has now been informed by the Conservation department of W.D.C. that the wall along this layby should be 6 ft. high. It was pointed out that walls on adjoining properties, and indeed throughout the village, are only 3 ft. high and, consequently, it is felt this recommendation is not in keeping with the area. The Clerk was, therefore, asked to write to the appropriate department accordingly.

656. Clerk's Report

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- (i) Seat on coastal path Members were informed by Mr.J.Long that this seat has now been erected just below the Signal Station, and he confirmed that the work has been carried out satisfactorily. The Clerk was asked to write letters of thanks to Mr.P.Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust; Mr.P.Miles for the use of his vehicle to transport the necessary equipment for this work, and to Mr.C.Watts for allowing access through his field to the site. It was agreed to inform parishioners of this facility in our next newsletter.
- (ii) Bonfires at the Manor House The Clerk had telephoned Mrs.Wills of the complaints received regarding the lighting of bonfires, and was informed that she made sure the bonfires were under control and did not cause any nuisance. However, the Clerk contacted the Environmental Health department of W.D.C. and had now received leaflets setting out the facts concerning bonfires generally. These leaflets have now been circulated to Members for information.
- (iii) 'Tidy Woodspring North' The Clerk had sent our apologies once again to Mr.

 K.Rock for non-attendance at his latest meeting. It was felt that our parish is not sufficiently large enough to carry out the projects proposed by this committee. However, whilst on this subject, it was pointed out the vehicle, sent by the district council to clear the gutters, does not brush-up the rubbish along the footpaths. The Clerk was asked to contact the Technical Services department for their comments.
- (iv) Flow of water in the Brook The Clerk had been in touch with Mr.Copp of the Wessex Water Authority who reiterated the comments made in 1987 regarding the water supply in the village. He did, however, suggest that a check will be carried out shortly to re-affirm his previous report. Mr.Copp also notified the Clerk that they do not carry out work of flushing the stream to clear debris.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr.J. Hunter of the National Rivers Authority inviting him to attend our A.P.M. in April 1991 in order to explain to parishioners the position regarding water supplies in the village.

(v) Precept The Clerk had received the second instalment of our precept for 1990/91, amounting to £700, from W.D.C. on the 18th September which was paid into our deposit account at the Bank the same day.

456. Clerk's Report (contd) (vi) Notice Board The Clerk had been notified by Mr. Blissett that he would approve the siting of a free-standing notice board by the Cross Tree store after he received our request in writing with a sketch plan showing the exact site and the size of theproposed notice board. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to obtain details of the size and cost of the notice board in Weston-in-Gordano; also the name of the builder who carried out the work. (vii) Grass verge by 'Taggart' Mr. Blissett had notified the Clerk that he would arrange for a load of top soil to be delivered as soon as possible in order to tidy up this verge. (viii) Invoice for a 'No Tipping' sign Vide Minute No. 650 (vii), the Clerk had contacted the department concerned, and no further action is required. Councillors' Reports 657. (i) A request was made to the Clerk to obtain some information as to the possibility of the Army Training Corps carrying out repair work to the stretch of path where a landslide has occurred in Walton Bay. The Clerk had contacted Mrs. Reed's department who, in turn, had been in touch with the owners of the land in question. Mrs. E. Ross informed the meeting about the present situation regarding this path, and also produced a surveyor's report for the information of Members. It was finally agreed that the Clerk get in touch with the officer of the Army Training Corps for his views. (ii) Mrs. Reed of Avon C.C. had informed the Clerk that she had inspected the gate leading to The Common which had been erected by Mr.P.Miles, and found it satisfactory. However, further action may have to be taken if complaints are received about access to The Common by members of the public. Members asked that their appreciation be conveyed to Sir William Miles and Mr.P. Miles for this work, and Mr.J.Long agreed to undertake this request. (iii) A complaint was made by Mrs. E. Ross that a refuse bin along the Coast Road had not been emptied, due to it being completely covered by brambles and weeds. Another refuse bin further along the same road had been damaged, but not replaced. The Clerk would notify the appropriate department of W.D.C. (iv) Mrs.A.Charlesworth attended the Gordano Valley Forum on our behalf and gave a report on the items discussed at that meeting as follows: The district council had taken enforcement action against a local farmer regarding linear tipping in the Gordano Valley, which he appealed against. A Public Inquiry was held in July, but W.D.C. upheld the action. All tipping in Chapel Lane at Weston-in-Gordano has to be removed within 6 months; money has now been made available for storm damage to trees; discussions are proceeding with regard to Conygar Quarry; and the Article 4 Direction concerning the Gordano Valley is now in operation. A copy of this document was received and circulated to Members. 658. Correspondence not previously dealt with Another reminder of ALCA's A.G.M. in Keynsham was received from Mr.J.Arbuthnot; the Clerk had already sent our apologies. (ii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members. (iii) The agenda for the Annual Business Meeting of Chairmen and Clerks to be held on the 5th December was received. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk attend this meeting. (iv) A copy of the Local Council Review was received and circulated to Members. (v) A leaflet from the Countryside Commission concerning 'Forests for the Community' was received and noted. Finance. There were three cheques to be passed for payment this month: Mrs. V. Baldwin £55.00 (cutting footpaths in the parish) S.W.E.B. € 9.11 Petty Cash €20.00 R & Baller The Longbein 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 NOVEMBER 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mrs.M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor) and Police Sgt.R.Palmer also attended. The Press was also represented.

