

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.

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

923. PLANNING As authorised, the Clerk had written to Avon C.C. regarding the application for a bridleway across Walton Common, and also telephoned Mr.P.Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust. No reply has yet been received from the County Council, but the matter will be kept under review.

The Clerk had contacted the Planning department of W.D.C., vide Minute 919 (vii), and was informed that no planning permission is required for a conservatory to be built adjoining a dwelling if it does not contravene the building regulations. However, the Clerk was informed that the Enforcement Officer of W.D.C. should be contacted regarding the business being carried out at a private dwelling in the Walton Bay area; and also concerning the portacabin in a private garden in the village. After discussion, it was decided that the Clerk write to the Enforcement Officer for their views.

924. Clerk's Report

(i) Pollution of stream at Springhead Cottage The Clerk had been in touch with the Environmental Health department of W.D.C. pointing out our concern at the state of this brook. They had contacted the National Rivers Authority who telephoned the Clerk to confirm that the farmer has been aware of this complaint and, after inspecting the site, the N.R.A. had informed him that the practice of discharging the effluent into the stream must cease. The N.R.A. are keeping a close watch at this site, but feel the trouble will not occur again.

However, the Clerk had received a similar complaint about the brook in Moor Lane which has also become polluted. She had again contacted the N.R.A. who arranged for an officer to call and inspect this brook. The Clerk was informed a letter would be sent explaining the position, and also the action the N.R.A. would take to prevent the pollution occurring again. Unfortunately, the letter was not received in time for our meeting. However, the matter is being kept under review and, as soon as the details are received by the Clerk, she will inform the councillors of the position.

(ii) Shelter Belt The Clerk was informed that our cheque in the sum of £260, being the full amount for the work carried out by Mr.W. Goldstone, should be sent to him, and the receipted invoice returned to Mr.Evans at W.D.C. in order that they may process our grant. This was done by permission of the Chairman, and the grant of £195.00 was received from W.D.C. and paid into our deposit account at the Bank. The Clerk informed Members that our contribution towards the work of re-planting and weeding this shelter belt was £65.00.

(iii) Coastal Footpath As authorised by the Chairman, the Clerk had sent copies of the letter, received from W.D.C. after our last meeting, to Mr.J.Dyer of the Gordano Footpaths Group, and also to Mr.G.Crump the President of the Portishead 'Ratepayer', for their information. This letter stated that work of repair to this section of the footpath is scheduled to commence during this financial year.

(iv) Enhancement Schemes for 1994/95 A letter has been received from W.D.C. asking about possible schemes to improve the environment in our village. After discussion, it was agreed that we consider this matter at our A.P.M. which is to follow this meeting.

24. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (v) Works of maintenance The meeting was informed that the following works have been carried out: (a) Road markings by the Cross Tree; (b) the fallen tree and rubbish between the two bridges in Moor Lane, have been cleared; and (c) the pothole has been repaired along the Coast Road.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Blissett again about the painting of the name 'Clapton-in-Gordano' on the signpost at Moor Lane; and also the repairing of the wall opposite the Church. She was authorised to contact our County Councillor again about the overgrown hedges and verges in Moor Lane, which are still causing a hazard. British Telecom will also be contacted again as the glass panel has still not been replaced in the telephone kiosk by the Walton Bay Stores.

- (vi) Raffle Tickets for NALCA The Clerk informed the meeting that the cheque, together with the counterfoils of the tickets sold, were sent to NALCA in time for the draw on the 16th April.
- (vii) Donation to the Village Fete Committee After discussion, it was agreed that the parish council pay the charge for the hire of the marquee and its erection for the village Fete. It was agreed that the Fete Committee inform us of the amount involved, and the parish council will then send a cheque for this facility.
- (viii) Best Kept Village competition The C.P.R.E have sent the necessary forms and literature for this event. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the A.P.M. which is to follow this meeting.
- (ix) Bus Service to Southmead Hospital A letter was received from the Clevedon Town Council regarding a meeting to be held in Clevedon on the 26th April to discuss this service. Members felt this matter should be discussed at our A.P.M. in case any resident was interested in attending.
- (x) Audit A letter was received from Ernst & Young, our auditors, reminding us that, as we qualify for a triennial audit, it will only be necessary to send a certified summary of accounts, together with a bank reconciliation statement made up to the 31st March 1994 to them by the 30th June. The Clerk was authorised to take the necessary action.

25. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Discussion took place about replacing the diseased tree outside the village hall which was cut down some time ago. Action regarding this matter was left for the time being.
- (ii) Members asked why the mirror sited outside 1, Brighton Cottage was still there after complaints were received some time ago. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning department of WDC for their comments.
- (iii) A letter was received from Mr. G. Rowles regarding the arrangements for collecting refuse from Walton Bay House and the adjoining Park Homes, as W.D.C. are now charging for the removal of household refuse from holiday homes. The Clerk was asked to contact the Technical Services department of WDC for their comments.
- (iv) Mr. G. Rutley informed the meeting of the various points of interest regarding the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan which he had perused on our behalf. Members expressed their appreciation and thanked him for his co-operation.
- (v) The Clerk was asked to check regarding the question of the amount of water being used by the Clevedon Golf Club from the borehole in the village as this matter has already been discussed some years ago.

926. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Police Bulletins Nos. 7 & 8 were received from the Avon & Somerset Oikuce Authority for our information.
- (ii) The Environmental Health department of W.D.C. had sent a booklet re 'Healthy Eating out', for our records.
- (iii) A letter was received from S.W.E.B. with a list of their reduced charges for street lighting, and noted.
- (iv) A letter was received from W.D.C. with a form to be completed regarding the Area Liaison Meetings. The Clerk was asked to return the form, stating that we had no comments to make as we were unable to attend any of these meetings.
- (v) Bristol and District Community Health Council had sent a copy of their newsletter for circulation to Members.
- (vi) Copies of the Planning reports were received from W.D.C. for our records.
- (vii) It was agreed to take no action regarding the letter from W.D.C. concerning Local Government Reorganisation.
- (viii) A copy of the Woodspring Digest was received and circulated to Members.

927. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Village Hall Committee	£3.00
S.W.E.B.	£10.64

A cheque for £260.00 was authorised by the Chairman to be sent to Mr.W.Goldstone on the 18th March 1994 in connection with work done by him to the shelter belt, and for which approval had been given by Members.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

K. J. Bode
W. H. Langdon

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 14th APRIL 1994 at 8.30 p.m.

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.

Mr. T.Robinson from English Nature also attended, together with 5 parishioners.

Apologies for absence were received from Father John Smart, Mrs.S.Betts, Mrs.B.Cannell, Mr. and Mrs.K.Dilley, and Messrs. C.Greenhill, R.Knight and G.Rowles.

1. The Chairman welcomed the visitors 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 £1800 for the year 1994/95. This year's precept is down by 10% due to careful budgeting.
- (ii) Financial Report Receipts for the year ending 31st March 1994 totalled £2232.04; expenses were £1744.89, leaving a balance of £487.15.

During the past year, the council has worked on behalf of the parish - meeting once every month, except in August. We have at long last persuaded Avon to tarmac a safer layby outside the village hall, and to re-surface the road through the village. Mariners Path is due to be reinstated during the next financial year as promised by Avon C.C. The Signal Station on the Coast Road has been modernised, and is now a V.H.F. remote control scanner station. As part of Woodspring's enhancement scheme, and a joint effort by S.W.E.B. and B.T., we are to have some of the unsightly overhead cables put underground.

Conygar Quarry still remains an ominous threat hanging over the valley; still no decision from Avon C.C. The Avon Wildlife Trust has entered into a 10 year management agreement with the Miles Estate regarding Walton Common.

Early in the year, Mrs.Esme Ross was forced to resign due to the pressure of family and business. We have missed her valued support as a councillor, but were fortunate to co-opt Mr.Gordon Rutley who also lives at Walton Bay. The restrictions we had hoped for on the Coast Road were turned down by Avon C.C. This year the parish council decided to make a grant to the Village Fete Committee. It was felt that the money would benefit a wider cross-section of the community, and both the Church and the Hall would receive equal funds. I would like to say a sincere thank you once again to Mr.and Mrs.S.Wills who very kindly print our information sheet free of charge every month. We hope you all find it beneficial. Thank you to our councillors for their support throughout the year. A big thank you to Mrs.D.McLaughlin, our Clerk, without whose help the parish council would cease to exist.

