

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 8th APRIL 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

844. Co-opting of new Councillor The Clerk had received a letter from Mr. Brian R. Cannell of 'Silverburn', Walton-in-Gordano stating he would like to be considered as a parish councillor. As there were no other candidates, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. B.R. Cannell be co-opted as a parish councillor. The Clerk would notify W.D.C. accordingly.
- Mr. Cannell then signed the necessary form of acceptance, and attended the meeting.
845. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
846. PLANNING There were no plans for consideration this month. The Clerk had received no further information regarding the planning application for 'Cosy Corner', Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano.
847. Clerk's Report
- (i) Shelter Belt The Clerk had contacted Mr. W. Goldstone who said he would visit the site and let us know the position with regard to replacing the dead trees.
 - (iii) Footpaths The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. J. Dyer regarding the notices 'Access for walkers only' on footpaths in the parish. He agreed to investigate the matter. In the meantime, however, it has been confirmed that these notices were erected by the Miles Estate to discourage cyclists from using the footpaths.
 - (iii) Transport to hospitals in Bristol The Clerk had notified Mr. Gudgeon that Clevedon Care was unable to incorporate Walton-in-Gordano in their scheme for cars to take patients to and from hospitals in Bristol as they only cope with residents in Clevedon. Mr. Gudgeon informed the Clerk that, as our residents belong to the Portishead Health Centre, they are entitled to use the facilities of the 'Portishead Porters' when transport is needed. However, it was pointed out that one or two volunteer drivers from Walton-in-Gordano, in cases of emergency, would be appreciated.
 - (iv) 'Humps' outside properties in Moor Lane Mr. Blissett informed the Clerk that he would give instructions to have the 'humps' removed (see Minute 834 (i)). These had been constructed after the recent flooding in the village by Avon Highways.
 - (v) C.P.R.E. A Special General Meeting is being held on the 24th April in Bristol at which a presentation will be made to Mrs. D. Ellis who is retiring as the Chairman of this organisation. It was agreed that a cheque for £5.00 be sent towards a donation for Mrs. Ellis.
 - (vi) Coastal Path - landslide The Clerk had been in touch with Avon CC regarding the present position, and was informed that they have been in touch with W.D.C. as to their contribution under a Path Creation Order or Agreement. The officer dealing with this matter has now left W.D.C., and they are awaiting further information before taking any action.

847. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vii) County Elections Notices have been received from W.D.C. regarding these elections, and were displayed in the notice board, in the Church porch, in the village hall and in the Walton Bay Stores for the information and guidance of local residents.

848. Councillors' Reports

- (i) In response to enquiries, the Clerk was asked to contact the Treasurer's department of W.D.C. about the increase of £10 in the new Council tax for Walton-in-Gordano as compared to other parishes in the Gordano Valley. It was explained this is because we had asked for a larger precept this year. The figures for tax purposes are based on the value of properties in the 'D' banding. It was also pointed out that we should keep a contingency fund in case of unexpected costs.
- (ii) A complaint was received that the tarmac on the road through the village, which had been previously patched up, is now breaking up, and could cause accidents. The Clerk would contact Mr. Blissett for his views.
- (iii) The question of the possibility of centralising postal deliveries in rural areas was raised, and the Clerk was asked to contact the Head Postmaster for confirmation or otherwise.

849. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from Avon C.C., together with leaflets regarding Community Care in Avon which were circulated to Members.
- (ii) A questionnaire was received from ALCA regarding items suggested to be included on the mailing list for completion and return.
- (iii) A letter was received from S.W.E.B. re electricity charges for public lighting, and noted.
- (iv) Leaflets re events taking place locally were received from WDC and circulated.
- (v) A letter and leaflet re National Music Day was sent for our information.
- (vi) Avon C.C. had sent a copy of the Avon Waste Disposal Local Plan for our information.
- (vii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated.
- (viii) A letter was received from the Portishead Town Council re hospital care by Southmead Health Services, and noted.
- (ix) Copies of booklets concerning Conservation in Woodspring were received from W.D.C. and distributed to Members.
- (x) Copies of planning reports were received from W.D.C. for our information.

850. Finance Two cheques were passed for payment as follows:

S.W.E.B. £11.45 (street light)

Mrs. D. Ellis £ 5.00 (donation towards presentation)

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

R. D. [Signature]
D. McLaughlin

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THE 8th APRIL 1993 at 8.30 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, B.R.Cannell, Mesdames M.A.Charlesworth and E.M.Ross, together with the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.B.M.Adkins, N.C.Ashton (District Councillor), Father John Smart, Messrs. G.H.Rutley and G.Rowles, and Mrs.F.H.Iles (Secretary of the W.I.)

10 parishioners also attended.

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 The parish council had asked Woodspring District Council for a precept of £2000 for 1993/94.
- (ii) Financial Report Receipts for the year ending 31st March 1993 totalled £1404.81; expenses were £1190.53, leaving a balance of £214.28.

There were no major planning applications this year. It is hoped that the footpath from Moor Lane to the Village Hall will be tarmaced shortly. After some initial interest in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, nothing conclusive has transpired. There has been no progress regarding the weight/width restriction along the Coast Road. Talks about the bridleway path is still on-going.

During the year the parish council has kept constant pressure on W.D.C. and Avon C.C. regarding the landslide to Mariners Path. It now looks as if some action is going to be taken at long last. The Avon Wildlife Trust has notified us that they would like to fence Walton Common, and intend to graze cattle on it. This was mentioned in the village newsletter, but no response was received.

It seems that the Boundary Commission Review has been agreed - W.D.C. will be responsible for administration, and Somerset C.C. for the historical and geographic issues.

Severe flooding was experienced in December 1992 in the village. After discussion at meetings, W.D.C. and Avon Highways have promised an Inquiry. We hope some positive action will be taken.

On the 9th August a commemorative event was held on Walton Common including a rounders match; about 21 local residents took part. There has been no more action regarding the re-opening of Conygar Quarry at present; hopefully it will be left dormant.

During the year the village shop and post office have closed. It seems that, due to most people doing their shopping at supermarkets, this facility was no longer required. Problems have been experienced during the year with cyclists, mostly on mountain bikes, using the footpaths through the village. This is dangerous and has caused stiles and fences to be broken. The Miles Estate has erected signs stating 'Walkers Only'. However, it is felt this problem should be monitored constantly.

3. Chairman's Report (contd)

After some pressure by the parish council on Avon Highways, the verges and brambles have been cleared in Moor Lane. The parish council wishes to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. S. Wills for their continued help with the newsletter. The Chairman also thanked Members of the council for their support during the year. He again thanked the Clerk for her services and help throughout the year. Mention should also be made concerning the work done by Mrs. Valerie Baldwin in the village.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. C. Brown had resigned as a parish councillor; he welcomed Mr. B. R. Cannell who had been co-opted to take his place.

4. The report of the District Councillor was then read to the meeting by the Clerk. The main points raised by Mr. Ashton were: Activity over the past year has been relatively quiet as items such as planning applications and Tourism have been down on expected levels, due to the tough economic times. The other main issues were: gypsy sites, proposed sell off of council housing and discussions on Unitary Status, and he explained the views of W.D.C. generally.

Local issues that continue to concern him are the proposed use of Black Rock quarry, the collapse of the coastal footpath and the constant chipping away at our Green Belt. He went on to say that he has seen a lot of waste, a lot of things done that are quite clearly not in the interest of the local areas, and what he believes to be an imbalance in the resources used across the District. Committee meetings have increased and site meetings now seem to be common place. He has been delighted to meet a number of people who give so much of their time for the community. He also thanked the Clerk for sending copies of the minutes of our monthly meetings to him and assured us of his continued service to our parish council.

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

5. Mrs. F. Iles, the Secretary of the W.I., has sent in her report which the Clerk read to the meeting. The events for the past year included a games evening for Members and their families; ^{and} a garden party at Mrs. Tucker's home. Speakers who attended their meetings varied from Hearing Dogs for the deaf, the History of Pantomime, Water Aid, Basket Weaving and craft demonstrations. Although they are a small Institute, they enjoy a good and happy attendance. They hold Birthday and Christmas parties and often provide their own entertainment. They also have a good skittles team and run a patchwork class. They are always happy to welcome visitors and new members.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs. Iles thanking her for the interesting report.

6. Mr. M. Phillips, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, then gave his report. He began by explaining the various activities that are held in the Hall. The most popular activity is the table tennis. There have been 76 sessions, a league debut 'Walton Wilyboys', children's sessions, and County matches - players from 8-74. However, the other popular events are the band practices, private parties, the Ploughman's Supper, and the barbecue Disco/Fete. These accounted for some £1500 income out of the £4058 total. Mr. Phillips informed the meeting that their overdraft reached £2858 in August, but by the 31st December, it was down to £231. Since then they have earned, or received, and had promises for a total of £802, and now have a surplus of £263, plus some credits still to come. They are, therefore, comfortably solvent, but he emphasised the financial imperative that the Hall must allow persons from outside the village to use it. The Village Hall Committee also received a grant of £1725 from W.D.C. This grant, matched £1 for £1 by the Village Hall, was fully spent on an extensive refurbishment programme. Thanks were also expressed to the Parish Council for their donation of £175.

Mr. Phillips felt sure the Village Fete would be a success again this year. Bryan Tucker, the Vice-Chairman and Entertainments Manager, has undertaken to head a sub-committee which is being set up to organise this year's Fete.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Phillips for his informative report.