- 659. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- Planning. The application for Plan 1451/90 for a layby at 'Roseway' was again discussed at some length, especially with regard to the height of the wall along this layby. A letter has been sent to the Conservation department of W.D.C. after our last meeting, pointing out the parish council's objections to the revised plan. Mrs. McEwen-Smith advised the meeting that she would contact Mrs. Sims for her comments on this matter and would advise the Clerk of the outcome.

- (i) Landslide along coastal path The Clerk had contacted the officer in charge of the Army Officer Training Corps in Bristol about the possible use of his cadets in carrying out of works of repair at this site. She was informed that his adjutant would call to see Mr.and Mrs. Ross shortly to discuss the matter. The meeting was informed that, at present, the details are subjudice, but Members will be advised of the position as soon as positive information is to hand.
- (ii) Village Notice Board The Clerk had contacted Mr.D.Jacobs, who had constructed the two notice boards in Weston-in-Gordano, about our proposed notice board. She was informed that he would be sending us an estimate shortly for this work; this matter will be discussed at our next meeting.
- (iii) Clearing of footpaths in the village The Technical Services department of W.D.C. had informed the Clerk that only the gutters are cleared in rural areas as the vehicle used is a single-operated one. In urban areas where there are two men operating, both the footpaths and the gutters are cleared. The Clerk was also informed that channel-sweeping is now done every 4 weeks in the village.
- (iv) Water supply in the village The Clerk had telephoned Mr.Copp regarding a check being made about the water flow in the village recently, and was informed that flow-gauging had been carried out on the 16th October, both in the stream and also at the golf course. They will be informing us of the outcome as soon as possible. A letter was also sent to Mr.K.Hunter from the National Rivers Authority inviting him to attend our APM to give us some facts about this problem; no reply has yet been received.
- (v) Speed Limit B.3124 The meeting was informed that the word 'SLOW' has now been painted on the highway at each end of the village. However, it was pointed out that villagers are still very concerned at the speed of traffic through the village, and various methods were suggested to try and reduce the speed. Police Sgt.Palmer informed Members that he will look further into the matter and advise us of the position. This item will again be brought up at our ALCA meeting on the 20th November.
- (vi) Refuse bins on Coast Road Vide Minute 657 (iii), the Clerk was informed that no action has been taken about this matter by W.D.C. Mrs.McEwen-Smith informed Members she would contact the appropriate department of W.D.C. and report back to the Clerk.

