

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano on Thursday 13th April 1995 at 7 30pm

Present :- Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs M A Charlesworth, Mr B R Cannell together with the Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs B M Adkins and Mr G H Rutley.

1002 The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

1003 Planning :-

Two planning applications were considered

a) 95/0614 - planning permission was being sought by Mr A K Akery of Arodene, Walton Down, to demolish a greenhouse, old garage and barn and erect a new garage, barn and animal houses. The Council had no objection to this application.

b) 95/0519 and 0519/1b - an application by Mr and Mrs Simon Bourge of The Stable House, Walton Street, to make alterations to the ground floor and loft to provide five bedrooms. The Council had no objection to this application.

1004 Clerk's Report :-

a) Coastal Footpath - No information had yet been received from Avon County Council on the outcome of their meeting on 17th March 1995 during which repairs to the Coastal Footpath were to be discussed.

b) Enhancement Scheme, wall opposite St Pauls Church :- The wall had now been repaired and the cost £960 had been received from Woodspring. A cheque for £960 would be sent to Mr R Low, the contractor.

c) 50th Anniversary of V E Day : The Village Hall Committee had agreed to a tree being planted near the Village Hall with the proviso that the type of tree chosen should not be a variety which would grow too big. The Council agreed that a plaque should accompany the tree and the Clerk would investigate the cost.

d) Items of Maintenance still outstanding :

The items of maintenance previously discussed remained outstanding and the Clerk would remind Mr Blissett's department at W D C of this. Mr Webb was making enquiries of B Telecom in connection with the pane of glass still missing in the Telephone Box on the Coast Road.

e) Planting of daffodils in verges : A letter had been received from Woodspring D C agreeing to the planting of daffodils at the entrances to the village but they had suggested contacting Avon C C to get their agreement as well. The Clerk had written to Avon and awaited a reply.

f) Election to Parish Council : Four Councillors had been elected unopposed to the new Council. Co-option on to the new Council was possible before 23rd June 1995.

g) The proposed meeting on site to discuss the white lines at the Cross Tree had not yet been arranged. Woodspring had not yet replied to the Clerk's letter asking for a meeting.

h) A reply had been received from the Bristol and District Health Authority defending the proposal to move the Haematology Unit from Southmead Hospital to the Oncology Centre in Bristol.

i) The Village Hall Committee had reminded the Council by letter that it had the right to appoint a representative to the Village Hall Committee if the Council so wished.

1005 Councillors' Reports :

a) Mr Cannell reported that the brook in Moor Lane had been cleared recently by English Nature volunteers and was now looking much better than in previous months.

b) It was suggested that a timetable should be obtained from Avon Highways Department as to when they intended to cut the hedges and

carry out other routine work in the village in 1995 so that a check could be made on the work actually carried out.

c) The cleaning of pavements and gutters had not taken place recently in the village and the Clerk was asked to contact Avon C C.

1006 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

a) The Woodspring Economic Development Strategy Consultation Draft was circulated to Councillors. Any comments were required by Woodspring by 1st May.

b) A copy of Our Sustainable Future had been received from Avon Council and would be considered by Councillors.

c) ALCA had put forward draft proposals for more consultation between Principal Local Authorities and Parish and Town Councils. These proposals were to be considered by Councillors.

d) The 1994 Annual Report and Accounts of Woodspring District Council were circulated.

e) The AGM of Woodspring District CPRE was to be held on Wednesday 19th April 1995.

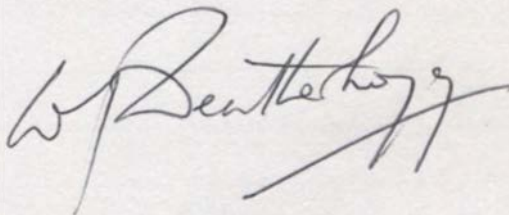

1007 Finance :-

a) The Clerk reported that the Precept for 1995/96 had been confirmed by WDC at £2500.

b) The following cheques were passed for payment and signed :-

Richard Low	£960.00
SWEB	11.72
Village Hall	3.00

The Meeting ended at 8 04pm.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALTON IN GORDANO, ON THURSDAY 13th APRIL 1995 AT 8 30pm

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

Mr N C Ashton, Woodspring District Councillor, Mr W G Smith from Woodspring District Council and 10 parishioners also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Father John Smart, Mrs Adkins, Mr and Mrs Rutley, Mrs R J Tucker, Mrs B Cannell, Mrs S Russell and Mrs J Riden.