7. Mrs. R. Rowles, the Secretary of the P.C.C., thanked the parish council for their donation towards the maintenance of the Churchyard. She emphasised that finances are a constant worry as they have to find £2000 this year which is their share of the quota to the United Benefice - this is before the daily running cost of the Church. She informed the meeting that there are only 39 parishioners on the Church Register; only about 25 attend Morning Service while there may be only 6 at Evensong. She went on to say it is clear that something has to be done to make sure the church is not closed. Only one Church Warden was elected; there has to be two to enable St. Paul's to remain a Parish Church. However, there is some good news. The P.C.C. have got the go-ahead to build the toilet block which, hopefully, will be completed in about 2 months' time

The P. C. C. has written to Mrs. Sims, the Conservation Officer of W. D. C. to ask if there are any funds to help with improvements. Some of the suggestions are: the electrification of the clock; alteration to the Tower for making tea etc., alteration to the Churchyard by levelling the heap of soil at the end, and either paving the area or grassing it. A further suggestion was to install a seat, and possibly one Memorial tablet for names to be inscribed on after cremation, as this is a lovely site with views of the valley. It is hoped that this year the village will unite to organise the annual Village Festival. This event is enjoyed by everyone and, as usual, the proceeds will be divided between the Village Hall and the Church.

Mrs. Rowles asked everyone to join in making the best use of the Church for concerts or any other function, so that this ~~splendid~~ building may come to life again. Young talent in or around the village are welcome to make suggestions, either by writing or seeing Graham Rowles.

She hoped that every effort will be made to join in the following events: the Rogation Service on Sunday 23rd May with a procession around the village and tea in the Hall; Songs of Praise on the 29th August with floral displays; the Harvest Festival will be held on the 12th September. Mrs. Rowles further pointed out that a suggestion to have an Exhibition in the Church of village life was a possibility. This would include a display of photographs of all weddings held in the Church; a display of hobbies; a video of the Light Railway; Avon Wildlife with pictures etc. These could be combined with the Manor gardens being open to the public, and tea in the Hall. All proceeds will be for charity.

Mrs. Rowles was thanked for her very interesting and informative report.

8. Any other necessary business

- (i) Best Kept Village competition It was unanimously decided that we do not take part in this competition this year.
- (ii) Street Light The Clerk had been notified that the street light was not working. She pointed out that this has now been rectified.
- (iii) Mains sewerage After discussion, it was pointed out that this work will not be undertaken in Walton-in-Gordano in the near future.
- (iv) Village Information Sheet Both the Fete Committee and the Gardening Club reported that this facility has proved very successful, and thanked the Parish Council for providing this useful publication.
- (v) Mirror at 1 Brighton Cottage A complaint was received about the siting of a mirror at this dwelling. The Planning department of W. D. C. has been notified and is to make an investigation shortly. It was also pointed out that planning consent will have to be obtained regarding the suggestion of a mirror by Two Acres Caravan Park on the Coast Road.

9. Any other necessary business (contd)

- (vi) Walton Common - Open Day It was decided to arrange an event on the 20th June 1993 to commemorate the rights of parishioners to use Walton Common for recreational purposes.
- (vii) Flooding in the Village A meeting with officers of Avon C.C. and Avon Highways was arranged regarding the flooding experienced in December when it was agreed that urgent action would be taken to prevent re-occurrence. However, pressure will be kept up to have this work done.
- (viii) Mariners Path It was pointed out to the meeting that it has still not been decided what action will be taken to repair the damaged section of this footpath. However, this matter will be kept under review.
- (ix) Bus service to Hospitals Discussion took place about transport being arranged to enable people to visit relatives and friends at Southmead hospital. We await further information.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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W. M. Laughlin

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 13th
MAY 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs.B.M.Adkins, Messrs.R.J.Baldwin and B.R.Cannell, Mesdames M.A.Charlesworth and E.M.Ross, together with the Clerk.

851. 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 Mrs. B.M.Adkins.

Councillor R.J.Baldwin signed the Declaration of Acceptance as Chairman and then took the Chair.

852. Election of Vice-Chairman Mr.R.J.Baldwin proposed that Mrs.B.M.Adkins be elected as Vice-Chairman, and this was seconded by Mrs.E.M.Ross.

853. Appointment of Committees

(a) Village Hall Committee After discussion, it was agreed to write to the Secretary stating that the parish council does not wish to have any representatives on this Committee.

(b) A.L.C.A. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk represent the parish council at the ALCA meetings.

854. Annual Subscriptions and Donations It was agreed to pay the following subscriptions: ALCA - £20, plus £16.85 for copies of the Local Council Review, posters and booklets; Avon Community Council £12.

The donations are as follows: Avon Wildlife Trust £25; the Parochial Church Council £175; Village Hall Committee £175; Citizens Advice Bureau £10; Victims Support Group £25; and the CPRE - £15. Members agreed to increase the original donation of £10 as indicated in a letter received from the CPRE.

It was also agreed to send a cheque for £56.00 to Cornhill Insurance Plc as our premium up to the 1st June 1994.

855. The Minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 8th April 1993 were approved and signed.

856. Clerk's salary and expenses After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk's salary remain the same at £25 per quarter. The expenses, also to be paid quarterly, are £45 for the use of a room in her house as an office; £40.23 for the overall amount of telephone calls, plus £9.77 for half the rental of the telephone; and £30 for transport. Payments for attending meetings will come out of the petty cash account.

The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanked Members.

857. Planning A planning application No. 0795/93 from the Walton Bay Caravan Park for the retention of a temporary garage at 'Cosy Corner' was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to the appropriate department of W.D.C. stating that the parish council had no objections to the approval of this application.

858. Items from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 8th April 1993

(i) The Village Hall Committee had asked for volunteers to help at their Fete this year. This would be included in the village Information Sheet.

858. Items from the A.P.M. (contd)

- (ii) The question of mains sewerage in the village was again raised but it was pointed out that, due to shortage of funds, this project will not be considered in the foreseeable future.
- (iii) The Planning department of W.D.C. is to investigate the siting of a mirror by 1 Brighton Cottage after a complaint had been received. The suggestion of a mirror by Two Acres Caravan Park on the Coast Road was also discussed, and it was pointed out that planning consent will have to be obtained.
- (iv) The complaint of stones falling off the wall into the brook opposite The Church, was again raised. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Blissett who suggested that a site meeting with Sir William Miles should be arranged to discuss this matter. It was agreed that Sir William be advised about this proposal, and the Clerk was instructed to act accordingly.

859. Clerk's Report

- (i) Bristol Waterworks The Clerk had made enquiries about the work being carried out by this Company near the golf course along the Coast Road. She was informed that a new water main was being laid to 'Brook Cottage'.
- (ii) Shelter Belt The Clerk had received a letter from Mr. W. Goldstone informing her that he had inspected the second shelter belt as requested by us. The work of replacing approximately 60 dead trees including canes and spiral guards (for rabbit protection) would be £90. He also stated that it would cost £50 to clear the weeds ready for planing in the autumn.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Sir William Miles, Mr. J. Flower and Mr. C. Dunn asking if they would be agreeable to split the cost of £90 between them in order that Mr. Goldstone could carry out the work. It was also suggested that Mr. P. Miles be asked about clearing the weeds in this shelter belt in time for planting.
- (iii) Signal Station along the Coast Road The Clerk had been asked to enquire from the Port of Bristol Authority why the aerials had been removed from this building, and what future plans are intended for it. After contacting the P.B.A., the Clerk was informed that a new remote radio scanner is to be sited in the tower which will make it an un-manned station with a VHF transmission direct to Avonmouth. The P.B.A. is also carrying out works of maintenance and general tidying-up of this Station which is to be used by ships up and down the Channel.
- (iv) Dead deer on roadside The Clerk had contacted the Technical Services department of W.D.C concerning the removal of the carcass, and was informed they would arrange for the necessary action to be taken.
- (v) Meeting of the North Woodspring Community Health Group The Clerk had attended this meeting and informed Members that Walton-in-Gordano was entitled to join in the 'Portishead Porters' scheme whereby volunteers take patients to and from hospitals in Bristol. The charge will be £3/£3.50, and the scheme is covered for insurance purposes. However, it was suggested that it would be appreciated if one or two volunteers from our parish could help.

- (vi) ALCA Meeting at Weston-in-Gordano Mrs. Adkins, Mr. Cannell and the Clerk attended this meeting on the 12th May. The main speaker was Miss Jane Wilson who reported on a scheme called 'Co-operatives in Rural Areas'. A booklet regarding this project called 'Investing in the Future' was circulated to Members for their information. This scheme helps to organise local people to take charge of small shops, or other light work from home, in their own parishes. After consideration, it was agreed to defer this matter until our next meeting for further discussion. It was also agreed to mention this scheme in our next Information Sheet.

The Clerk was asked to contact ALCA for a copy of the Local Government Circular No. 1/93 regarding speed limits which had been discussed at this meeting.

- (vii) Brick shelters on the Clevedon Golf Course The Clerk was asked to enquire from the Planning department of W.D.C. why a brick shelter had been erected on this golf course. She was informed that the Secretary of the Club had been contacted, and asked to submit a planning application for the erection of the shelter. The Planning department will inform us when a decision has been made.

- (viii) Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme 1993/94 A letter had been received from W.D.C. asking if we had any projects eligible for a grant under this scheme. All requests must be received by them before the 24th May. After discussing various suggestions, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Sir William Miles for his views on two proposals - one, having the wall opposite The Church repaired, and the other, having the electricity cables in Moor Lane placed underground. The Clerk was instructed to reply to W.D.C. with our request for a grant.

- (ix) Centralising of postal deliveries in rural areas It had been confirmed by the Head Postmaster's department that they have no intention of carrying out this practice.

860. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint has been received that an elder tree has cracked the wall behind the pillar box at the corner of Cross Tree Farm. The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles for his views.
- (ii) The Chairman informed the meeting that the monthly newsletter is now to be called an Information Sheet, and has notified contributors to keep their entries no longer than 100 words.
- (iii) The Clerk was again asked to contact Mr. Blissett about the re-surfacing of Clevedon Road between the entrance to The Manor House and Plum Tree Cottage. This stretch of road is very badly in need of repair. However, it should also be pointed out to Avon Highways that the height of the road should not be increased.
- (iv) The Clerk was asked to contact W.D.C. about a car which has been left by the old railway track in Moor Lane for some time. The local depot in Portishead has been informed, but no action has yet been taken.

861. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) The Clerk was asked to send our apologies to W.D.C. regarding a Local Government Review meeting to be held in the Winter Gardens Weston-super-Mare on the 21st June.
- (ii) It was agreed to take no action regarding the letter from Avon CC concerning the Environment Strategy and Action Plan.

61. Correspondence not previously dealt with (contd)

- (iii) A letter and document were received regarding the Bristol/Avon Community Forest, together with a poster for display. The document was circulated to Members for their comments as our views are requested by the end of June.
- (iv) A poster was received from the Royal Bath and West of England Show for display.
- (v) A letter from the Treasurer of W.D.C. regarding the payment of council tax at Post Offices was noted. As the matter had been discussed at the ALCA meeting the previous evening, it was agreed to defer any consideration of this policy until we hear from ALCA.
- (vi) A letter was received from W.D.C. concerning Sites with an Injury Accident Concentration, together with documentation from Avon C.C. for our information and records.
- (vii) A copy of the Local Council Review was received and circulated to Members.
- (viii) It was decided to take no action about the letter from Brean P.C. regarding litter on beaches.
- (ix) It was agreed not to take any action in respect of the letter from Avon C.C. concerning Waste Disposal Facilities.
- (x) W.D.C. had sent a letter informing us of the 'Sea of Flowers' competition to be held this year. The Chairman agreed to hand the letter and entry forms to the Secretary of the Gardening Club for their information, and any necessary action.
- (xi) Copies of planning applications and reports were received, and noted.
- (xii) A Consultation Paper on the Reorganisation of the National Association of Local Councils entitled 'Taking NALC into the next Century' was received, and circulated to Members.

862. Finance The Clerk informed Members that the first instalment of our precept for £1000 was received and paid into our deposit account at the Bank on the 21st April 1993.

The following cheques were passed for payment:

Parochial Church Council	£175.00
Village Hall Committee	£175.00
A.L.C.A.	£ 36.85
Avon Community Council	£ 12.00
Avon Wildlife Trust	£ 25.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 10.00
Victims Support Group	£ 25.00
C.P.R.E.	£ 15.00
Cornhill Insurance Plc	£ 56.00

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

L. J. Ball
W. M. Langley

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 10th JUNE 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames M.A.
Charlesworth and E.M. Ross.

863. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting were approved and signed.

864. Planning There were no planning applications for consideration this month. However, the Clerk had been in contact with the Enforcement Officer of the Planning department of W.D.C. regarding the mirror sited outside 1 Brighton Cottage. She was informed an inspection will be carried out by that department, and we will be notified of the outcome.

865. Date, Venue and frequency of parish meetings This matter was discussed at some length by Members, and it was finally RESOLVED: THAT our meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month, except in August when no meetings are held; and the venue will be St. Paul's Church in Walton-in-Gordano. The Clerk was asked to consult Mrs. R. Rowles about these arrangements.

The Clerk was also authorised to write to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee expressing our disappointment that, due to a double booking, we were unable to hold our meeting in the village hall as usual, and to inform him that, in future, the parish council meetings will be held in St. Paul's Church.

866. Clerk's Report

(i) Quarry on Walton Common After making enquiries as to who is responsible for the safety of visitors at this site, the Clerk eventually contacted the Safety Officer of W.D.C. who stated he would visit the site and let us have his comments.

The Clerk was also asked to telephone Mr. P. Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust about the agreement with Sir William Miles regarding the work to be done on Walton Common.

(ii) Electricity supply in Walton-in-Gordano The Clerk was asked to return the letter received from S.W.E.B. with a note stating that the only house without electricity is 'Underwood', Clevedon Road, Walton-in-Gordano.

(iii) Donations to various organisations Acknowledgements were received from the Parochial Church Council; the Village Hall Committee; the Victims Support Group; Citizens Advice Bureau; Avon Wildlife Trust; the Council for the Protection of Rural England and Avon Community Council.

(iv) Enhancement Schemes - Grants The Clerk contacted Sir William Miles regarding the two proposals suggested at our last meeting and was informed that the scheme for placing the electricity cables in Moor Lane underground would greatly enhance the area. A letter was sent to W.D.C. with this plan, and an acknowledgement has been received.

(v) Open Day - Walton Common Mr. P. Tolerton of A.W.T. had notified the Clerk that there will be an Open Day on Sunday 20th June with two Walks on The Common. The first will be at 10.30 a.m. and the second at 2.30 p.m.

(vi) Shelter Belt As we have received no offer of payment towards the work of replacing the dead trees and clearing the site of weeds, it was agreed that the parish council pay Mr. Goldstone to carry out this work for the sum of £140 as quoted by him.

The Clerk was authorised to write to Mr. Goldstone accordingly, and to ask him if there is any guarantee that the replacement trees will not die. She was also asked to contact the Countryside Commission about a possible contribution towards the cost.

(vii) Conygar Quarry The Clerk had been notified that a meeting was being held in the Clevedon Comprehensive School on the 8th June to consider the question of the re-opening of this Quarry by Federated Aggregates of Yate. The Clerk was asked to write to our County Councillor expressing our concern at this prospect. It was also agreed to bring this matter up for discussion at our next meeting.

(viii) ALCA - publications The Clerk had been notified that there is a small balance of £4.30 owing to ALCA regarding our order for 'Declaration of Acceptance' forms. Members agreed to send a cheque for this amount to them.

(ix) Car abandoned - Moor Lane The Clerk had been in contact with W.D.C. about the removal of this vehicle on numerous occasions, and was informed that the delay in taking any action was due to their new policy. However, the meeting was informed that the car has now been removed.

(x) Audit A letter was received from Ernst & Young (Auditors) agreeing to our next audit being held in 1995. However, they requested a certified summary of accounts for the year 1992/93 with a bank reconciliation statement made up to the 31st March 1993 by the 9th August 1993. The Clerk was authorised to act accordingly.

867. Councillors' Reports

(i) A complaint was received that the brook in Moor Lane is overgrown again. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Blissett.

(ii) The Clerk was also asked to inform Mr. Blissett that the bank by the brook needs reinstating.

(iii) It was pointed that the 'humps' in front of dwellings in Moor Lane have still not been removed. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr. Blissett that the matter is now very urgent.

868. Correspondence not previously dealt with

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

(ii) A letter was received from W.D.C. with a copy of the "Woodspring Shop Front Design Guide" for our information.

(iii) A copy of a leaflet from ALCA was received regarding 'The conduct of Town and Parish Meetings' and noted.

(iv) Copies of Planning reports and applications were received for our information.

(v) Mr. M. Phillips, the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, sent a copy of the three-monthly report regarding the hall, for our information.

(vi) A poster from the RSPCA 'Dogs die in hot cars' was received for display.

869. Finance The following two cheques were passed for payment:

Clerk's salary and expenses £150.00 (See Minute No. 856).
A.L.C.A. £4.30.

[Handwritten signatures]

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.B.M. Adkins and Mrs.E.M.Ross.

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

871. Planning There were no plans for consideration this month. The Clerk informed the meeting that no further information has been received from the Planning department about the mirror outside 1 Brighton Cottage. The appeal for 'Cosy Corner', Walton Bay, has been withdrawn according to the Planning Minutes of Woodspring District Council dated 9th June 1993.

872. Clerk's Report

- (i) Venue for parish council meetings A letter was received from the Secretary of the P.C.C. notifying us that they felt it would be better for the parish council to hold our meetings in the village hall in future. The P.C.C. had agreed that the cost of electricity during the winter months would be very high. However, they did intimate that, should an emergency arise when the hall was not available for our meetings, the P.C.C. would allow us to use the Church.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to reply to Mrs. R.Rowles stating we were surprised at their comments as it was felt we would be welcome to use the Church for our meetings. We also wished to state that we were quite willing to make a donation to the Church funds and also to pay for all the electricity used.

In the meantime, the Clerk had contacted Mr.A.Akery, the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, requesting that we continue to use the hall for our meetings. However, we would like written confirmation of our bookings in order that the problem of double-booking does not occur again, and asking for a refund of the hire charge for the cancellation of the June meeting.

- (ii) Shelter Belt A reply was received from Mr.Goldstone stating his agreement to carry out the work of replacing the dead trees and clearing the site of weeds. He also confirmed that if any of the new trees died, he would replace them free of charge.

The Clerk had also contacted the Countryside Commission about a possible donation towards this work, and was informed that W.D.C. is now dealing with our proposal. We now await to hear from the appropriate department concerning our request.

- (iii) ALCA - publications An invoice was received from ALCA for £3.26 for the photo-copying of Circular 1/93 in connection with Speed Limits. It was agreed to send a cheque for this amount to ALCA. We also received a booklet for circulation to Members from the Department of Transport entitled 'Killing speed and saving lives'.
- (iv) Enhancement Schemes No reply has been received from W.D.C. regarding our request for a grant towards the undergrounding of electricity cables in Moor Lane.
- (v) ALCA meeting at Puxton The Clerk had sent our apologies for this meeting held on the 7th July 1993.

872. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vi) Conygar Quarry No further information has been received regarding this quarry. The Clerk had sent a letter to Mr.P.Burden, our County Councillor, who informed her that this matter is being discussed by Avon C.C. at present. We will be informed of the outcome in due course.
- (vii) Wall by brook opposite The Church The Clerk had contacted Mr. Blissett about Sir William Miles' proposals for the construction of this wall. The Chairman had received a sketch from Sir William and is arranging to have a site meeting with Mr.Blissett.
- (viii) Walton Common Vidé Minute 866 (i), Mr.P.Tolerton informed the Clerk that the Avon Wildlife Trust has signed a licence with Sir William Miles to take on the management of TheCommon for a 10 year period. He pointed out that Sir William will retain certain rights and the rights of the commoners will not diminish at all. As the site has been declared a S.S.S.I., the A.W.T. intend to conserve and enhance the area.

Mr.Tolerton stated he would like to come to our September meeting so he can explain exactly what the A.W.T. intend to do on the Common. Members agreed that the Clerk contact Mr. Tolerton agreeing to this suggestion, which will be included in our August information sheet.

- (ix) Works of maintenance: (a) Mr.Blissett agreed that Mr.Baldwin should contact him regarding clearing the brook in Moor Lane, and the reinstating of the bank alongside the brook; and (b) The meeting was informed that the 'humps' in front of houses in Moor Lane have now been removed, and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Blissett to thank him for carrying out this request.

873. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was made that the bushes and undergrowth in Moor Lane needed cutting back. It was pointed out that they had been flayed recently, but they still present a hazard. The Clerk would contact Mr.Blissett.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to inform Mr.Blissett that on the signpost at the top of Moor Lane the name 'Clapton-in-Gordano' has faded, and we would like it to be clearly re-painted.
- (iii) A proposal was made to hold a 'token' event on Walton Common on Sunday, 8th August in order to perpetuate the rights of recreation granted to the parishioners of Walton-in-Gordano in perpetuity.
- (iv) The Safety Officer of W.D.C. has not been in touch with Mr.Baldwin regarding the quarry on The Common as yet.

874. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from the C.P.R.E., together with the 1992 Annual Report, and a copy of the Countryside Campaigner, for our information. These documents were circulated to Members.
- (ii) A copy of the Guide to Town and Country Planning in Avon was received from W.D.C., and noted.
- (iii) A copy of the Local Council Review was received, and circulated to Members.
- (iv) A letter was received from Avon C.C. regarding the Annual Review of local Bus Services for 1993/94 for our information.

874. Correspondence not previously dealt with (contd)

- (v) A letter was received from W.D.C. regarding the Local Plan Consultation Draft, plus a draft Statement and Proposals for Consultation from September - December 1993.
- (vi) W.D.C. had sent a letter regarding Local Government Review, together with leaflets for completion, if required, by the 4th September.
- (vii) A petition was received from Avon Transport 2000 'Save our Rail Services' for our attention. This has been displayed on the village hall notice board.
- (viii) Planning reports and applications were received from W.D.C. and noted.
- (ix) A letter was received from the Rural Transport Development Officer of the Avon Community Council, enclosing a form regarding a Rural Community Transport Pilot Survey. The Clerk was authorised to return the form, duly completed, to this officer.

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

S.W.E.B.	£10.98 (street light)
Petty Cash	£40.00
A.L.C.A.	£ 3.26 (see Minute 872 (iii))

R.J. Bolden

D. McLaughlin

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames M.A. Charlesworth and E.M.Ross.

6 parishioners also attended, together with Mr. M.Visacre (reporter from "The Mercury")

The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. P.Tolerton and Miss Joanne Ferns from the Avon Wildlife Trust who had agreed to attend our meeting and talk about the agreement with Sir William Miles regarding the management of Walton Common.

Mr.Tolerton informed the meeting that the Draft of the Management Report will be ready in 3/4 weeks, and will be sent to the parish council for information and discussion. This licence with Sir William will last for 10 years; the legal rights of parishioners will not be affected. This document will allay the fears of any parishioners who feels that Walton Common will be changed. He stressed that the A.W.T's motives are entirely honourable.

Mr.Tolerton also explained the work to be done on the Common, and gave details of the 5 householders who are entitled to graze their animals on it. Miss J.Ferns then defined the work which comes under her jurisdiction, and how it will benefit the site for future generations. It was explained that notices will be erected explaining the work being undertaken; the footpaths will also be sign-posted.

At the end of the talks, a lively discussion then took place between the residents and Mr.Tolerton, who answered the many questions from the floor.

The Chairman thanked Mr.P.Tolerton and Miss J.Ferns for attending our meeting, and for explaining their work on Walton Common.

The A.W.T. representatives and the visitors then left, and the parish council meeting commenced at 8.30 p.m.

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

877. PLANNING There were no plans for discussion this month. However, a letter was received from the Planning department of W.D.C. regarding an application by Mr.A.Barrow, of The School House, for the felling of a conifer in the front garden of his house. Members agreed there were no objections to this work being carried out. The Chairman mentioned that he had been informed by Sir William Miles that he will not agree to an access across his land to Conygar Quarry. He explained that there is a covenant on the legal document he holds forbidding any access to this Quarry. There has been no further information from Avon C.C. regarding this matter.

878. Clerk's Report

(i) Resignation of Mrs.E.M.Ross A letter A letter was received from Mrs Ross in this connection, and was read to Members. The Clerk was asked to reply stating our regret at her decision, but to thank her for the work she had carried out as a parish councillor during her years in office.

The Clerk was also asked to inform Mr.Jones of W.D.C. regarding this vacancy and for a notice which will be displayed on the notice board for the information of parishioners.

- (ii) Enhancement Grants It had been confirmed by Sir William Miles that Moor Lane was not in the conservation area and, therefore, would not be eligible for grant purposes by W.D.C. The Clerk was asked to contact S.W.E.B. to ask for a plan showing their poles along Walton Street from Church Farm to the old quarry, as this section of the road comes within the conservation area. Mr. Clark from S.W.E.B. suggested that B.T. be approached in case their cables are also connected to these poles. Mr. Peddle of B.T. inspected the site, and informed the Clerk that their cables go from the S.W.E.B. poles to the houses, but the main feed is already underground. The meeting was advised that, when the parties concerned have met and discussed the position, W.D.C. will inform us of the outcome.
- (iii) Civic Services The Chairman had received two invitations to attend these Services, one from the Portishead T.C., and the other from W.D.C. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to send our apologies to both these councils.
- (iv) Parish council meetings in the Village Hall A booking form was received from the Secretary of the Hall for completion. The dates for the October and November meetings were agreed, but the Clerk was asked to check the dates available in the second week of December with Mr. M. Phillips.
- It was agreed to send a cheque for £6 to Mr. Phillips for the use of the hall by the parish council from July to December 1993.
- (v) Shelter Belt The Conservation department of W.D.C. had sent a form for completion, in time for their next Planning and Conservation meeting, which should include the number of trees and the species, together with Mr. Goldstone's estimate for the work. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. Goldstone for this information, and she was authorised to take the necessary action.
- (vi) Wall opposite The Church Mr. Blissett had informed the Clerk that he was awaiting suggestions from us as to how we would like to improve this wall from the safety angle. Members decided that it should be raised slightly; built of more substantial stone (in keeping with other walls in the village); and capped by rounded stones, as it was felt the flat stones on the top are easily knocked off when hit by a vehicle.
- The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Blissett accordingly.
- (vii) Withy trees by the brook in Moor Lane Mr. Blissett had reiterated that these trees are the responsibility of the landowner. However, the Clerk was asked to enquire whether Avon Highways have the power to carry out the work of cutting back these trees, and submitting the bill to the landowner. She was also asked to stress the danger hazard as the trees are growing across the road.
- (viii) Footway outside Village Hall A letter was received from Mr. M. Phillips, the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, stating the concern expressed at the condition of this area which needs surfacing. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of this letter to Mr. Blissett for his comments.
- (ix) Parish meetings in St. Paul's Church A letter from Mr. G. Rowles of the P.C.C. was read to Members. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to reply stating his comments have been noted.
- (x) Petition - Weight and Width restriction in Walton Street A letter was received from Avon C.C., together with a copy of their report in which it was stated no further action is being considered regarding this matter. Members noted their comments.

879. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was received that the stile by Plum Tree Cottage is loose and needs repair. The Clerk was asked to contact Sir William Miles.
- (ii) Mrs. B. Cannell wished to express her appreciation at the service she had received from the Portishead Porters for hospital visits. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to this organisation. She was also asked to enquire about the cost of this service to anyone on a low income.
- (iii) A complaint was received regarding the cutting of the hedge and verges along Moor Lane. It was pointed out that the work had not been carried out properly, and was still a danger to pedestrians. The site had also been left in a very untidy state. Mr. Cannell had telephoned Avon Highways expressing his concern at the work.
- (iv) The question of Conyger Quarry was raised again. The meeting was informed that Avon C.C. and W.D.C. are aware of our objections and the County Council will notify us of their decision regarding this subject shortly.

880. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Two copies of the Woodspring Digest were received and circulated.
- (ii) A copy of the Local Council Review was also circulated to Members.
- (iii) ALCA had sent a document 'The Future Local Government of Avon, Gloucester and Somerset' for our information.
- (iv) It was decided not to attend the 48th Theme Training Course organised by the National Association of Local Councils.
- (v) A notice re: Mineral Working in Avon Local Plan was received, and will be displayed on the notice board.
- (vi) It was agreed not to take any action regarding the form sent by CPRE regarding a transport and countryside survey.
- (vii) Avon C.C. had sent a report and a summary paper compiled by the Universities of Birmingham and Bristol regarding the Local Government Review, for our information. The Chairman agreed to peruse it.
- (viii) Avon C.C. had sent a copy of their response and concern about the way the Commission has set about its task and the draft recommendations regarding the Local Government Review. A copy of the Press Release was also enclosed. These documents were passed to Mr. B. Cannell for his comments.
- (ix) It was decided to take no action regarding the leaflet 'Windows Design Guide' received from W.D.C.
- (x) A letter was received from HM Customs and Excise asking for our Bank details for their records. The Clerk was authorised to send them this information.
- (xi) A booklet from Avon C.C. regarding The Environment in Avon was received, and passed to the Chairman for circulation.
- (xii) Copies of Planning Reports were received from W.D.C. for our information.
- (xiii) W.D.C. sent a letter and 2 copies of the Draft Woodspring Local Plan, with proposals and inset maps for 1993, for our information. Also received was a poster for display, setting out the dates of all the meetings regarding this matter. A form was enclosed asking for our comments by the 31st December 1993. This matter will be discussed at our November meeting

880. Correspondence not previously dealt with (contd)

(xiv) The following literature was received from ALCA: a copy of the Field Fare which was circulated to Members; a Notice of the AGM at Keynsham (apologies sent); a copy of their last AGM's Minutes; a Guide to Town and Country Planning in Avon; invitations to Conferences in London (apologies sent); a list of publications from the National Association of Rural Community Councils (noted); a leaflet regarding ALCA's 'Aims of the Association', and leaflets concerning general news were also circulated.

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

Village Hall Committee	£6.00 (hire of hall from July - December 1993)
Mrs. D. McLaughlin	£150.00 (salary and ecpenses for September quarter)

Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

K. J. Balder
D. McLaughlin

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

County Councillor P.H.Burden also attended.

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

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

883. PLANNING Plan No.1582/93 - the erection of rain shelters and a viewing platform at the Clevedon Golf Club, was discussed at some length by Members. It was finally agreed that the Clerk write to W.D.C. stating we had no objections concerning the rain shelters. However, it was also agreed that approval for the viewing platform would be subject to suitable materials being used, and for proper landscaping to be carried out.

The Clerk was authorised to notify the Planning department accordingly.

884. Clerk's Report

(i) Casual Vacancy Mr.M.Jones of W.D.C. had notified the Clerk that, as there was no request for a poll, we can now arrange for the filling of this vacancy by co-option.

A letter was received from Mr.Gordon Rutley in which he declared his interest in becoming a parish councillor, and was discussed by Members. The Clerk was asked to reply to him stating that, if there were no other applicants for this post, he would be invited to our meeting in November. She was also asked to apologise to Mr.Rutley for the delay in contacting him earlier, but it was felt this vacancy should appear in the information sheet in case of other possible nominations.

(ii) Undergrounding electricity cables in Walton Street The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. deHavilland of W.D.C. had stated the cost of this scheme would be approximately £15,000, and our contribution would be about £2000. The Clerk had then contacted the Treasurer's department when the position was explained to her about 'borrowing approval'. It was suggested to her that we approach ALCA for their help. The Clerk had written to ALCA, but no reply has been received; though we await their reply.

In the meantime, however, it was agreed by Members that W.D.C. be informed the parish council will have to shelve this project this year due to lack of funds as our precept is very small. It was also felt that we discuss this matter at our Annual Parish Meeting next April for the views of parishioners.

The Clerk was authorised to write to the Conservation department accordingly.

(iii) Shelter Belt Mr.Evans of W.D.C. had notified the Clerk that a grant of £195 would be given to us towards the replanting, weeding and general maintenance of this shelter belt by Mr.Goldstone. The total cost is £260, and the parish council's share of the cost will be £65. Members agreed to accept this offer, and the Clerk was asked to write to the appropriate department accordingly; also to thank them for their generous contribution.

84. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (iv) Hedge and verge cutting in Moor Lane Mr. Blissett had been informed of our concern at the inefficient and untidy manner this work had been carried out. He informed the Clerk that our complaint had been noted. The Clerk pointed out that, if Councillors had any complaints, to please contact her in order that she may take the necessary action on behalf of the parish council.
- (v) Footway outside the Village Hall Vide Minute 878 (viii), a letter was received from Mr. Blissett concerning this complaint, and the Clerk was authorised to let Mr. Phillips know the contents.
- (vi) Hire of Hall for parish council meetings After discussing the question of a small balance of £3 for booking fees, it was agreed to leave further consideration of this matter until our next meeting.
- (vii) Portishead Porters Further to Minute 879 (ii), a letter was received from the Secretary in response to our enquiries which was read to Members. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of Mr. Gudgeon's letter to Mrs. E. Ross for information.
- (viii) ALCA Meeting The Clerk had sent our apologies to the Clerk of Cleeve parish council for the meeting on the 7th October.
- (ix) Parking of cars in Walton Street A complaint had been received that two cars were left parked along the footway opposite the former Cross Tree shop for long periods. The Police were contacted and the owner of this property has been informed by the Police that this practice must not continue. Hopefully, the matter has been resolved.
- (x) Parish Council meeting in December It has been confirmed by Mr. M. Phillips that our parish meeting in December has been booked for Wednesday, 8th December at 7.30 p.m.
- (xi) Woodspring Countryside Strategy Avon Wildlife Trust has written regarding this project and enclosed a questionnaire to be filled in by the end of October. This form was duly completed, and the Clerk was asked to return it as requested.
- (xii) Works of maintenance in the village
 - (a) Mr. Blissett informed the Clerk that he would contact Sir William Miles about the cutting back of the withys along the brook in Moor Lane. He felt these trees were the responsibility of the landowner.
 - (b) The Clerk read Mr. Blissett's letter regarding the wall opposite the Church to the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Avon Highways department for the necessary repair to this wall.

85. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mrs. M.A. Charlesworth informed the meeting that she was unable to continue to attend the Gordano Valley Forum in future as she was otherwise engaged on Tuesdays. After discussing a possible replacement for Mrs. Charlesworth, it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance for the time being.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to check with Mr. B. Tucker as to whether the stile by Plum Tree Cottage has been repaired. The Clerk had been in touch with Sir William Miles earlier about this complaint.

886. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was circulated to Members.
- (ii) A Notice re the Closure of Norton's Wood Lane was received from Avon C.C. and displayed.
- (iii) Avon C.C. had sent an Annual Review of Local Bus Services for 1993/94 for our information.
- (iv) Leaflets re the new Bus Service 357 to hospital and shopping in Bristol were received from Avon C.C., and distributed.
- (v) Woodspring Area Community Leisure Consultation Committee had sent an Agenda Item II for our information. This document will be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, on the 30th November.
- (vi) The C.P.R.E. had sent an invitation to a meeting on the 30th October in Bristol. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies.
- (vii) The Annual Report from ALCA for 1992/93 was received, and circulated.
- (viii) The Auditor's Report ending the 31st March 1993 was also received from ALCA, and circulated.
- (ix) An invitation from ALCA to attend the A.G.M. on the 21st October at Keynsham was received. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies.
- (x) The Annual Report 1992/93 was received from the Avon Community Council. An invitation to attend their A.G.M. at Banwell was also received, and it was agreed that Mr. B. Cannell represent the parish council. A cheque for £4.10 will be sent to the Avon Community Council for this event. The annual report and enclosed literature was passed to Mr. Cannell for his information.
- (xi) The County of Avon had sent a letter and a Public Notice re the Avon Structure Plan - Third Alteration - for our information. It was decided to take no action regarding the form for making objections and representations.
- (xii) W.D.C. had sent copies of the Planning reports for our perusal.

887. FINANCE The following cheques were passed for payment:

Avon Community Council	£4.10 (A.G.M. at Banwell)
Morgan Westley	£23.52 (Clerk's letter-heads)
Mrs. V. Baldwin	£65.00 (cutting & clearing footpaths)
Petty Cash	£40.00
S.W.E.B.	£10.98 (street light)

The Clerk informed the meeting that the second instalment of our precept for 1993 was received from W.D.C. The cheque for £1000 was paid into our deposit account at the Bank on the 17th September.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

R.J. Baldwin
W.M. Langhein

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

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

888. Co-opting of new Councillor The Clerk had received a letter from Mr.Gordon H.Rutley of Lane End, Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano, in which he stated he would like to be considered as a parish councillor. The vacancy had appeared in the information sheet, and a notice to this effect was also displayed in the village notice board. As there were no other candidates, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. G.H. Rutley be co-opted as a parish councillor. The Clerk was authorised to inform W.D.C. of this appointment.

Mr.Rutley then signed the necessary form of acceptance, and was welcomed to attend the meeting.

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

890. PLANNING The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been notified by the Planning Department that Plan 1582/93, for the erection of rain shelters and a viewing platform on the Clevedon golf course, had been amended to the satisfaction of W.D.C. The Clerk informed Members that the viewing platform has been sited further south on the golf course, and is, therefore, not so prominent; also the platform will comprise of logs, and eventually the whole area will be landscaped. After discussion, Members agreed to approve the amended plan, and the Clerk was asked to notify W.D.C. accordingly.

Members were informed that the appeal concerning the decision regarding 'Cosy Corner', Walton Bay, has been defended by W.D.C. After this Plan - No.0004/93 - was discussed, it was agreed to take no further action for the present.

A copy of a letter from W.D.C. to Blagdon Parish Council was received concerning the inconsistency in Planning Decisions. Members noted the contents.