661. Clerk's Report (cont'd)

- (vii) Cleanser Tanker A complaint had been received that a very large tanker which emitts a lot of black smoke, is using the Coast Road every morning, causing pollution and a traffic hazard. The Clerk had contacted the Police, the Environmental Health Dept of W.D.C., and the Ministry of Transport in Bristol in order to identify the firm using this vehicle. The matter is now in the hands of the H.G.V. Section of the Ministry of Transport in Long Ashton, and a reply is awaited. However, the meeting was informed that this tanker is being used by Avon C.C. to clear drains in the area, and the work will be completed at the end of the week.
- (viii) Railings by 'Springhead Cottage' A letter had been received from the owner of this property, stating that the work done on his section of the railings, is of very poor quality, and could be a danger hazard to pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter to Mr.Blissett for his comments.
- Temporary Road Closure Notification has been received from Avon C.C. that a section of the C422 north west of St.Paul's Church in the village will be closed for a period of three months with effect from the 1st January, with an anticipated completion in eight weeks. The Clerk was asked to enquire from Avon C.C. what action will be taken to notify residents, and public services, of this work. It was agreed that this item be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

662. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Golf Course footpath from Manor Wood to the Castle The Clerk had been in touch with the Secretary of the Clevedon Golf Club regarding this footpath now that work on the extension of the golf course has commenced. She was informed that, at a meeting between the Club and Sir William, agreement was reached about all the plans suggested. The plan is now on display at the Club House, and anyone wishing to see it can do so.
- (ii) Illuminated signs Walton Bay Motorists have complained about the bright illuminated signs by the Walton Bay caravan park sites, which they say are causing a nuisance. It was pointed out that these signs are much appreciated by local residents; however the Clerk was asked to contact the Planning department of W.D.C. for their observations. The Police would also check on this matter.
- (iii) Abandoned car in Moor Lane It was pointed out that on the 29th/30th September a car was discovered abandoned near the bridge. Sgt. R.Palmer confirmed that a 7-Day Order had been issued, but he would look into this matter and notify the Clerk of the outcome.

663. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter has been received from the Portishead Town Council in connection with the North Woodspring Community Health Group asking for our support in establishing a Community Hospital on the Ham Green site, especially as plans for the Portishead Community Hospital have now been shelved. It was finally agreed that we send a letter to the Chairman of the Health Authority, with a copy to each individual member and also to our M.P. supporting the Town Council's proposals.
- (ii) A letter from the British Sundial Society was received; it was agreed to take no action in this connection.
- (iii) Two letters from the C.P.R.E. were received; one asking for subscriptions and the other a newsletter with an invitation to attend the A.G.M. on the 24th November at Keynsham. It was agreed that the parish council will continue to make a donation annually to this organisation, and to send our apologies for the A.G.M. A notice for a 50/50 Auction will be displayed in the village hall notice board.

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

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The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

MINUTES OF THEPARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mesdames B.M.Adkins, Vice-Chairman and M.A.Charlesworth; also from Mrs. M.McEwen-Smith (District Councillor).

The Press was also represented.

- 665. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- 666. Planning There were no plans for discussion this month. However, the Clerk had been notified by the District Councillor that W.D.C. has now approved the revised planning application for a layby at "Roseway", Walton-in-Gordano, and the owner has been informed accordingly.