Last, but definitely not least, a thank you to Mrs.Valerie Baldwin for tending the flower bed around the Cross Tree, and for single-handedly distributing the information sheet on behalf of the parish council.

4. The Clerk informed the meeting that no report was received from our District Councillor.

5. Mrs.R.Rowles, on behalf of the P.C.C., reported on the activities of St.Paul's Church for 1994. Attendances at morning Services have increased slightly due to new families coming into the village. Unfortunately, Evensong is causing concern because of the low numbers supporting this Service. The P.C.C. members have discussed the problem, and hope to come to a solution before the winter. Concern was also expressed at the drop in the numbers buying the Parish magazine, which is a pity as this is very good value at 30p. The magazine includes not only news about Walton-in-Gordano, but reports and events concerning the surrounding villages. The toilet facilities at our Church have been completed and the site tidied. The next step is the reorganisation of the Tower by inserting a floor above the window to cut out the draught problem. The clock is to be electrified in memory of the late Bessie Weeks. Hopefully, a grant from W.D.C. will help towards the cost of re-gilding the clock face.

The Harvest Festival weekend was a tremendous success with displays of photographs relating to families in and around the village. Mini Proms were also performed by the Clevedon Band on the Saturday evening, and requests received for another such Concert. Proceeds from the concert raised £50 for Harvest Help in Africa. After the Harvest Service, items of vegetables and flowers were distributed to the sick and elderly in the village, and the remainder taken to the Salvation Army in Bedminster who were most grateful.

Mrs.Rowles went on to say that the Julian Trust Care for the Homeless received £139 of which £40 was raised by Sheri Russell, Val Baldwin and the children singing carols around the village. Proceeds from the Christmas concert organised by Sue Betts, and the Carol Service, raised £120 for the Children's Society. The quota for 1994 for St.Paul's is £2399 and, together with housekeeping costs, we have to find £90 a week which goes towards the Clergy costs, and training those preparing for the Ministry. This is a huge sum for this small Church to find, and an impossible task from the weekly collection.

Everyone is looking forward to the ordination of Rev.Mary Richards on the 14th May at Wells Cathedral; she will be a great asset to the United Benefice. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for their donation towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. Last year, however, an extra £250 was added from Church funds.

The Rogation Service and Procession will be held on Sunday 8th May at 3.00 p.m., after which tea will be served in the village hall. The Village Festival is to be held on Saturday, the 16th July, and the Flower Festival weekend will be held during the August Bank holiday.

Mrs.Rowles was thanked for her detailed and interesting report.

6. Miss Mary Blake, the Secretary of the local W.I., sent her apologies as their Committee meeting was being held that same evening. The Clerk read her report to the meeting, which began by informing us that their meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, and their membership is 32. The speakers have included talks on Famous Bristol Women, Wessex Water, the History of Patchwork, a slide show of Malta and the work of the charity C.L.I.C. The events have included Christmas and Birthday parties, a Caribbean evening, and a Beetle Drive. The Committee held a Skittles evening, and raised £135 towards the Clevedon District Nurses Pegasus Bed Appeal. They also took part in the County and Group Skittles matches. Members helped on the cake stall at the Village Fete, and also held a Produce and Handicraft Show. Members also entered a team in the County Quiz, and regularly organise coffee evenings.

The W.I. have a varied and interesting programme planned for the rest of the year.

The Clerk was asked to write thanking Miss Blake for her informative report.

7. Mr.M.Phillips, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Village Hall Committee began his report by stating that a full report and financial analysis was given to their A.G.M. on the 28th March, and is available for anyone interested. The Hall has been used extensively - on 188 occasions during 1993, and 68 so far this year. Apart from the various groups and organisations who used the Hall (as detailed in his report and given to the parish council for their records), other events included the annual Village Fete, combined with a well attended barn dance; a 60's music dance; 5 Avon County table tennis matches, and a table tennis social evening. One new venture was a 12 session mathematics class which it is hoped will resume in the autumn. Another is the establishment of a Social Group under the leadership of Mrs.Melina Bourge, and their first function was a bowls evening and American supper on the 31st March. Mr.Phillips then informed us of their financial position. The overall income for 1993 was £3307, and the net available cash on the 31st December 1993 was £468. The downward trend of future cash flow projection is a matter for serious concern as to our ongoing viability. However, the new Committee elected at the AGM was given some new blood with Messrs.Simon Bourge, Michael Hollingsworth and Steve Russell who replaced Bryan and Emma Tucker and Sue Brown. The Chairman, Mr.Alan Akery, has been re-elected unopposed, Mr.Phillips explained the principal aims of the new Committee - (i) to organise, and to encourage others to organise fund-raising events; and (ii) to create a substantial reserve of funds (target £1000 min) for hall maintenance and improvements. He reiterated that they must allow 'outsiders' to use the hall, as they need the money. He sensed opposition to this viewpoint from some villagers as shown by the non-attendance at the table tennis matches and notable absentees at their AGM. He pointed out that income directly attributable to villagers in 1993 was £250, though the expenses were £1913. They would be bankrupt without grants and donations totalling £1100. He has also been informed by Avon C.C. that there will be no grants forthcoming this year.

The Chairman thanked Mr.M.Phillips for his comprehensive and interesting report.

General discussion then took place and members hoped the new Committee will be a success. It was also pointed out that the Parish Council can claim VAT on any materials needed for works of repair to the village hall. A suggestion was also made to ask the villagers if they would like the parish council to run the village hall on their behalf.

8. Any other necessary business

- (i) Best Kept Village Competition After discussion, it was unanimously decided to mention this event in the May issue of the newsletter for the general opinion of villagers.
- (ii) Bus Service to Southmead Hospital The Clerk explained the latest information received regarding this service, and agreed to send our apologies for the meeting to be held on the 28th April at Clevedon.
- (iii) Diseased tree outside Village Hall It was decided to ask the Village Hall Committee what action they intend taking to replace this tree.
- (iv) Enhancement Schemes The Clerk was asked to contact Mr.Blissett regarding permission from Woodspring District Council for a grant towards the re-building of the wall opposite St.Paul's Church which needed repair urgently.
- (v) Commemorative event on Walton Common Discussion took place about holding a rounders match on the 20th August to commemorate the rights of parishioners to use Walton Common for recreational purposes. A final decision will be made at our next parish meeting.
- (vi) Gardening Club Mrs.M.Rutley informed the meeting that this Club has been in operation for approximately 7 years, and has proved very successful. Mrs.Rutley was asked to convey our congratulations to her Members.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

R J Bell

W J Beattie

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 12th MAY, 1994
at 7.30 p.m.

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

Police Constable R.Fry also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth
and Mr.P.Burden (County Councillor).

928. Election of Chairman Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth had proposed that Mr.R.J.
Baldwin be elected as Chairman for the coming year, and this was
seconded by Mr.G.H.Rutley.

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

929. Election of Vice-Chairman Mrs.M.A.Charlesworth had proposed that Mrs.
B.M.Adkins be elected as Vice-Chairman, and this was seconded by Mr.
R.J.Baldwin.

930. Appointment of Committees

(i) Village Hall Committee After discussion, it was agreed that Mr.
G.H.Rutley be appointed as our representative on this Committee.
The Clerk was asked to inform Mr.M.Phillips accordingly.

(ii) 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.

931. Annual Subscriptions and Donations It was agreed to pay the following
subscriptions: A.L.C.A. £25, plus £16.10 for copies of the Local Council
Review, posters and Councillor's Information Park; Avon Community
Council £15.00.

The donations are as follows: Avon Wildlife Trust £25; Citizens Advice
Bureau £10; Victims Support Group £25; C.P.R.E. £15.

It was also agreed to send a cheque for £67.00 to Cornhill Insurance Plc
as our premium up to the 1st June 1995.