Avon C.C. had sent a letter regarding Conygar Quarry, together with an application for determination of conditions following registration of the Interim Development Order permission. Members discussed this matter at some length, and inspected the plans also enclosed. The Clerk was authorised to reply, stating we reiterate our previous views - i.e. we do not want this Quarry to re-open, as it will be detrimental to the area. We await further information.

891. Clerk's Report

(i) Shelter Belt A letter had been received from W.D.C. stating a grant of £195.00 has been agreed towards the provision of trees, planting and protective works as submitted by us. The letter of acceptance for this grant was signed and witnessed, and will be returned to the Conservation department of W.D.C. It was agreed that the parish council pay the balance of £65.00 towards this work.

(ii) Footway outside Village Hall The Clerk had informed Mr. M. Phillips that Mr.Blissett had informed her the work of tarmacing this area will be carried out within two months. Mr.Phillips expressed his thanks for our co-operation.

391. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (iii) Enhancement scheme - undergrounding of electricity cables in Walton Street. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had informed Mr. deHavilland at W.D.C. of our financial position regarding making a contribution towards this work. She had been informed that, hopefully, the work will go ahead without any financial help from us, as W.D.C., S.W.E.B., and B.T. may be able to bear the entire cost for this scheme. The Clerk was authorised to inform W.D.C. that we appreciate their help and co-operation, and look forward to further developments regarding this scheme.
- (iv) Bus Service to Southmead Hospital A letter received from the Clevedon Town Council, together with an extract from the Transport and Highways Committee Minutes regarding this matter, were noted. As authorised, the Clerk had sent a copy of Mr. Gudgeon's letter, explaining this service, to Mrs. E. Ross for her information.
- (v) Woodspring Countryside Project The completed form in this connection was sent to the Avon Wildlife Trust. No further information has been received.
- (vi) Stile by Plum Tree Cottage The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Bryan Tucker again as to whether the work of repair has been carried out to this stile.
- (vii) Gordano Valley Forum Further to the discussion at our last meeting regarding a representative to attend this Forum, it was agreed that Mr. B. Charlesworth monitor the meetings of the Forum on our behalf. Members expressed their thanks to Mr. Charlesworth.
- (viii) Hire of Hall for parish council meetings Vide Minute 884 (vi), the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. M. Phillips again stating we are not persuaded to believe that there is a small balance of £3.00 for the hire of the Hall by the parish council. Mr. Phillips was requested to send a definitive statement proving how much we owe.

892. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A complaint was again received about the condition of Clevedon Road where very large pot-holes are now causing some concern. The Clerk was asked to enquire from Mr. Blissett when the work would be carried out.
- (ii) Mr. B. Cannell attended the Avon Community Council's A.G.M. at Banwell on our behalf, and gave a report of the various items discussed. He also thanked Members for giving him the opportunity to attend this meeting.

893. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from ALCA, together with literature and a copy of the Field Fare which were circulated to Members. A notice informing us that our subscription for next year will be £25.00 was also received, and noted.
- (ii) A letter from the Forests for the Community for Avon/Bristol was received, together with a notification of the Barclays Community Forest Award, were received, and noted.
- (iii) A booklet from Woodspring Bridleways Association was received and passed to Mr. R. J. Baldwin for information.
- (iv) A copy of the Local Council Review was received for circulation.

893. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (v) A booklet re: Countryside News was received from the C.P.R.E. and noted.
- (vi) Copies of W.D.C's planning reports were received for our information.
- (vii) Copies of the Woodspring News were received, and circulated to Members for their information.

894. FINANCE There were no cheques for payment this month.

RJ Ball

D. McLaughlin

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors R.J.Baldwin, Chairman, Mesdames B.M.Adkins, Vice-Chairman and M.A. Charlesworth, G.H. Rutley, together With the Clerk.

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

896. PRECEPT The Clerk informed the meeting of the various subscriptions and donations which the parish council have to pay each year, and Members agreed the sums suggested. However, as the official letter has not been received from W.D.C. requesting our precept for 1994/95, it was agreed to leave the final decision of setting our precept until our January 1994 meeting.

The Chairman suggested that, instead of a separate donation being made to the P.C.C. and the Village Hall Committee, an agreed sum be donated to the Village Fete Committee for the use of the P.C.C. and the Village Hall Committee. One proposal was for the parish council to pay for the hire of the large marquee used at the village fete. After discussion, it was finally agreed that the matter be left for Mr.G.Rutley to bring up at the next Village Fete Committee meeting, and to report back at our next meeting. Mr.Rutley agreed to this proposal.

897. Planning Members examined the two 'Consent to Fell' applications received from W.D.C. - the trees concerned being two Ash trees in the garden of Brook Cottage, and a Sycamore by the Old Post Office in Walton-in-Gordano.

After discussion, it was decided to raise no objections to these works being carried out.

898. Clerk's Report

- (i) Undergrounding of cables in Walton Street The Clerk informed the meeting of the present position regarding this matter. W.D.C. had notified the Clerk that we would be informed of their decision shortly. Minute 891 (iii) applies.
- (ii) Footway outside Village Hall The meeting was informed that this work has now been completed. Work on the pot-holes in the road is in progress. Members expressed their appreciation at the co-operation of Avon Highways.
- (iii) Hire of the Village Hall The report about the financial position of this hall was received from Mr.M.Phillips and noted. It was also agreed to send a cheque for £3.00 to Mr.Phillips to settle the small balance for the hire of the hall for council meetings.
- (iv) Shelter Belt The Clerk had been informed by Mr.Evans of W.D.C. that the work on this shelter belt can now commence. Mr.Goldstone was contacted, and he confirmed that, weather permitting, the planting of the replacement trees, and the weeding of the site, will commence on the 6th December.
- (v) Meeting of the Chairmen and Clerks The Clerk had attended this meeting on the 30th November in the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, and informed Members of the subjects discussed. The official report will be received shortly for discussion by Members.
- (vi) Stile by Plum Tree Cottage The Chairman agreed to check whether the work of repair to this stile has been completed. The Clerk was informed by Sir William Miles that Mr.J.Flower had agreed to carry out this work.

98. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vii) Register of Electors Copies of this Register have been displayed on the notice board in the village hall, and in the Church Porch. A further copy has been sent to Mrs. E. Ross for display in the Walton Bay Stores. Residents of Walton-in-Gordano will be notified in our January edition of the information sheet to check if their names are on the Register to enable them to be eligible to vote when an Election is announced.
- (viii) Management of Walton Common The document concerning the work to be carried out on The Common is being circulated to Members for their perusal and comments.
- (ix) Mileage expenses The Clerk had checked with W.D.C. and Mr. Peter Weaver, the President of ALCA, regarding the correct amount of expenses to be claimed by councillors in carrying out official duties. She was informed that the maximum charge is for 1.2 litre vehicle at 26.2p per mile. Members agreed to sign a cheque for £5.24 for expenses incurred by Mr. B. Cannell.

899. Councillors' Reports

- (i) A request was made that a grit bin be placed by the footpath near the telephone kiosk in Walton Bay near Walton Bay Stores. The Clerk would contact the Highways department of Avon C.C.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to enquire from our County Councillor, Mr. P. Burden, whether Avon C.C. has decided on the question of the opening of Conygar Quarry; also when is the meeting regarding this Quarry to be held, and what are the views of the other members of his party.

900. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received, and circulated.
- (ii) Three letters have been received from W.D.C. regarding the Area Liaison Meetings between Town/Parish Councils; and noted.
- (iii) Avon C.C. had sent a letter concerning the Interim Development Order - Mineral Permission. The Clerk was asked to check with Mr. Cannell, who had all the literature concerning Conygar Quarry, whether the two subjects are connected.
- (iv) A letter, together with a Maintenance Agreement, was received from S.W.E.B. in connection with our street light. The Clerk was asked to check with S.W.E.B. whether it is necessary to take any action in this matter. It was further decided to discuss this at our January meeting.
- (v) It was agreed to send our apologies for the meeting at the Folk Hall, Portishead concerning the Bus Service to Southmead Hospital.
- (vi) A letter, together with booklets concerning Bristol 'Saturday Park and Ride Service', were received from Avon C.C. The booklets were distributed to Members for information.
- (vii) The Bristol and District Community Health Council had sent a notice, which was displayed in the village hall, regarding a meeting on the 6th January.
- (viii) Leaflets from Avon Care Forum 'IN CONTACT' were received, and circulated to Members; a notice was also displayed.
- (ix) Copies of Planning Reports were received from W.D.C. for our information.

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

Village Hall Committee	£3.00
Mr. B. R. Cannell	£5.24
Mrs. D. McLaughlin	£150.00 (salary & expenses for December quarter - as agreed)

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1994 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

903. PRECEPT 1994/95 A letter was received from the Treasurer of W.D.C. regarding this subject, the contents of which were discussed by Members. It was finally RESOLVED: THAT the sum of £1,800 be levied by Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council for the financial year 1994/95. The Clerk was authorised to notify W.D.C. accordingly.

It was further agreed to make the following donations: £15 to the Council for the Protection of Rural England; £10 to the Citizens' Advice Bureau; £25 to the Avon Wildlife Trust and £25 to the Victims Support Group. Cheques in all these cases will be sent after our Annual General Meeting in May.

904. Planning Members discussed the proposed re-opening of Conygar Quarry in Nortons Wood Lane for Tasplot Ltd which had been discussed at the North Area Planning Committee of W.D.C. on the 1st December 1993, and expressed their concern at this suggestion. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning department of Avon C.C. and to Mr.P.Burden, our County Councillor, requesting that a representative from our parish council be invited to attend any meetings concerning this subject, together with the Clevedon Town Council.