- (i) North Woodspring Community Health Group Vide Minute 663(i), the Clerk had sent letters to members of the Health Authority and to Sir Paul Dean, supporting Portishead Town Council's proposed plans for Ham Green Hospital. Replies have been received from them, and we now await the outcome of a further meeting held recently.
- (ii) Village Notice Board The Clerk had received an estimate from Mr.D.Jacobs in the sum of £286, inclusive of V.A.T., for the work of erecting a notice board as agreed at our last meeting. It was unanimously agreed to accept this estimate, and to inform Mr.Jacobs accordingly. In the meantime, Mr.J.Long had kindly agreed to prepare a sketch for submission to Mr.Blissett with our letter asking for authority to commence this work.
- (iii) Temporary Road Closure Avon County Council had informed the Clerk that notices relating to this road closure will be displayed prior to any works being commenced, and all the people concerned will also be notified. This item was included in the December issue of the newsletter, and Avon C.C. will also mention this in the Avon Report.
- (iv) Water supply in the village A reply was received from the National Rivers
 Authority, in reply to our invitation to attend our A.P.M., requesting more
 details of our concern at the water flow. The Clerk was instructed to reply,
 stating that we were very concerned, as many complaints had been received from
 local residents about the flow of water in the village.
- (v) Railings by Springhead Cottage Further to a complaint by Dr. Hollingsworth the Clerk had contacted Avon C.C. and their representative, after inspecting the work, did not agree that the work was of poor quality, as aluminium banding had been used to bolt the sections together. However, he agreed that one section of the railings will need to be replaced by a new panel. It is hoped that the work will soon be put in hand.
- (vi) Speed of traffic through the village At our recent ALCA meeting, it was confirmed that Avon C.C. had now carried out the works suggested by them see Minute 644 (vii). Police Sgt.Palmer informed the Clerk that a letter, with a petition from local residents, should be sent to Avon C.C. pointing out the emotional stress on pedestrians trying to cross the road while vehicles are travelling at high speeds. This matter will be kept under review.
- (vii) Illuminated signs by caravan parks at Walton Bay Police Sgt. Palmer had driven along the Coast Road, and did not agree that these signs caused a traffic hazard. However, due to further complaints being received in this connection, the Clerk had contacted the Enforcement Officer of W.D.C. who confirmed that she would be visiting the site herself, and will notify us of the outcome. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs. S.Ross of the Coast Caravan Park and explain the position to her.

667. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (viii) Abandoned car in Moor Lane After many attempts to various departments of W.D.C., and with help from the Police, the Clerk has now been informed that this car has been removed.
- Annual Business Meeting at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare. The Clerk had attended this meeting on the 5th December, and gave a report on the various (ix) subjects discussed, which included: the Conygar Quarry, street cleaning in parishes; bottle banks; burial grounds; Radon Gas; photo-copying of documents by W.D.C.; the Community Charge; concessionary bus fares and the Bristol Airport Development Plan. The meeting was informed that Mr. Brian Huish, the Chief Planning Officer was retiring in December and thanks were expressed to him for his hard work. All town and parish councils were asked to let the Treasurer have our precepts by the end of January.
- (x) Refuse bins on the Coast Road The meeting was informed that W.D.C. had now emptied the refuse bin complained of and also cleared the area around it; however, the damaged bin had not been replaced. The Clerk was asked to contact W.D.C. again.
- (xi) Cleanser Tanker The Clerk had received an acknowledgement from the H.G.V. section of the Min. of Transport, but the matter has now been settled as this tanker is no longer operating in this area. The complainant has also been informed.

668. Councillors' Reports

- The reflector posts by the stream opposite St. Paul's Church have still not been replaced. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.
- (ii) The white arrow and road markings by the Post Office have still not been done. Avon Highways has notified the Clerk that this work will be put in hand as soon as possible.
- (iii) A letter has been received from the Secretary of the P.C.C. about an increase in the donation by the parish council towards the upkeep of the Churchyard After discussion, it was agreed to leave this matter until our next meeting.
- (iv) A complaint was made that the information panel in the telephone kiosk by the Walton Bay Caravan Park has been removed by vandals. The Clerk was asked to contact Telecom about this matter.

669. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.
- (ii) W.D.C. had sent a list of buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in our parish for our records.
- (iii) A copy of the Local Council Review was received and circulated to Members.
- (iv) Copies of a newspaper 'Serving the People of Woodspring' was received and distributed to Members.
- (v) A copy of the Annual Report of the Avon Community Council 1989/1990 was received and circulated to Members.
- (vi) Literature and a copy of the "Field Fare" were received from the Avon Community Council, and circulated to Members. A form regarding their A.G.M. was also received for completion and return.
- (vii) A letter from the Avon and Somerset Constabulary concerning a 'Victim Support Scheme' was received. It was agreed to include this in our next newsletter.
- (viii) Two copies of the Register of Electors were received one has been displayed in the Cross Tree Stores, and the other in the porch of St. Paul's Church. Mrs. E.Ross asked whether an extra copy of this Register could be requested from W.D.C. for display in the Walton Bay Stores. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.
- 670. Finance A cheque for £112.73 was passed for payment to the Clerk in connection with her salary and expenses for the December quarter; details of which had been eg Balth Dhefanghen circulated to Members.

aThe meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY 1991 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

The Press was also represented.

- 671. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- 672. Planning There were no plans for discussion this month.
- 673. PRECEPT After discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED: THAT a precept of \$1000 be levied for the period 1991/1992 for the parish council. The Clerk was, therefore, instructed to inform the Treasurer of W.D.C. accordingly.

Whilst discussing the finances of the parish council, it was agreed that our donation to the P.C.C. for the upkeep of the Churchyard this year be increased to £150, which is double last year's contribution. The Clerk was asked to write to the Secretary of the P.C.C. informing her of our decision, but also to point out that we shall not be able to increase this donation next year.

674. Clerk's Report

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- (i) Illuminated signs by Caravan Parks As instructed at our last meeting, the Clerk had been in touch with Mrs. S.Ross of the Coast Caravan Park and explained the position to her. We are, however, still awaiting a reply from the Enforcement Officer of W.D.C. regarding this matter.
- (ii) Notice Board The Clerk had sent a sketch plan, kindly prepared by Mr.J.I.

 Long, to Mr.Blissett who agreed that the work of erecting this notice board could be carried out. However, before digging the holes in the pavement for the two posts, he stressed that S.W.E.B., the Gas Board and Telecom should be contacted for approval. The Clerk notified Mr.Jacobs that his estimate was acceptable to the parish council and, when permission from the three services had been received, he could start the work.
- (iii) Railings by "Springhead Cottage" The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a copy of the letter sent to Dr. Hollingsworth explaining the work to be carried out by Avon Highways. It was agreed to keep this matter under review.
- (iv) Working Party on The Common Mr.P.Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust had asked the Clerk to display notices in the village of this event to be held on Sunday, 30th December. This was done, and the meeting was informed that this had been a successful project.
- (v) Refuse Bin on the Coast Road The Clerk had again contacted the Technical Services department of W.D.C. who agreed to take immediate action to replace the missing bin.
- (vi) Telephone kiosk missing panel The Clerk had again contacted Telecom, and was assured action will be taken shortly.

675. Councillors' Reports

(i) The question of concessionary bus fares was again raised, and the meeting was informed that the local W.I. had now completed a bus monitoring scheme. However, they would like the parish council to bring pressure on the District Council for some action. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs.McEwen-Smith for her comments.

675. Councillors' Reports (contd)

- (ii) It was pointed out that the shelter belt in Cannon's Valley was now finished and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr.P.Miles to confirm that this work had been done satisfactorily. She was also asked to contact Mr.W.Goldstone for his invoice which has to be sent to W.D.C. before the 24th March in order to qualify for our grant.
- (iii) Mrs. Esme Ross asked whether it would be possible for another seat to be sited in the field behind Brighton Cottages in Back Hill. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries from Mr.P.Tolerton as to the firms who supplied the first seat and the materials for the work. She was also instructed to contact Sir William Miles for his approval, and then to get in touch with Mr.C.Young, the tenant of the field, for permission to use a vehicle to transport the materials to the site.

696. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter from W.D.C. regarding the project 'Woodspring Sea of Flowers' was received. After discussing this matter, the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs.Rutley the Secretary of the Gardening Club for her views.
- (ii) The County of Avon had sent a copy of the Environmental Audit Phase 1 for our information.
- (iii) Leaflets regarding 'Update Environment in Avon' was received and circulated to Members.
- (iv) It was decided not to take any action regarding a letter received in connection with war memorials.
- (v) A letter was received from Mr.P.Miles concerning clearing works being carried out in the woods. This was noted.
- (vi) A notice had been received for a meeting of 'Tidy Woodspring North'. It was decided to send our apologies.
- (vii) A letter from W.D.C. concerning the Designation of Hackney Carriage Stands was received and noted.
- 617. Finance Three cheques were passed for payment as under:

Village Hall Committee £18.00 (hire of hall for 6 months for parish council meetings - Jan/June)

Petty Cash

£20.00

S.W.E.B.

£9.11 (street light.)

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The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 1991 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

- 678. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- 679. Planning Plan No. 30/91 'Woodbine Cottage', Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano for Mr. D.J.Berry, was discussed, and it was agreed that no objections be raised to the change in the original plan from flat to tiled roof. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Department accordingly.

The Clerk also informed Members that a Consent to Fell Order was received regarding the complete removal of a Cypress tree at The Manor House, Walton-in-Gordano; the tree had sustained severe storm damage. No objections were raised to this proposal.

680. Clerk's Report

- (i) Shelter Belt at Cannon's Valley The Clerk was informed by the Conservation department of W.D.C. that the invoice from Mr.W.Goldstone should be sent to them by the end of February in order that they may inspect the completed shelter belt before submitting our grant. The invoice has now been received and the Clerk will take the appropriate action.
- (ii) Notice Board Mr. D.Jacobs has now completed the erection of this notice board and sent his invoice for £286.00. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Jacobs expressing their appreciation at the excellent work carried out by him. A cheque for this amount will be signed at this meeting and sent to Mr.Jacobs.

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr.Blissett agreeing to this work being carried out and setting out some conditions for the parish council to adhere to in the future. Members agreed to these conditions, and the Clerk was asked to notify Mr.Blissett accordingly.

- (iii) Seat on the Coastal Path A cheque for £45.09, being our share for the erection of this seat will be signed at this meeting, and will be sent to the Avon Wildlife Trust, together with a letter expressing our thanks for their help and co-operation.
- (iv) Seat on Coastal Path Field OS 1100 (Back Hill) Vide Minute 655 (iii), the Clerk had contacted Sir William Miles who agreed to this proposal. The Clerk also made enquiries from Mr.P.Tolerton as to the firm who supplied the first seat, and she now has the necessary information. A final decision will be made about this work in the near future.
- (v) Working Party on The Common This project, to be held on Sunday 24th March at 10 a.m., was mentioned in the February issue of the newsletter.
- (vi) Salting and Gritting of the Coast Road Mrs. E.Ross contacted the Clerk as she had received some complaints that this road was very icy during the snowy weather, and was a danger hazard to traffic. The Clerk telephoned the emergency department of W.D.C., and the work was carried out that evening.
- (vii) Woodspring Official Handbook It was agreed that more items of interest concerning our village could be included in this Handbook. As soon as this information is to hand, the Clerk will contact W.D.C.
- (viii) Common Hill Wood Mr. D. Williams had complained to the Clerk that mature trees were being cut down on this site. She contacted Mr. P. Miles who informed her that only damaged trees were being cut down, and he would get in touch with Mr. Williams and explain the position. Members agreed to take no further action in this matter.

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681. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was made that the road by Brighton Cottages is again flooded when it rains due, possibly to water running down the footpath nearby. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Blissett.
- (ii) The question of concessionary bus fares was discussed, and Mrs. McEwen-Smith explained the position to Members. Woodspring District Council had decided that such a scheme would cost too much to initiate, and the burden would fall on the ratepayer. The Clerk was asked to write to the W.I. and inform them of the position.
- (iii) The Chairman had received a document from W.D.C. entitled 'Protocol in the District of Woodspring' which was noted. It was agreed that this booklet was very useful and interesting, and the Clerk was asked to file it for future reference.
- (iv) The Chairman had received a letter from the Southmead Health Authority stating that a meeting will be held in Ham Green Hospital on the 28th February. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies.

682. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from Avon C.C. regarding 'Consultation What's in it for you?' which was noted. A questionnaire was also enclosed for us to complete, and Mr.R.Baldwin kindly agreed to deal with this matter.
- (ii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.
- (iii) A letter was received from the Department of the Environment concerning 'Survey of Local Councils'. Two forms need to be completed, and Mr.J.Long kindly agreed to attend to this matter on behalf of the parish council.
- (iv) A poster was received from Avon C.C. regarding Environment Audit Public Meetings; this will be displayed in the notice board.
- (v) A Notice was received from the County Solicitor and Deputy Clerk regarding 'temporary prohibition of use by vehicles Order'. This is in connection with the closure of the B.3124 through Weston-in-Gordano, due to the construction works for the Footway Scheme. The period in question is from the 8th April to the 19th May 1991. This Notice will also be displayed in the notice board.
- (vi) A new Parish Council Policy and Schedule was received from Cornhill Insurance for our perusal, and comments, if necessary.
- (vii) A letter from the Customer Service Committee for Wessex Committee meetings to be held in Salisbury was received. A questionnaire was also enclosed, and Mr.R.Baldwin kindly agreed to look into this on our behalf.
- (viii) Rev. J. Smart had sent a letter thanking the parish council for our increase in the donation to the P.C.C. for the upkeep of the village Churchyard.
- (ix) Copies of the Register of Electors were received for display in the village Post Office, in the Church porch, and in the shop at Walton Bay Caravan Park.
- (x) W.D.C. sent an up-to-date list of appropriate contacts for the various services in Woodspring for our records.
- 683. Finance Two cheques were passed for payment as under:

Avon Wildlife Trust £45.09 Mr.D.Jacobs £286.00

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m. K.J. Ballly The Loughly

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON FRIDAY, 22nd MARCH 1991 at 7.30 p.m.

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

- 684. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
- 685. Planning There were no plans for consideration this month.
- 686. Village Hall Management Committee The Chairman informed the meeting that at their A.G.M. on the 7th March, members of this Committee all decided to resign and it proved impossible to elect a new Committee. Consequently, the Chairman proposed that the parish council take on the responsibility of managing the village hall, and this was seconded by Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth. It was therefore unanimously RESOLVED: THAT the parish council take full responsibility for the running of the Village Hall.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Charity Commission stating these facts. This will also be mentioned in the local Press and in the village newsletter.

It was agreed to put this matter as an agenda item at our A.P.M. to be held on the 11th April for discussion generally.

- (i) District and Parish Council Elections The Clerk had received the necessary forms from W.D.C. for distribution to Members concerning the parish council elections in May. All councillors agreed to stand for a further term, and duly completed their forms for delivery to the Town Hall at Weston-super-Mare by the 5th April.
- (ii) Shelter Belt A cheque for £371.25 was received on the 22nd March from W.D.C. in respect of the grant for this shelter belt, and was paid into our deposit account at the Bank. It was agreed that a cheque for £371.25 be sent to Mr. P.Miles who had paid the full amount to Mr.W.Goldstone when the work was completed. A letter of thanks will be sent to W.D.C. for their generous contribution.
- (iii) Date of Annual Parish Meeting It was unanimously agreed that our A.P.M. be held immediately after our Ordinary Parish Meeting on Thursday, 11th April which is held at 7.30 p.m. This will be mentioned in the newsletter for the information of parishioners.
- (iv) Closure of Coast Road Mrs.E.Ross had complained to the Clerk that a notice was displayed at the junction of Nore Road and Down Road pointing out that the Coast Road route to and from Clevedon was closed except for 'The Ship' and the Conifer Centre; the Walton Bay Stores was not mentioned. The Clerk contacted Avon C.C. and this was rectified. The Chairman had also contacted the Clerk regarding a number of complaints about the insufficient notices displayed informing motorists about this closure. Avon C.C. informed the Clerk that every care was made to ensure that enough notices were put up.
- (v) Working Party on The Common Mr.P.Tolerton contacted the Clerk regarding this event, and was informed by her that it had been mentioned in the February issue of our newsletter. This will be held on Sunday, 24th March. Mr.Tolerton also pointed out that a guided walk will take place on Walton Common in June. Details will be sent later.
- (vi) Woodspring Official Handbook Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth had kindly compiled further items of interest to be included in this handbook, and notified W.D.C. accordingly. Members expressed their thanks to Mrs.Charlesworth.