932. The Minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 14th April 1994
were approved and signed.

933. PLANNING The Clerk informed the meeting of the position with regard to
the following: the portacabin at 'Myrtle Cottage' is a temporary
structure, and as long as it is not being used, it can remain on the
site until the 31st August 1995; the Planning department of W.D.C. are
aware of the business being carried out at 'The Sanctuary' Walton Bay
and will be taking the necessary action shortly; no planning permission
is required for the mirror at 1 Brighton Cottage, according to the
Enforcement Officer, as it is very small and does not infringe the rules.
Members agreed that no further action is necessary.

934. Items from the Annual Parish Meeting

(i) The Clerk asked for authority to send a 'thank you' letter to
Mr. and Mrs.S.Wills for their continued co-operation in supplying
the paper and printing our information sheet every month. It was
agreed that the Clerk take the necessary action.

(ii) It was decided that the Village Hall Committee be asked what
action they intend to take regarding the diseased tree outside the
village hall which was cut down some time ago. Mr.G.Rutley agreed
to look into this matter on our behalf.

(iii) It was agreed to hold an event to commemorate the rights of
parishioners to use Walton Common for recreational purposes on the
20th August, and to mention this in the information sheet for the
benefit of parishioners.

935. Clerk's Report

- (i) Enhancement Schemes for 1994/95 The P.C.C. have sent an application for a grant for the electrification and gilding of the Church clock. The Clerk enquired from Mrs. Sims whether another application from the parish council for the repair of the wall opposite the Church could also be considered for a grant. She was informed that we should send an estimate for the work, together with a plan of the site, and it would be put before their next committee meeting in June. Members were informed that a local builder should be contacted for his views. The Clerk was authorised to take the necessary action
- (ii) Road sign-'Moor Lane' Mrs. Cannell had informed the Clerk that this sign had been removed from the wall leading to Moor Lane, and is causing undue inconvenience. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. Blissett who stated he would take the necessary action. However, this sign has not been replaced, and the Clerk was asked to take further steps for the reinstatement of this road sign.
- (iii) Brook in Moor Lane - pollution A letter had been received from the N.R.A. explaining the position with regard to the complaint about pollution. Copies had been circulated to Members. However, it was pointed out that there is a black deposit at the bottom of the stream which is causing concern to the nearby residents. The Clerk was asked to contact the N.R.A. again to ask them to get in touch with Mr. B. Cannell, who will arrange to see a representative of the N.R.A.
- (iv) Audit of Accounts The Clerk had been notified by Ernst & Young, the auditors, that it is not necessary to hold an audit this year. Therefore, the next audit for the parish council's accounts will be in 1995.
- (v) Bus Service to Southmead Hospital The Clerk had sent our apologies to the Clerk of the Clevedon Town Council for the meeting held on the 26th April.
- (vi) Water Supply in the village The Clerk read extracts of the relevant minutes in connection with this matter, which were noted by Members. It was, therefore, decided to take no further action.
- (vii) Hedges and verges in Moor Lane The Clerk had been informed by our County Councillor that he had been in contact with the City Engineer of Avon C.C. concerning this matter, but had received no reply as yet. He will, however, be following up on this complaint on our behalf. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. P. Burden be informed that this matter is now very urgent, and that a site meeting should be arranged with Mr. B. Cannell in order that work can be carried out shortly.
- (viii) ALCA Meeting at Blagdon The Clerk had sent our apologies to the Clerk at Blagdon for the meeting held on the 5th May 1944.
- (ix) Best Kept Village competition The Clerk had informed C.P.R.E. that we would not be entering this competition this year and, as requested, had returned their form duly completed.
- (x) Refuse collection at Walton Bay Park The Clerk informed the meeting that this matter has now been resolved satisfactorily. No further action is necessary.

936. Councillors' Reports

- (i) It was pointed out that the glass panel in the telephone kiosk at Walton Bay has still not been repaired. The Clerk would contact British Telecom again.
- (ii) Police Constable R. Fry was asked for his views on the work done by the Victim Support Group. He confirmed that the job is very helpful and explained the various aspects of the work involved.

936. Councillors' Reports (contd)

(iii) Mr.G.Rutley informed the meeting of the outcome of the Village Fete Committee meeting held recently. The cost of the hire and erecting of the marquee would be approximately £355, and their Committee members expressed their appreciation to the parish council for their offer to pay for this facility. Members were informed that the Fete Committee decided not to share the proceeds of the village fete between the Church and the hall committee as in previous years. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, informing him that, unless the proceeds are split 50/50, the parish council will have no alternative but to cancel the offer to pay for the marquee.

937. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) A letter was received from the Avon Community Council regarding the 1994 Village Services Survey. The Chairman agreed to complete the form on behalf of the parish council.
- (ii) Avon C.C. has sent a report on their Speed Limit Policy Review. This document was circulated to Members for information.
- (iii) A letter was received from Lloyds Bank regarding improvements to customer service; and noted.
- (iv) Avon C.C. had sent a copy of the Spring issue of the Environment in Avon for our information. This was circulated to Members.
- (v) A copy of the Local Council Review was received; and circulated.
- (vi) Copies of the Planning reports were received from W.D.C. for our records.
- (vii) The C.P.R.E. sent a letter and literature for our information, which were discussed, and noted.
- (viii) A leaflet received from the RSPCA regarding leaving dogs in cars was noted.

938. Finance The Clerk informed Members that the first instalment of our precept for £900 was received from W.D.C. and paid into our deposit account at Lloyds Bank on the 21st April 1994.

The following cheques were passed for payment:

Avon Local Councils Association	£41.10
Avon Community Council	15.00
Cornhill Insurance PLc	67.00
Avon Wildlife Trust	25.00
North Woodspring Victim Support	25.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	10.00
C.P.R.E.	15.00
Village Hall Committee	3.00
Petty Cash	40.00
Mr.R.J.Baldwin	4.00

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

R.J. Baldwin
W.H. Langley

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 9th JUNE, 1994 at 7.30 p.m.

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.

939. Members were informed that the entry in Minute 936 (iii), which reads: "Members were informed that the Fete Committee decided not to share the proceeds of the village fete between the Church and the Hall committee as in previous years", should be amended to read "Representatives of the village hall stated that they were not obliged to share the proceeds of the Fete between the Hall and the Church". The Minutes of the previous meeting were then approved and signed.

940. PLANNING The Clerk informed the meeting that a letter was received from W.D.C. pointing out that the expiry date for the removal of the portacabin at 'Myrtle Cottage' was the 31st August 1995. The Planning department is aware of the business being carried out at "The Sanctuary" in Walton Bay, and is taking the appropriate action.

A letter from W.D.C. concerning Retrospective Planning Applications was received; the contents of which were discussed, and noted.

941. The Clerk - Future Role Due to the Clerk's intended retirement in September, Members discussed the vacancy, and also the duties being carried out by the Clerk. It was agreed that an advertisement be placed in the South Avon Mercury regarding this post.

942. Information Sheet - Funding Members unanimously agreed that the village information sheet has proved very useful, and should continue to be circulated to residents. It was also agreed to pay for the small cost of typing this publication, which Mr. B. Cannell kindly offered to print at a cost of 5p per copy. Members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Cannell.

943. Clerk's Report

(i) Enhancement Scheme - wall opposite The Church The Clerk had received an estimate from Mr. B. Brown for the work of repairing this wall. This, together with a covering letter, has been sent to the appropriate department of W.D.C. to be considered for a grant under this Scheme. We await the decision of the Planning and Conservation Committee in due course.

(ii) Shelter Belt Mr. W. Goldstone informed the Clerk that the contract work on the shelter belt has now been completed. The new trees have been mulched, and are doing well. If, at a later date, the weeds need clearing, Mr. Goldstone will be pleased to carry out this work at a reasonable cost.

(iii) Village Fete Committee Vidé Minute 936 (iii), Mr. A. Akery, the Chairman of this Committee, had informed the Clerk that he only received our letter on his return from holiday. Their meeting is also being held on the 9th June and that, after discussing the contents with his members, he will be writing to the parish council, confirming that the proceeds of the Fete will be shared equally between St. Paul's Church and the Village Hall, as has been done in the past.