905. Clerk's Report

- (i) Undergrounding of cables in Walton Street The Clerk had been notified by Mr. deHavilland of W.D.C. that the five householders should be informed of the proposed work to be carried out under this enhancement scheme, for their verbal consent. Members agreed that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements. On receipt of this information, Mr. deHavilland will prepare a report to go before the meeting of the Planning and Conservation Committee for their approval. We await to hear from W.D.C. as to their decision.
- (ii) Shelter Belt The Clerk had not yet heard from Mr.W.Goldstone about work to be carried out at this site.He had intimated work would commence when weather permits.
- (iii) Surface of Clevedon Road by village hall The Clerk had been in touch with Mr.Blissett's department about the unsatisfactory state of this stretch of road. She was informed that an order has been given to the contractors for this work to be carried out urgently.
- (iv) Blocked gullies by Old Rectory House/Farm The Clerk had been contacted by Sir William Miles who expressed his concern at the possible flooding of the road due to this complaint. Avon Highways had been contacted, and they confirmed they would look into matter and take any necessary action.
- (v) Annual Business Meeting A copy of the report of this meeting, which was held in the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare on the 30th November, was received and noted.

905. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vi) Coastal Footpath - Walton Bay Members discussed the letter received from the Ramblers Association in which concern was expressed at the delay in reinstating this section of the footpath. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter received from W.D.C. last year to Mr.J.Dyer for his information. In this letter W.D.C. had stated they and Avon C.C. would shortly be taking action to carry out repairs to this path.
The Clerk was asked to send a copy of Mr.Dyer's letter to Mr. N.C.Ashton, our District Councillor, for his attention.
- (vii) Street Light The Clerk had made enquiries from S.W.E.B. in respect of the maintenance agreement, and was informed that the relevant documents should be signed and returned to them. After perusal, copies would be made and sent to us for our records.
- (viii) Lloyds Bank - new policy The Clerk informed Members that Lloyds Bank had sent literature of their new arrangements for banking. They also informed us of our new account numbers and enclosed a current cheque book for our use.
- (ix) County of Avon - Local Governemnt Reorganisation It was agreed to send our apologies for the meeting to be held on the 19th January to consider the report of the Local Government Commission.
- (x) Bus Service to Southmead Hospital A letter was received from Clevedon Town Council, together with the Minutes of the meeting held in Portishead on the 1st December; the contents of which were noted. The next meeting regarding this matter will be held on the 18th February in Clevedon. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies.
- (xi) Gate by Plum Tree Cottage The meeting was informed that this gate has now been repaired.

906. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Members were informed that the grit bins by Walton Bay Stores had been returned by Avon Highways, and no further action is required.
- (ii) A complaint had been received that the paving slabs by the culvert near Springhead Cottage are covered with algae, and are very slippery to walk on. The Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate authority to carry out this work. The affected slabs extend down to Orchard Lea.
- (iii) Members were informed that the telephone kiosk by Walton Bay Stores has again had the glass panel in the roof broken. The Clerk was asked to contact British Telecom.
- (iv) After discussing payment to the Village Hall Committee for the hire of the hall for parish meetings, it was agreed that a cheque for £3 be sent every month after our meeting to the Treasurer of this Committee.
- (v) The Clerk was asked to write to Mr.Philip Tolerton at the Avon Wildlife Trust suggesting that a notice be placed on the information board on Walton Common stating that 'dogs be kept under control'.
- (vi) Vide Minute 896, Mr.G.Rutley advised Members that the next Village Fete Committee meeting will be held on the 25th January. He will report back to the parish meeting in February of the decision taken.

907. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A leaflet entitled "Environment in Avon" was received from Avon C.C. for our information.
- (ii) Copies of the Planning Reports from W.D.C. were received for our information.
- (iii) Documents re Housing Strategy and Housing Capital Programme for 1994/95 were received from W.D.C. and passed to Mr. Baldwin for perusal.
- (iv) It was agreed to send our apologies for the meeting by the Tidy Woodspring Environmental Group to be held on the 18th January in Congresbury.
- (v) A document regarding Community Centres and Village Halls was received from Avon C.C. for our information. This was circulated to Members.
- (vi) A copy of the Local Council Review was received, and circulated.
- (vii) W.D.C. had sent a copy of the Local Government Review - Final Recommendations - for our information.
- (viii) W.D.C. had sent an update for the Unitary status for Woodspring; this leaflet was noted.
- (ix) W.D.C. had sent an invitation to a meeting of the Area Liaison Committee between Town/Parish Councils and the District Council to be held on the 8th February. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies.
- (x) A letter was received from W.D.C. regarding Accessibility to ensure access provision for people with mobility impairment and Conversion of Dwellings into self-contained flats or bedsits, together with a draft Woodspring Guidance Notes 2 & 3 for our information and comment. The comments are to be made on the enclosed document and must be returned by the 10th February. The Chairman agreed to ask Mr. B. Cannell if he would accept this task.

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

Village Hall Committee	£3.00 (see Minute 906 (iv))
Petty Cash	£50.00 (see note below)
S.W.E.B.	£12.96 (street light)

The Clerk asked Members if the petty cash float could be increased as her expenses had risen substantially. After discussion, it was agreed to increase the petty cash from £40 to £50. The Clerk expressed her appreciation.

R. J. Baker
D. McLaughlin

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 1994 at 7.30 p.m.

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

An apology for absence was received from Mrs.B.M.Adkins and Mr.M.Visacre (Reporter from The Mercury).

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

910. PLANNING Avon C.C. had sent a letter inviting us to a meeting being held on the 15th February in Bristol regarding Conygar Quarry. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies. She had notified Mr.P.Burden our County Councillor, and Avon C.C. of our wish to attend any meetings concerning the possible re-opening of this quarry, and was informed the parish council would be kept informed of the position.

A letter had been received from Avon C.C. regarding an application for a bridleway across Walton Common, and was mentioned in the February edition of the information sheet. After Members discussed this proposal, it was agreed that the Clerk reply to Avon C.C. stating there has never been a bridleway on this site, and that we strongly object to this plan, as we are very concerned about the damage that could be done to the valuable plant and wild life habitat.

The Clerk was also asked to contact Sir William Miles about this application, and to send him a copy of Avon County Council's letter. Copies of this letter and our reply would also be sent to our County Councillor and to Mr.P.Tolerton at the A.W.T. for their information.

911. Clerk's Report

- (i) Undergrounding of cables The Clerk had contacted the five householders concerned; they raised no objections to this work being carried out. She also notified Mr. deHavilland of W.D.C. who confirmed he would contact us when negotiations with S.W.E.B. and B.T. have been finalised.
- (ii) Coastal Path Vidé Minute 905 (vi), the Clerk had written to Mr.J.Dyer; and also to our District Councillor, enclosing a copy of Mr.Dyer's letter. We await further notification.
- (iii) Shelter Belt The Clerk had contacted Mr.Evans at W.D.C. who confirmed that Mr.W.Goldstone's invoice should be received by the beginning of March in order to comply with the conditions for grant purposes. Mr.Goldstone had informed the Clerk that work of replacing the dead trees and weeding on the site had been carried out.
- (iv) Precept As authorised, the Clerk had notified the Treasurer at W.D.C. of our precept for the period 1994/95.
- (v) Bus Service to Southmead Hospital The Clerk had sent our apologies to the Clevedon Town Council for the meeting held on the 18th January. A copy of the report of that meeting was received for our information. The next meeting is to be held on the 15th February; the Clerk was asked to send our apologies.
- (vi) S.W.E.B. - maintenance of street light A letter received from S.W.E.B. regarding the increase in the charge for our street light was received; and noted.
- (vii) Walton Common - 'dogs under control' In reply to our letter regarding this subject, a reply was received from Mr.P.Tolerton setting out the works proposed to be carried out on Walton Common, including the control of dogs. The contents of this letter were discussed by Members, and noted.

911. Clerk's Report (contd)

(viii) Works of maintenance The meeting was informed that the gullies outside Old Rectory House/Farm have been cleared. The Clerk had contacted W.D.C. regarding the algae on the concrete slabs between Springhead Cottage and Orchard Lea; the work will be put in hand.

British Telecom informed the Clerk that they will replace the broken glass in the telephone kiosk by Walton Bay Stores. Work of re-surfacing Clevedon Road by the Cross Tree will be carried out shortly by contractors employed by Avon Highways.

912. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Mr.G.Rutley informed Members that appreciation was expressed at the parish council's offer to make a donation towards the hire of a marquee at the Village Fete this summer.
- (ii) A complaint was received about a large stone which has been left along the brook in Moor Lane. Another complaint was also received about a large boulder at the edge of a trench in Nortons Wood Lane. It was pointed out that these could cause a danger hazard. The Clerk would contact Mr.Blissett.
- (iii) A complaint was again received about the undergrowth at the corner of Moor Lane by Loriman's house. This could cause a hazard as visibility is impaired and traffic cannot be seen coming round the corner. The Clerk would contact the appropriate authority.
- (iv) The Clerk was asked to telephone Mr.Blissett about the surface of Clevedon Road again, as the work has still not been completed. It was also pointed out that the white lines by the Cross Tree have not been painted, and could cause an accident.
- (v) The name 'Clapton-in-Gordano' on the signpost at the top of Moor Lane has faded, and needs to be re-painted. The Clerk would inform Avon Highways.
- (vi) Mr.Baldwin raised the question as to when the work of repairing the wall opposite The Church will commence. Mr.Blissett had intimated some time ago that this work would soon be carried out. The Clerk will make the necessary enquiries.
- (vii) Mr.B.Cannell had kindly agreed to study the draft Woodspring Guidance Notes 2 and 3 regarding access provision for people with mobility impairment, and the conversion of dwellings into self-contained flats and bedsits on our behalf. He informed the meeting of his suggestions, and the Clerk was asked to return the document to W.D.C. Mr.Cannell was thanked for his co-operation in carrying out this project.
- (viii) Mr.B.Cannell had also perused the document regarding Community Centres and Village Halls sent to us by Avon Community Council, and pointed out two incorrect entries in connection with access for the disabled at the village halls of Weston-in-Gordano and Tickenham. The Clerk was asked to take the necessary action.

913. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from the Chairman of the N.A.L.C. regarding the Centenary Appeal, and enclosing 3 raffle books, which have to be returned by the 31st March. It was agreed that a cheque be sent to this organisation when the tickets have been sold.
- (ii) A letter was received from the Chairman of C.P.R.E. concerning Champions of the Countryside; and noted.

913. Correspondence not previously dealt with (contd)

- (iii) Avon C.C. had sent a letter re: the Third Alteration - Further Modification to the Structure Plan for our information. Two copies of a notice concerning this was also sent - one to be displayed, and the other for our files.
- (iv) Avon and Somerset Police Authority had sent copies of the Police Bulletins (4 issues) for our information. These were circulated to Members.
- (v) ALCA had sent a letter re: The Future Local Government of Avon Gloucester and Somerset. It was decided not to order a booklet on this subject.
- (vi) W.D.C. had sent a letter re: Environmental Campaigns in 1994 with an invitation to attend a Workshop for Town/Parish Council representatives on Saturday the 26th February at 10 a.m. in Weston-super-Mare. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies.
- (vii) The Environmental Health Department of W.D.C. were organising a Dog Roadshow during the National Pet Week from the 2nd - 9th May and would like any suggestions. It was agreed to take no action regarding this project.
- (viii) A letter was received from Avon C.C. re: the Local Government Commission, enclosing Council's resolution to bring judicial review proceedings against the Commission that its proposals have been arrived at unlawfully. A second letter was also received on the same subject; the contents of both letters were noted.
- (ix) W.D.C. had sent copies of 'Animal Welfare Handbook' for distribution to Members.
- (x) It was decided to take no action regarding the letter from the Environmental Health dept of W.D.C. re Town and Parish Council employees working on the highway - New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and the Health and Safety At Work Act 1974.
- (xi) Avon Community Council had sent an invitation to Countrywork - the Village 2000 - a Conference and Exhibition about the employment opportunity for people in Avon's villages. A poster concerning this venture was received, and displayed. The Clerk was asked to send our apologies for the Conference.
- (xii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received, and circulated.
- (xiii) Literature was received from Aztec Coach Travel, and passed to Mr.G.Rutley for his information.
- (xiv) Copies of Planning reports were received from W.D.C. for our information.

914. Finance A cheque for £3.00 was passed for payment to the Village Hall Committee in respect of the hire of the hall for our parish council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

R J Baker
D. W. Langheir

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

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

916. PLANNING The application received from Avon C.C. regarding a claim for a bridleway across Walton Common was again discussed by Members. Mr. P. Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust had notified the Clerk that local residents must be prepared to refute the evidences of established rights across Walton Common by horse-riders. He pointed out that specific information is required that riders were there by virtue of being invited on a permissive basis. Locked gates, fences, stiles, notices on display barring horse-riding, and known verbal obstruction by land-owners or their agents to riders that they are trespassing, should also be confirmed.

The Clerk was authorised to reply to Avon C.C. accordingly, and notify Sir William Miles of the action taken.

The meeting was informed that planning permission had been given for the old barn in Norton's Wood Lane to be converted into a dwelling house, together with a garage and stables. It was agreed to take no further action in this matter.

917. Dates for the A.P.M. and the A.G.M. It was agreed that our Annual Parish Meeting be held immediately after our Ordinary Meeting on Thursday, 14th April. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th May, 1994 at 7.30 p.m.

The Clerk was asked to invite our District Councillor (Mr. N.C. Ashton) and representatives from the P.C.C., the W.I. and the Village Hall Committee to attend and give a short talk on their respective activities.

918. Clerk's Report

- (i) Coastal Path A letter was received from W.D.C. in reply to our letter to them asking when this work will commence. On the instruction of the Chairman, the Clerk had written to Mr. J. Dyer of the Gordano Footpaths Group, and also to Mr. G.F. Crump, the President of the 'Ratepayer' in Portishead, informing them that Avon C.C. had re-programmed this work for early implementation in the new budget year.
- (ii) Shelter Belt The Clerk was authorised to send Mr. W. Goldstone's invoice in the sum of £260.00 to Mr. G. Evans at W.D.C. immediately to enable us to qualify for the grant of £195.
- (iii) Undergrounding of electricity cables No further information has been received from W.D.C. regarding this project.
- (iv) Raffle tickets from NALCA The Clerk was authorised to pay the £15.00 collected from the sale of these tickets into our Bank. It was agreed that a cheque for the same amount be sent to NALCA.
- (v) Village Halls - facilities for the disabled After making enquiries, the Clerk had been informed that ramps have been provided at both Weston-in-Gordano and Tickenham village halls for wheel-chair users.
- (vi) Avon Community Council A questionnaire, regarding aspects of this organisation's role after local government re-organisation, was completed by Members, and the Clerk was asked to return it by the 31st March 1994.

918. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (vii) Village Hall Discussions took place about the future management of this hall. A suggestion was made that the parish council should act as the management committee, and have control of the funding in order that the people of the parish can make more use of the hall. However, it was also suggested that we support this facility and fund it through the parish council. Further discussions will take place regarding this important issue.
- (viii) Bus service to Southmead Hospital The Clerk had sent our apologies to Clevedon Town Council regarding the meeting held on the 15th February. The next meeting is to be held in Clevedon on the 26th April. It was agreed to bring this item up at our Annual Parish Meeting in April for further discussion.
- (ix) Works of maintenance The Clerk had contacted Mr. Blissett in connection with the following works:
- (a) white road markings to be painted by the Cross Tree
 - (b) large stone to be removed by the brook in Moor Lane
 - (c) undergrowth and verges to be cleared by the bend in Moor Lane
 - (d) painting of the name 'Clapton-in-Gordano' on the sign post at the top of Moor Lane
 - (e) the wall along the brook opposite The Church.
- It was pointed out that none of the above works have been done. The Clerk would contact Mr. Blissett again.
- However, it was agreed that the surface of Clevedon Road is now satisfactory, and the boulder in Nortons Wood Lane has been removed.
- (x) Algae on paving slabs by Springhead Cottage The Clerk had contacted W.D.C., and was informed that this work has been done.

919. Councillors' Reports

- (i) It was pointed out that the road markings by the Cross Tree have still not been done. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr. Blissett that this work is very urgent, and needs immediate action.
- (ii) The Clerk was asked to contact the National Rivers Authority about the possible pollution of the stream by Springhead Cottage. She was also asked to enquire from the Environmental Health department of W.D.C. for their comments.
- (iii) The verges and hedges in Moor Lane have still not been cut back, thus causing a hazard. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. P. Burden (our County Councillor) for his help in getting this work carried out. It was suggested that Mr. Burden telephone Mr. B. Cannell for further details.
- (iv) It was pointed out that the broken glass panel in the telephone kiosk by Walton Bay Stores has not been repaired. The Clerk would contact B.T. again.
- (v) A complaint was received that a fallen tree and brambles were blocking the visibility between the two bridges in Moor Lane. Mr. Blissett would be informed.
- (vi) Another complaint was received that there is a large pothole in the layby on the Coast Road opposite the Signal Station. The Clerk was asked to take the necessary action.
- (vii) The Clerk was asked to enquire from the Planning Dept of W.D.C. regarding planning permission to erect a conservatory onto a private dwelling in the village. Also the possibility of starting a business from a private house in the parish. Another topic discussed was the removal of a portacabin sited in the garden of a house in the village.

920. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Police Bulletin No. 5 was received from Avon and Somerset Police Authority, and circulated to members.
- (ii) A newsletter was received from CPRE's Avon Planning Action Group for our information.
- (iii) A letter was received from W.D.C. re: Local Government Re-organisation in Avon, and passed to Mr. Baldwin for his action.
- (iv) North Woodspring Victim Support Group sent a letter asking for a donation. The Clerk had already sent them a letter stating that we will be making a donation after our A.G.M. in May. A copy of their Annual Report and accounts was also received for our information.
- (v) A letter from ALECTO Historical Editions was received re: the Great Domesday Book. It was agreed to take no action.
- (vi) It was agreed to send our apologies to W.D.C. re: Environmental Campaign Meetings to be held on the 19th March
- (vii) The Chief Executive of W.D.C. had notified us about a direct contact to their Support Unit re: Area Liaison Meetings; this information was noted.
- (viii) The final copies of the Register of Electors have now been received, and displayed for the information of local residents.
- (ix) Avon C.C. has sent a letter and a copy of the final version of the Council's plan for the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan for our information. These documents were passed to Mr. G. Rutley for his perusal, and comment.
- (x) A copy of the Annual Report was received from Avon C.C., and passed to Mr. B. Cannell for his perusal and comment.
- (xi) Correspondence and literature were received from ALCA which included a copy of their Annual Report and Accounts for 1992/93; also notification of our subscription for 1994/95 in the sum of £25.00.

921. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

NALCA 1994 Centenary Appeal	£15.00	- see Minute 918 (iii)
Clerk's salary and expenses	£150.00	
Village Hall Committee	£3.00	
Nailsea Office Equipment	£35.25	

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

R. J. Baller
D. W. Langhen