6%7. Clerk's Report (cont'd)

- (vii) Notice Board The Clerk had sent a letter of thanks, together with our cheque, to Mr. D.Jacobs. She had also notified Mr.Blissett that the work was complete, and that the parish council agreed to the conditions stated in his letter concerning this notice board.
- (viii) Oil in stream Moor Lane. Acting on the complaint received from Mrs.

 M.A.Charlesworth, that oil was discovered in the stream at the back of dwellings in Moor Lane, the Clerk contacted Avon C.C. who said they would make an immediate investigation. It was later confirmed that a vehicle, used by workmen while carrying out road repairs locally, was leaking oil. The matter has now been put right.
- (ix) Cornhill Insurance The Policy and Schedule in connection with the parish council was checked and found to be correct.

683. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Complaints were received that large hedge cuttings were left on the main highway through the village which could cause accidents. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries from the local National Farmers' Union as to who is responsible for the clearing of these cuttings when hedges are trimmed.
- (ii) Complaints have been received that the free-standing sign placed on the pavement pointing to the Post Office Stores is creating a traffic hazard and could, also, cause an accident to pedestrians. Mr. Baldwin kindly agreed to have a word with Mr.C. Thorpe asking for his co-operation in removing the sign.
- (iii) A letter from the Nature Conservancy Council informing us that Walton Common has now been designated a S.S.S.I was circulated to Members. It was agreed to mention this item in the local Press and also in the next issue of the newsletter.
- (iv) It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. and Mrs.M.Ross for erecting a seat along the coastal path. Mrs.Ross informed the meeting that a resident of the Walton Bay Caravan Park had agreed to pay for a further seat to be sited along this path. Members expressed their thanks for this generous offer, and the Clerk was asked to order a similar seat to those previously erected.
- (v) Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth kindly agreed to attend the Gordano Valley Forum on the 9th April at 7.30 p.m. at Nailsea as our representative.
- (vi) Mrs.E.Ross complained about the amount of rubbish at Holly Lane near the Clevedon Comprehensive School. The Clerk was asked to write to the Headmaster of this school expressing our concern at the irresponsible behaviour of some of his school-children, and asking for a dustbin to be sited nearby for their use.

68). Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.
- (ii) A copy of the Local Council Review was received and circulated.
- (iii) A letter from W.D.C. regarding Planning Enforcement was noted.
- (iv) A letter from W.D.C. concerning the supply of background papers was noted.
- (v) Literature from ALCA was noted. A copy of Field Fare was circulated.
- (vi) Sgt.R.Palmer had sent a letter regarding traffic through the village.His comments were noted.
- (vii) W.D.C. had sent literature regarding the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- (viii) The C.P.R.E. had sent the entry forms for the Best Kept Village competition. It was agreed to discuss this matter at our A.P.M. on the lith April.

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689. Correspondence not previously dealt with

(ix) A copy of the Clevedon, Portishead and Nailsea Area Local Plan was received.

(x) Avon C.C. had sent leaflets of the County Structure Plan - 3rd Alteration which were circulated to Members.

(xi) Avon C.C. had sent a letter concerning the Public Transport Forum to be held on the 10th April at the Weston Technical College. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies.

(xii) A poster in connection with the Environmental Audit Public Meetings was

received from Avon C.C., and displayed.

(xiii) The Citizens' Advice Bureau sent a letter asking for a donation. This will be sent after our A.G.M.

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

Mr.P.Miles

£371.25 - See Min.687 (ii)

Mrs.D.McLaughlin £108.44 - salary and expenses for March quarter - details of which had been circulated to Members.

The meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

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