Members agreed that when Mr. Akery's letter is received, a reply be sent stating that the parish council agrees to pay for the hire of the marquee as promised, and pointing out that the bill for this facility should be sent to the Clerk for payment.

943. Clerk's Report (contd)

- (iv) Pollution of brook in Moor Lane As there had been no further report from the N.R.A. regarding this complaint, the Clerk had contacted them again. Mrs.C.Mitchell, the officer dealing with this matter, informed the Clerk that she had been awaiting a call from Mr.Cannell. She reiterated that the farmer had agreed to store all effluent on his field for irrigation, and felt there should be no further complaints. She pointed out that grass and debris is being washed down the brook which collects at the lower reaches of the stream.
- Membera authorised the Clerk to again contact the N.R.A. for a possible site meeting to discuss what can be done to eradicate this problem. Mr.Cannell pointed out to the meeting that he was not prepared to remove the weeds from his section of the brook until the pollution had been cleared.
- (v) Verges and hedges in Moor Lane It was pointed out that the work of clearing the verges and cutting the hedges has still not been done. The Clerk had notified the County Councillor again. Members asked her to get in touch with our District Councillor for his views.
- (vi) Gullies by Old Rectory House Sir William Miles had informed the Clerk that these gullies outside his house and the estate yard are badly blocked, and need clearing. Mr.Blissett had been informed.
- (vii) Audit of Accounts Details of our accounts, together with the relevant bank statements, were sent to our Auditors, Ernst & Young for their approval.
- (viii) Underground cabling in the Village Mr. DeHavilland from W.D.C. had informed the Clerk that this work should commence within a fortnight, about the end of May. All the parties concerned will be notified in good time in order to cause minimum upset.
- (ix) Telephone Kiosk at Walton Bay British Telecom was again contacted by the Clerk, who was informed that the work is scheduled to be done shortly.
- (x) Road sign in Moor Lane The Clerk had contacted the Technical Services of W.D.C. regarding the reinstatement of this road sign, and was informed the work would be carried out shortly. She also pointed out that the pillar need repairing.
- (xi) 'Communications' meeting at Weston-super-Mare The Clerk attended this meeting at the Town Hall, which was arranged by Mrs.K.Hoskins the Communications Officer of W.D.C. She explained her job and asked if we had any problems with receiving any literature and letters from W.D.C. In future, any complaints about the lack of information, or delay in the receipt of planning applications, should be addressed to her for action.

944. Councillors' Reports

- (i) It was agreed that a donation of £3.00 be made to the P.C.C. for the use of St.Paul's Church for our parish meeting. A cheque for this amount will be signed for payment at this meeting.
- (ii) It was also agreed that, in the light of the statement made by Mrs.V.Harris at the Village Hall meeting held on the 4th May, the parish council does not wish Mr.G.Rutley to be a representative on that Committee.

944. Councillors' Reports (contd)

- (iii) A complaint was received that an elder tree has grown into the roof of the telephone kiosk in the village. The Clerk was asked to enquire from British Telecom who is responsible for the removal of this tree.
- (iv) Members were informed that the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee would like a donation from the parish council towards a new floor in the Hall. The overall cost would be approximately £4000. A decision on this matter will be deferred for the time being.

945. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Letters of thanks for donations from the parish council had been received from Avon Wildlife Trust and the Victims Support Group.
- (ii) Police Bulletin No.9 had been received from the Avon and Somerset Police Authority, and circulated to Members.
- (iii) A letter had been received from W.D.C. re the Sea of Flowers competition 1994 - together with leaflets for circulation - and passed to Mr.G. Rutley for possible action.
- (iv) The Avon County Structure Plan - Third Alteration - was received from Avon C.C., together with a notice for display.
- (v) It was agreed that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk attend a meeting at Congresbury organised by the CPRE on the 14th June.
- (vi) A copy of the Wodospring Digest was received, and circulated to Members.
- (vii) A letter was received from the Bristol/Avon Community Forest to publicise their Community Forest Draft Plan. A notice setting out the dates for the various events was displayed on the notice board.
- (viii) It was agreed to keep on our records a letter from the BBC - South reporter asking for any items of interest in the future.
- (ix) W.D.C. had sent copies fo the Planning reports for our records.
- (x) Copies of the official 'Handy Guide' was received from W.D.C. and distributed to Members.

946. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Mr.R.J.Baldwin	£4.00	(typing of information sheet)
Mrs.D.McLaughlin	£150.00	(salary and expenses for June quarter)
Parochial Church Council	£3.00	(use of St.Paul's Church for parish meeting)

L.J. Baldwin
D. McLaughlin

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 14th JULY 1994 at 7.30 p.m.

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.

Mr.P.Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust also attended.

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

948. Walton Common Mr.Philip Tolerton, the Woodspring Countryside Officer at the Avon Wildlife Trust, was then invited to talk on the latest developments concerning the Common, and about their proposed plans for the site. He began by reading the letter received from Mr.G.Kennerley, the Conservation Assistant, and then pointed out to Members that their intentions are honourable and will not jeopardise the rights of parishioners to use this site for recreational purposes. They plan to allow a herd of cattle to graze here, and have discussed this with Sir William Miles and Mr.J.Flower. Water will be made available from bowzer and a vehicular access will be constructed through Mr.Waygood's land. Costs will be borne by Sir William Miles, the farmers concerned and the A.W.T. It was pointed out to Mr.Tolerton that the Ramblers Association and the Open Spaces Society are not too pleased about the siting of a stile near the vehicular entrance to the site.

Mr.P.Tolerton informed the meeting that a detailed report will be sent to the parish council shortly regarding these proposed plans in order to enable Members to discuss this matter at our next meeting.

Mr.Tolerton was thanked by the Chairman for attending our meeting to explain the A.W.T's proposals.

949. Planning Application No.94/0956 for a house and garage at 'Cosy Corner' was discussed by Members, and it was unanimously agreed that no objections be raised to the approval of this plan. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning department of WDC accordingly.

950. Clerk's Report

(i) Future Role of the Clerk An advertisement for the vacancy of the Clerk's post, was placed in the 'Mercury', and three applications were received. The Clerk was asked to arrange interviews for two of the applicants on the 12th July. The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. W.Weatherhogg of Portishead was offered the post, and the Clerk was asked to write to him accordingly. The question of Mr. Weatherhogg attending a course for new Clerks, arranged by W.D.C., was also discussed by Members.

The other applicant, Mrs.P.Ryan, would also be informed of our decision.

The meeting was informed that the present scale for a parish Clerk salary is £1.25 per electorate, though the minimum must be £300 per annum; this figure is to be increased shortly. It was suggested that Mr.B.Cannell make enquiries about the possibility of a Fax machine for the new Clerk.

(ii) Brook in Moor Lane A letter was received from the N.R.A. and read to the meeting. However, as the problem still exists, the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs.Mitchell at the NRA to arrange a site meeting with the owners of the houses adjoining the brook.

(iii) Gullies by Old Rectory House Mr.Blissett had been contacted about clearing these gullies, and the Clerk was asked to check that this work has now been carried out.

950. Clerk's Report (contd)
- (iv) Hand railings by 'Springhead Cottage' After making enquiries, the Clerk had now been informed that WDC had erected these railings due to a complaint received from a member of the public who had slipped while walking along this footpath. However, Sir William Miles had expressed his disapproval of the materials used, and the Clerk was asked to inform W.D.C. to contact Sir William for his instructions.
 - (v) Hedges and verges in Moor Lane The Clerk was asked to contact our County Councillor again, as the work carried out is still not satisfactory, and the hazard to traffic still applies.
 - (vi) Election costs The Clerk had been informed by Mr. Jones of W.D.C. that, if there is a joint parish and district election next May, and Walton-in-Gordano decides to hold one, the cost would be in the region of £400/£500. In the event of there being only a parish council election, the cost would then be approximately £900.
 - (vii) Village Hall Committee - hire of marquee The Clerk had received a letter of explanation from Mr. Akery regarding sharing of the proceeds from the Fete between the Church and the Hall. The Clerk had written to Mrs. B. Wilyman as instructed, and a reply has been received confirming these arrangements.
 - (viii) Survey of Walton-in-Gordano's footpaths Mr. Jim Abbott of the Ramblers Group (Clevedon Branch) has written regarding a Survey of Walton footpaths which he is carrying out on behalf of Avon CC. His report will be received in due course.
 - (ix) Underground cabling in the Village The meeting was informed that this work has started. We await further information from Mr. deHavilland when the work has been completed.
 - (x) Road sign in Moor Lane This sign has now been removed for repair by WDC. The Clerk was asked to enquire when it will be reinstated.
 - (xi) Telephone kiosks in Walton Bay and in the Village As neither of the complaints have been attended to, the Clerk was asked to again contact British Telecom urgently.
 - (xii) Coastal Path - landslide Mr. J. Thompson from the Western Daily Press had informed the Clerk that a petition with over 1000 signatures has been prepared for this path to be reinstated by Councillor Mr. N. Brown of Portishead. We await further information.

951. Councillors' Reports

- (i) Complaints were received that the speed limit along the Coast Road should be reduced as vehicles are going too fast for safety along this narrow and winding road. It was also pointed out that the white lines painted on the highway near the junction of the former post office is incorrect - the centre line should be closer to the Cross Tree. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways department of Avon C.C. again, and also to see what the Police can do in order to prevent possible accidents. Mr. Rutley agreed to meet the Police to explain the position, if required. Another suggestion was made about the introduction of cats' eyes by the pavement. The Clerk was authorised to take the necessary action.
- (ii) It was pointed out that the Water Board had telephoned to say that they will be hand-digging by 'Springhead Cottage' to connect the water supply to nearby properties. The Clerk was asked to check with the Water Board exactly what properties will be affected.
- (iii) Further discussion took place by Members regarding the monthly information sheet. It was finally agreed to ask Mrs. Wills whether she will accept a charge of 5p per copy for a total of 100 copies. It was also decided to pay the sum of £4 for the typing of this leaflet.

952. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) Literature and leaflets from the Bristol/Avon Community Forests were received, and passed to the Chairman for perusal. It was agreed that Mrs.A.Charlesworth and Mrs.P.Wills should also have a sight of these publications.
- (ii) A copy of the Local Council Review was received, and circulated to Members.
- (iii) The Woodspring Digest was received, and circulated to Members.
- (iv) A letter from Avon C.C. re Planning, Highways and Transport (Public Rights of Way) Sub-Committee, was received; and noted. This refers to the claimed bridleway over Walton Common which was discussed earlier by Mr.P.Tolerton of the Avon Wildlife Trust.
- (v) A schedule for carrying out the routine maintenance of the street light was received from S.W.E.B. for our records.
- (vi) The 1994 Annual Report and the Countryside Campaigner was received from the C.P.R.E.; and noted.
- (vii) ALCA has sent literature, including a Summer 1994 County Bulletin re Allowances for Clerks and Chairmen, which was circulated to Members. NALCA also sent Legal Topic Note 28 re 'Local Council Elections in England and Wales', and also 'Declaration of Interest' for our information. A copy of the 'Field Fare' was also received, and circulated to Members.
- (viii) An affiliation certificate, in respect of our membership, was received from the Avon Community Council for our records.
- (ix) The Bristol and District Community Health Council has sent their Annual Report for 1993, which was circulated to Members.
- (x) W.D.C. (Housing Services) has sent a Housing Market Research for Woodspring's Housing Strategy 1995/96, for our information. This is in connection with housing for people with special needs in Woodspring. Mr.B.Cannell agreed to peruse this document on our behalf.
- (xi) A document re Woodspring Community Care - Area Implementation Plan 1994/95 - was received from Avon C.C., and circulated to Members.
- (xii) Copies of Planning Reports were received from W.D.C. for our records.

953. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Village Hall Committee	£3.00 (hire of village hall for meeting)
Clevedon Printing Co.	£17.44 (advertisement in the Mercury re vacancy for Clerk)
Mr.R.J.Baldwin	£4.00 (typing of Information Sheet)

R.J. Baldwin
D. McLaughlin

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
WALTON-IN-GORDANO ON THURSDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 1994 at 7.30 P.M.

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.

Mr. W.P.Weatherhogg, the in-coming Clerk, also attended this meeting.

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

955. WALTON COMMON Mr.P.Tolerton had informed the Clerk that, as requested by the D of E, a formal notice, setting out the works proposed to be carried out on the Common, will be sent to us within two months. A notice to this effect will also be published in the Press.

Mr.Tolerton then asked the Clerk to delete the sentence 'a vehicular access will be constructed through Mr.Waygood's land' in Minute 948. The amendment should read 'minor repairs to the existing vehicular access past Mr.Waygood's cottage will be carried out'.

Members then agreed that a letter be sent to the Avon Wildlife Trust supporting their proposals in the light of the evidence given by Mr. Tolerton at our meeting in July.

956. APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH CLERK Vidé Minute 950 (i), IT WAS RESOLVED: THAT Mr.W.P.Weatherhogg be appointed the new Clerk in accordance with the conditions recommended by NALCA with effect from September 1994. The Clerk informed Members that a Course for new Clerks is to be held in Weston-super-Mare from the 4th/6th November this year. ALCA will be sending the details shortly. It was also pointed out that W.D.C. will pay half the cost of the Course.

957. PRESENTATION TO THE RETIRING CLERK IT WAS RESOLVED: THAT this Council, under the powers given in Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, make a presentation of £100 to the retiring Clerk, it being considered this is of benefit to the Parish.

The Clerk expressed her appreciation and thanked Members for this gift.

958. PLANNING An application to fell trees at The Stable House in Walton-in-Gordano, was received from W.D.C., and discussed. The Clerk was asked to reply to the Planning department stating that we had no objections to this proposal.

Plan 94/1497 for change of use from private garden to commercial horticultural use at 'The Sanctuary', Walton Bay, Walton-in-Gordano, was discussed at some length by Members. A letter concerning this application was received from Mr. M.Ross of The Walton Bay Caravan Park which gave reasons for his objections to this proposal. The Clerk was authorised to write to the Planning department pointing out that the parish council unanimously support the views expressed in the letter from Mr.Ross, and felt this proposal would be detrimental to a residential site in the green belt.

A letter was received from the Communications Officer of W.D.C. concerning planning decisions for Town and Parish Councils, together with a leaflet explaining the new policy. Members noted the contents.

- (i) Hire of marquee for Village Fete Mr.M.Hollingsworth had sent a letter, together with an invoice from D.J.Stone Marquees. It was agreed to send two cheques, one for £70 payable to Walton Village Fete Fund, and the other for £285 to Mr.M. Hollingsworth.
- (ii) Bridleway across Walton Common A report from the Planning Committee of Avon C.C., together with a note from Mr.P. Tolerton, was received in which it was stated that the matter has now been resolved.
- (iii) Enhancement Scheme - wall opposite St.Paul's Church The Clerk informed the meeting that W.D.C. has agreed to make a grant of £1000 for repairing this wall. Mrs.Sims had reiterated that the work must be completed by the 31st March 1995. Mr.Brown, the builder, will be contacted and informed of this condition. The Clerk was authorised to write to Mrs.Sims expressing the council's appreciation for her help and advice regarding this scheme.
- (iv) Brook in Moor Lane Mrs.C.Mitchell from the N.R.A. had visited the site, and informed the occupiers of the adjoining houses the clearing of this brook is not their responsibility, but that of the Internal Drainage Board. It was pointed out that the brook is still deep in sediment. However, it was decided to take no further action for the time being.
- (v) Underground cabling The Clerk had been informed that, due to the problem caused by one occupier, this work has still not been done. Mr. deHavilland asked the Clerk to contact Miss Elaine Moore, who is the officer now in charge of this scheme, in order to arrange a site meeting with representatives from S.W.E.B., B.T. and W.D.C. in an attempt to resolve the matter.
- (vi) White traffic lines by the Cross Tree The Clerk had been in touch with Mr.Blissett and the Police who both said they would visit the site regarding this complaint. We await their comments and advice.
- (vii) Road sign in Moor Lane The Clerk had contacted W.D.C. again and was informed that the sign will be erected early next week. They apologised for the delay.
- (viii) Water Board The Clerk was informed that the work of laying a new 4" connection to the main drainage pipe by 'Springhead Cottage' has now been completed. Hopefully, the water pressure will improve. They also plan to continue with this work further down this road so that pressure will also improve to houses lower in the valley in the near future.
- (ix) Conygar Quarry A letter was received from Avon County Council stating that, at present, there is no further development regarding this matter.
- (x) Hand railings along the footpath by 'Springhead Cottage' The Clerk read a letter received from W.D.C. explaining the action taken by them in replacing this railing to the satisfaction of Sir William Miles.

960. Councillors' Reports

- (i) The Chairman had contacted the Clerk regarding a digger which caused the bank along the stream in Moor Lane to fall in. She informed Mr.Blissett and the work was done promptly.
- (ii) Work of repair to the two telephone kiosks has still not been done. The Clerk was asked to notify our representative on ALCA for his comments.

960. Councillors' Reports (contd)

- (iii) A complaint was received that the grass verges in Moor Lane need to be cut. It was pointed out that we had been informed this work would be done three times a year. The Clerk would contact Mr. Blissett for his comments.
- (iv) It was also pointed out that the brook in Moor Lane needs to be cleared of weeds and debris. The Chairman informed the meeting that he was prepared to carry out this work if permission is given by Avon Highways. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.
- (v) Mr. B. Cannell had made enquiries about the purchase of a Fax machine for the new Clerk, and gave details of the cost and expense involved. It was decided to discuss this matter at the next meeting in October.

961. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- (i) It was decided to pass the letter received from the Avon C.C. regarding Environmental Improvement Grants for 1995/96 for the use of voluntary groups to Mr. M. Phillips for his information.
- (ii) Woodspring's Industry and Commerce Directory 1994 was received, and passed to Mr. B. Cannell for perusal.
- (iii) A letter from Avon C.C. re Structure Plan Incorporating Third Alteration was received, and noted.
- (iv) The Clerk was asked to send our apologies to W.D.C. for the Tidy Woodspring Environmental Group meeting on the 12th September
- (v) A letter was received from Avon C.C., together with leaflets re Avon Bus Service Charter for distribution to Members.
- (vi) Copies of planning reports were received from W.D.C., and noted.
- (vii) ALCA had sent literature which included a copy of Field Fare for circulation to Members; a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for 1993/94; a booklet re Centenary Yearbook, and the Local Council Review which were also circulated to Members.
- (viii) W.D.C. had sent a copy of the External Liaison Manual - Amendment No. 2 for our information. This was handed to Mr. W. Weatherhogg for his perusal.
- (ix) Mr. M. Phillips, the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, had sent a letter regarding grant aid for the village hall, together with accounts, for our action. It was decided to defer discussion on this subject until our next meeting.

962. Finance The following cheques were passed for payment:

Mr. M. Hollingsworth	£285.00
Walton Village Fete Fund	£70.00
Petty Cash	£72.72
S.W.E.B.	£11.92
Clerk's salary & expenses	£150.00
Village Hall Committee	£3.00
Presentation to retiring Clerk	£100.00
Mr. R. J. Baldwin	£13.00

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

R J Baldwin
W Weatherhogg

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall , Walton in Gordano on Thursday, 13th October 1994 at 7.30.p.m.

Present. Councillors R.J. Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs B.M. Adkins, Vice Chairman. Messrs.B.R. Cannell and G.H. Rutley, together with the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M.A. Charlesworth and P.C. Fry.

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

964. Planning. Two applications for work to trees within the conservation area had been received from W.D.C. as follows;-

1. Two applications for work to trees at the Manor House, Walton- in- Gordano.
2. Work to trees at Cross Farm. Walton in -Gordano.
3. Work to trees at Spring Head Cottage, Walton-in-Gordano.

Each was discussed and the Clerk was asked to reply to the Planning Department stating that we had no objections to any of these proposals.

The Clerk had written to the Planning Department objecting to Plan 94/1497 for change of use from private garden to commercial horticultural use at 'The Sanctuary' Walton Bay, Walton-in- Gordano. The Plan would not be discussed by W. D. C. until its meeting in November.

965 Village Hall- Finance. A letter and supporting accounts had been received from Mr M. Phillips, Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, requesting the Council to consider the position of the Village Hall in the long term, and in particular to consider providing financial assistance for the upkeep of the Village Hall in 1995. The Council discussed the request in the context of the funds available and asked the Clerk to write to Mr Phillips indicating that no money was likely to be available to the Village Hall Committee as requested, on the following grounds;-

a) Funds were strictly limited and any major expenditure on the Village Hall could not be justified at this time.

b) The Council would require more evidence of funds being raised by the Village Hall Committee before further assistance could be considered.

c) The Council already provides assistance by paying for the marquee for use at the Village Fete, from which the Village Hall benefits.

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966 Clerk's report.

- 1) Walton Common. A letter had been sent to Mr P. Tolerton. Avon Wildlife Trust, supporting the proposal to fence the site.
- 2) Enhancement Scheme- wall opposite St. Paul" s Church. Miss Moore of W.D.C"s Conservation Section had indicated the mortar mix and method of laying the stones required by the W.D.C, and the Clerk would now contact Mr. Brown for a start to the building work to be arranged: temporary traffic lights would also be required.
- 3) Underground cabling; Miss Moore had been asked to arrange a site meeting between interested parties to resolve any outstanding difficulties.
- 4) White traffic lines by the Cross Tree. The Police had written to the Council rejecting its claim that these lines were incorrectly placed and were causing a traffic hazard. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting on site, between P.C. Fry, Mr Rutley and himself to discuss the white lines.
- 5) Repairs to Telephone Kiosks: Neither the kiosk at Walton Bay (broken glass) nor in the Village (elder tree growing into roof) had been attended to. The Clerk was asked to progress these requests for repair with B.T.
- 6) Grass verges in Moor Lane; Mr Blissett had been contacted re cutting the verges. He thought it unlikely a further cut would be carried out in 1994 but promised to ensure ~~these~~ cuts would be carried out in 1995.

967. Councillors' Reports.

- 1) Mr Cannell reported that the brook in Moor Lane had been cleared of weeds but a thick sediment remained.
- 2) Following the resurfacing of the Clevedon Road, the solid white lines along the edge of the road had not been replaced. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Blissett for their reinstatement.
- 3) Mr Rutley enquired whether the presentation of the Parish Information Sheet had been altered recently, but the Chairman said that it simply reflected the information provided by local correspondents.

968 Correspondence not previously dealt with;

- 1) A letter from Mrs McLaughlin was read in which she expressed her grateful thanks for the kind presentation and presents given to her on her leaving the post of Clerk.
- 2) Copies of the Woodspring News were circulated to Councillors.
- 3) Copies of planning reports were received from W.D.C. and noted.
- 4) Notice of an area Liaison Meeting with Town and Parish Councils on October 31st was noted.
- 5) Notice of a meeting of the Woodspring Environmental Group on Monday 17th October was noted.
- 6) A letter from the Woodspring Planning Problems Association had been received with an associated letter from Woodspring Environmental Services. No action was required.

969 Finance. The following cheques were passed for payment:-

Mrs v. Baldwin £70
 S.M.WILLS £ 6.
 M.A. Charlesworth. £10.82.
 Village Hall £3 00.

R J Baldwin

W J Bentley

The Meeting ended at 8. 15.p.m.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in
Gordano on Thursday 10th November 1994 at 7 30

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

Apologies for absence were received from P C Fry and Mrs Adkins.

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

971 Planning. There were no matters of planning for consideration at this meeting.

972 Planning application for reopening of Conygar Quarry: The Council considered a letter from Avon C C setting out details of a second application for the reopening of Conygar Quarry from Mr B P Tyler. Some changes, mainly in access to and from the site, have been made from the first application, but the Council reiterated its opposition to the application and the Clerk was asked to transmit this view to Avon C C.

973 Clerk's Report

1) Village Hall - Finance: The Clerk had spoken to Mr M Phillips indicating that the Council was currently unable to make any financial contribution to the renewal of the floor of the village hall. This would be followed with a letter to Mr Phillips.

2) Enhancement Scheme - wall opposite St Paul's Church: The Clerk had had difficulty in contacting Mr Brown whose quote to mend the wall had been accepted, Mr Brown had recently moved to Clevedon and the Clerk had written to him requesting a date for starting the work; a reply was awaited.

3) Underground cabling: The Clerk had been informed that following a meeting of all parties on site this work would now be completed.

4) White traffic lines by the Cross Tree: The Clerk had had difficulty in arranging a meeting with P C Fry but this would take place in the near future to discuss the location of these white lines.

5) Work to 2 telephone kiosks: Mr Peter Webb, our representative on A L C A, had raised the repair of these telephone kiosks with B Telecom who promised to investigate the reasons for the delay in repair.

6) Replacement of White Traffic Lines: The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr Blissett who had promised that the solid white lines through the village would be reinstated shortly following the resurfacing of the road.

974 Councillors' Reports

1) The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Blissett on the following items of maintenance which were required:-

a) The first bridge over the ditch in Moor Lane had been damaged; a pillar was cracked.

b) The hedgerows adjoining the bottom of Harley Lane were badly overgrown and did not allow vehicles to pass at this point.

2) Mr Rutley reported that an informal committee of local residents had met to discuss how the village might commemorate the 50th anniversary of V E Day in May 1995. The initial suggestion is to hold a party with music and food replicating that of 1945; possibly a street party might be reconstructed. Mr Rutley was thanked for this initiative and the committee's intentions were noted.

975 Correspondence not previously dealt with

- a) Copies of Planning Reports were received from W D C and noted.
- b) A notice from Woodspring Environmental Services giving details of the Recycling Grant Aid Scheme was noted.
- c) Posters advertising the Energy Watchdog Campaign would be placed on the noticeboard.
- d) A letter from A L C A indicated that the Membership Subscription for 1995/96 would be £ 25.
- e) Woodspring D C had sent the Council a copy of the notice whereby it would control future agricultural development within the Gordano Valley. The Council noted this but no action was required.

976 Finance

The following cheques were passed for payment :-

SWEB £11 92

SM Wills £6 00

Village Hall £ 3 00

- 977 Date of next meeting:- The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 8th December 1994 unless the Village Hall had been previously booked. The Clerk would check this with Mr Phillips.

The meeting ended at 8 16 pm

R J Ballin

W Deatherby

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall Walton in Gordano on Thursday 8th December 1994 at 7 30pm

Present; Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs B M Adkins, Vice Chairman, Mrs M A Charlesworth, Messrs B R Cannell, G H Rutley and P C Fry together with the Clerk.

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

979 Planning: There were no matters of planning to be discussed

980 Clerk's Role: Following a discussion the annual remuneration for the Clerk was agreed at £100. An expense allowance of £500pa was also agreed to meet office expenses, including electricity and telephone, and local travelling costs. The Clerk would claim separately for petty cash expenses such as stationery, postage and photocopying at regular intervals. The Chairman raised the question of whether the Clerk might assume more responsibility for matters arising within the Parish rather than, as is presently the case, the Councillors becoming involved at an early stage. Following a discussion it was agreed that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next Annual *Parish* Meeting.

981 Clerk's Report:

1) Village Hall - Finance: The Clerk explained that he had written to Mr M Phillips indicating that the Council was currently unable to make any financial contribution to the renewal of the floor of the village hall. However this letter had not been received by Mr Phillips and another would be sent.

2) Enhancement Scheme - wall opposite St Paul's Church: The Clerk had still not been able to contact Mr Brown and no reply to his letter had been received. Further efforts to contact Mr Brown would be made.

3) Telephone Kiosks: A letter had been received from the Customer Service Manager of BT saying that the elder branches growing into the kiosk in the village had now been cut back. The pane of glass missing in the kiosk at Walton Bay would be replaced in the near future. He also said that the old style kiosks might have to be replaced by modern kiosks due to lack of availability of stores items.

4) V E Day Celebrations: A letter from W D C asking for information on activities to celebrate V E Day in May was handed to Mr Rutley who had kindly initiated discussion within the village on possible celebrations.

5) Planning Application - The Sanctuary: W D C had granted planning permission to A J and A T Lucas of The Sanctuary, Walton Bay for the change of use from a private garden to commercial horticultural use and erection of a greenhouse. This permission was subject to stringent conditions.

982 Councillors' Reports:

1) The following items of maintenance were raised and the Clerk asked to contact Mr Blissett to seek action:—

- a) Damage to a pillar of the bridge over the ditch in Moor Lane.
- b) Cutting the hedgerows adjoining the bottom of Harley Lane.
- c) Replacement of the solid white lines through the village.

2) Mr Rutley reported that a meeting on site had been held with himself P C Fry and the Clerk to discuss the positioning of the white traffic lines by the Cross Tree. P C Fry was sympathetic to the point that the 'give-way' lines at the junction did not allow full viewing of traffic from both left and right. He subsequently wrote a report to Supt J Kelly suggesting improvements which might be made which would be forwarded to Avon County Highways.

983 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

1) A letter had been received from N Woodspring Victims Support asking for the Council's continued financial support in 1995. Dependent on the

money available the Council agreed in principle to give support next year.

2) Two copies of the Register of Electors 1995 had been received and one copy would be exhibited in the Church porch for the making of claims and objections.

3) A request from a student of the University of Bristol for information on what sort of letters various communities produce would be answered by the Clerk enclosing a Parish information sheet.

4) The County of Avon was reviewing its local bus services for 1994/95 and had asked representative bodies for any pertinent comments on the current service by 25th November. The Council had no comments to make.

5) The Council was notified that the Neighbourhood Watch office in Woodspring would be closing as from 2nd December 1994.

6) The Clerk had been recommended to get a copy of a book on Local Council Administration by Arnold Baker for reference purposes at a cost of £32.50. This was agreed to by the Council if a copy was not already available to the Clerk.

984 Finance :

The following cheques were passed for payment

Village Hall £3.00

W P Weatherhogg £150.00

The meeting ended at 8 30pm.

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W P Weatherhogg

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday 12th January 1995 at 7 30pm

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

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

986 Planning : There were no matters of planning to be discussed.

987 Clerk's Report :

1) Enhancement Scheme - wall opposite St Paul's Church ; The Clerk had not received any reply from Mr Brown with regard to carrying out the repairs to the wall. In these circumstances the Chairman had approached another contractor to obtain a quote for repairing the wall.

2) Maintenance : The following items of maintenance were outstanding :-

a) Damage to a pillar of the bridge over the ditch in Moor Lane. Avon Highways were obtaining a quote for this repair.

b) Cutting the hedgerows adjoining the bottom of Harley Lane.

c) Replacement of the solid white lines through the village. Avon Highways would carry out the work when weather conditions were suitable.

988 Councillors' Reports :

The following items of maintenance were raised

a) The rubbish bin attached to the wall adjoining the telephone kiosk in the village had become partly detached from the wall.

b) There was a large pothole in the road in front of Myrtle Cottage.

c) Rubbish had been deposited in the Ashtrack running into Moor Lane.

The Clerk was asked to follow these items up with the relevant authorities.

989 Correspondence not previously dealt with :

1) A notice of a Community Work Exhibition had been received from the County of Avon to be held on Tuesday 7th February 1995. An exhibition would be organised by the Woodspring Community Work Service at the Assembly Rooms Weston super Mare.

2) S W E B had informed the Council that the routine maintenance on the street lamp in the village had been carried out.

3) The next meeting of the Woodspring Environmental Group would be held on 27th February in Winscombe Community Hall.

4) A meeting of the Woodspring Area Public Transport Forum would be held on Wednesday 8th February at Clevedon Community Centre at 7 30pm.

5) The Council for the Protection of Rural England had written asking for the name of a contact within the Parish Council to whom they could refer any relevant matters of mutual concern. It was agreed that the Clerk should be the contact and he would advise the C P R E accordingly.

6) The Annual Meeting of the Woodspring District Council would be held on Wednesday 15th March 1995 at the Town Hall, Weston super Mare, beginning at 7 30pm.

7) The Woodspring Countryside Strategy Consultation Draft had been received and would be circulated for the inspection of Council members. Comments are required to be submitted by 16th February 1995.

8) The Woodspring Local Plan had been received and was also circulated amongst Council members. Woodspring had asked for any comments to be made by 16th February 1995.

990 Finance :

1) Precept-1995/96

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that the sum of £ 2500 be levied by Walton in Gordano Parish Council for the financial year 1995/96 and the Clerk was authorised to notify W D C accordingly.

The proposed increase over the 1994/95 Precept of £ 1800 was largely to meet the possible costs of a Parish Election and to mount celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of V E Day including a possible tree planting ceremony.

2) The following cheques were passed for payment :-

SWEB $\frac{1}{2}$ 11.72
ALCA $\frac{1}{2}$ 32.50
S M Wills $\frac{1}{2}$ 12.00
Village Hall $\frac{1}{2}$ 3.00

The meeting ended at 8 25pm

R D Baker

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Adkins.

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

992 Planning:

The continuing problems associated with the erosion of the Coastal Path adjoining the Severn Estuary were discussed. The Clerk mentioned letters which had been sent by a householder whose land backed onto the coastal path, who was concerned that no action to repair the path had yet taken place. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Director of Environmental Services, W D C, and enquire when action will be taken to repair the coastal path, especially that part which lay within the boundaries of Walton in Gordano.

993 Clerk's Report:

1) Enhancement Scheme - wall opposite St Pauls Church: The Chairman had obtained a new quote for £960 to carry out this work, from Richard Low of Henleaze, Bristol. Woodspring had accepted the quote and Mr Low had been informed he could begin work as convenient, but the repairs had to be completed by 31st March 1995. The invoice could be sent directly to Woodspring, thus avoiding any temporary shortfall in the Council's bank account.

2) Matters of Maintenance outstanding:

a) The replacement of white lines through the village following resurfacing.

b) A large pothole had appeared in front of Myrtle Cottage. Mr Blissett's department at W D C had been informed.

c) C P R E: A letter had been sent to Mrs Gray, Secretary of the local branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, informing her that the Clerk would be the contact point between the Council and the C P R E.

994 Councillors' Reports:

a) Mrs Charlesworth reported on a meeting she had attended to discuss the Woodspring Countryside Strategy Consultation Draft which had recently been circulated by Woodspring Countryside Commission. The document was intended as a Land Management document to meet the anticipated future needs of the area. The Council noted the Draft Document.

b) A resident had asked that the question of providing another bus shelter in the Village should be discussed by the Council as there was considered to be inadequate shelter at present for those awaiting buses. In view of the likely cost the Council agreed to defer a decision on this item.

c) The problem of anglers causing destruction to the coastline banks was discussed. The damage was noticeable where anglers climbed down on to the shore breaking the bank and destroying shrubs and small trees. The Clerk was asked to inform local angling clubs of the Council's concern.

d) The East Clevedon Walton and Gordano Parishes had written to the Council asking for a donation to assist with the cost of the upkeep of the churchyard at St Paul's Church. The Council agreed to defer any decision until the 1995/96 Precept was known and the Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Rowles informing her of this.

995 Matters not previously dealt with:

a) A survey of footpaths within the Parish had been received for information. It had been compiled by the Clevedon Ramblers.

b) A letter concerning the proposed V E Day Anniversary celebrations had been received from the British Legion and would be considered by the informal committee set up to oversee celebrations within the Parish.

c) Woodspring Environmental Services had informed the Council that a new Civic Amenity site was being constructed at Valley Road, Weston in Gordano. When it opened in March / April 1995 the existing sites in Clevedon and Portishead would be closed.

d) The Woodland Trust had offered to provide a volunteer speaker in the future to give an illustrated talk on the work of the Trust. The Council noted this.

e) An Environmental Festival was to be organised by W D C from 2/9th April 1995 and the Council was invited to organise a local event to coincide with the festival. The Council noted this request.

f) Woodspring had confirmed that they would contribute £11000 towards the cost of the post of Clerk to the Woodspring Neighbourhood Watch Association for next year. This was noted by the Council.

996 Finance :

a) Precept; The Clerk had written to W D C asking for a precept of £2500 for Walton in Gordano in 1995/96.

b) The following cheque was passed for payment :-

Village Hall £ 3.00

The Meeting ended at 8.35pm

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in
Gordano, on Thursday 9th March 1995 at 7 30pm

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B R Cannell.

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

998 Planning :-

An application No 95/0334 submitted by Clevedon Golf Club for the installation of a Course Irrigation Reservoir was considered by the Council. There were no objections and the Council requested the Clerk to inform Woodspring D C accordingly.

999 Clerk's Report :-

a) Coastal Footpath : A letter had been received from Woodspring Environmental Services explaining that the primary responsibility for the Coastal Footpath lies with Avon County Council but the District Council recognised the importance of the coastal route and had agreed to contribute to the re-establishment costs. Avon County Council were to review the matter further on the 17th March.

b) Enhancement Scheme-wall opposite St Paul's Church : These repairs had not yet been started by Mr Low but he was aware they had to be completed by 31st March 1995.

c) Upkeep of Churchyard : The Clerk had written to Mrs Rowles explaining that the Council would consider financial assistance towards the upkeep of St Paul's churchyard when the precept for 1995/96 had been announced.

d) 50th Anniversary of V E Day : The Clerk had written to Mr Phillips, Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, asking for comments on the proposal to plant a tree adjacent to the Hall to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of V E Day. A reply was awaited.

e) Items of Maintenance :-

The Clerk had reminded Mr Blissett's department of the following items of maintenance which remained outstanding :-

- 1 The replacement of white lines through the village.
- 2 Repairs to a pillar of the bridge across the ditch in Moor Lane.
- 3 A large pothole in front of Myrtle Cottage.

f) British Telecom would be reminded that a pane of glass had still not been replaced in the telephone kiosk along the coast road. The Clerk would contact Mr Peter Webb, our liaison representative with B T.

g) The Environmental Department would be reminded that the streets and pavements in the Parish had not been swept for sometime.

1000 Councillors' Reports :

a) Mrs Charlesworth reported that a resident had requested that a Traffic Mirror should be sited at the corner of Moor Lane as the volume of traffic had increased recently. The Chairman pointed out that this would require a planning application to be lodged by the person concerned before action could be taken.

b) Mr Rutley reported that a private club, of which he was a member, had some funds available which might be spent on purchasing and planting bulbs at the entrances to Walton in Gordano. The Clerk was asked to contact W D C to further this kind offer, which had the full backing of the Council.

1001 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

a) District and Parish Council Elections were to be held on 4th May 1995 and the Clerk circulated Nomination Papers to interested Councillors. Notices of Election were awaited from Woodspring which had to be exhibited by 27th March 1995.

b) The 1995 Register of Electors had been received and copies would be posted in the Church porch and Village Hall.

c) Closure of the Haematology Unit at Southmead Hospital. In response to a letter from the Leukaemia Research Fund the Clerk was asked to write to the Director of Public Health, Bristol, to oppose the proposed closure of the Haematology Unit and DayCare Unit at Southmead Hospital

and transfer its Services to the Oncology Centre in the centre of Bristol.

d) Summer Camp for Disadvantaged Children: A request from the County of Avon Area Education Welfare Office for a donation to help provide a holiday in 1995 for disadvantaged children in Woodspring would be deferred until the level of precept was known.

e) Annual Parish Meeting :

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 13th April, 1995 beginning at 8.30pm after the monthly Parish Meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Councillor Mr Ashton to ask him if he would give a talk on the Possible Ramifications of the new Local Authority Structure.

The meeting ended at 8 30pm.

R J Baker

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