1 The Chairman welcomed all present especially Mr Ashton and Mr Smith who would speak to the meeting later.

2 The Clerk had already distributed copies of the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting which were approved and signed.

3 Chairman's Report :

1) Parish Precept : The Parish Council had asked Woodspring District Council for a precept of £ 2500 for the year 1995/96. This is higher than the previous year, mainly to meet possible election expenses of £ 500.

2) Financial Report : Receipts for the year totalled £ 1995 while expenditure was £ 1670, a net balance over the year of £ 325. As there was a balance brought forward from 31st March 1994 of £ 487, the total balance held at 1st April 1995 was £ 812.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council had worked hard over the past year on behalf of the Parish, meeting eleven times during the year.

Maintenance work carried out during the past year included :-

a) The wall opposite the church had now been renovated with funds from the Woodspring D C Enhancement Fund.

b) Some of the unsightly cables in the village had now been put underground by the relevant authorities.

c) Avon Wildlife have continued to keep the common clean and tidy and it is ready to fence and graze.

d) During the year the Ramblers Association had carried out a survey of the footpaths within the Parish, and have largely commented favourably on their upkeep.

e) The brook has been cleaned recently but pollution still causes problems.

f) A larger water main has now been installed in the village.

A plan to use premises at Walton bay for commercial purposes had been approved by Woodspring in spite of opposition from many sources. An application for a bridleway across the common had been refused by Avon CC.

The Council had continued to press for repair work to be carried out to Mariners Path, especially at Walton Bay. Avon CC had expressed concern at the long delay in any repair work taking place but the Parish Council would keep up the pressure for some action to be taken before Avon CC is abolished.

It seems that the re-opening of Conyger Quarry has been shelved, certainly for sometime, due to the stringent requirements laid down by Avon CC.

Mrs Daisy McLaughlin retired as Parish Clerk after many years of devoted service in October and a presentation was made to her by the Council. Mr Bill Weatherhogg had taken her place and had settled in very satisfactorily. Mrs Barbara Adkins had retired as a Parish Councillor on her move to Clevedon and the Council and parishioners were very grateful to her for the unstinting service she had given to the Parish over many years, both as a Councillor and Clerk.

The annual rounders match was held again in August to identify the rights of parishioners to use Walton Common for recreational purposes.

The new Unitary Authority of N W Somerset would be coming into being in April 1996 and the forthcoming elections would be for the new Authority.

The main financial support provided by the Council during the year was to pay for the hire of the marquee for the Annual Fete. The Village Hall and St Paul's PCC benefitted equally from the proceeds of the fete.

The Council had decided to plant a tree near the Village Hall where one had died, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of V E Day on 8th May 1995. A suitable plaque would accompany the tree.

4 District Councillors Report :-

Mr Ashton, Woodspring District Councillor, introduced Mr Bill Smith of Woodspring District Council to speak on the proposed Unitary Authority.

Mr Smith outlined the background to the setting up of four Unitary Authorities from April 1996, to replace the mixed bag of County and District Councils now in place. Although precise details had not yet been finalised it was likely Walton-in-Gordano would be part of a new Authority called North West Somerset. Discussion was currently underway as to which services should be devolved to Councils such as Walton in Gordano. Some services would be exempt from control by any one Unitary Authority, such as Planning, Police and Fire Authorities.

The new structure should provide for greater accountability and accessibility and remove the duplication of administration which currently exists.

The most important task for existing Authorities is to ensure that current services continue largely unchanged before the new Authorities come into existence.

Mr Ashton and Mr Smith were thanked for their talk. The general feeling of the meeting was that the change to N W Somerset would be welcomed.

5 Report from the P C C :-

Mr Rowles reported on behalf of St Paul's PCC. He said that in 1995/96 an estimated £3200 has to be found as a contribution to the benefice, on top of which the upkeep of the churchyard would cost £700. It is hoped that the Parish Council will assist with these costs as they did in 1994/95. The late Mrs Bessie Weeks left money to the church and it was hoped to auto-wind the clock and gild its face as a memorial to her although the total cost of £5000 is rather more than the PCC is able to afford at present.

During the year, the PCC has been active in raising money in many ways including concerts, special services, Christmas lunch, plant and jumble sales. New services have been arranged to attract parishioners including a service for all ages and extra morning services. The Village Festival is one of the most enjoyable joint ventures held in the Village.

Numerous charities have been helped during the year including the Julian Trust, Care of the Homeless, Rwanda, Christian Aid, the Children's

Society, British Legion and the Portishead Scanner Appeal.

For information the current Secretary of the PCC is Jocelyn Davis and the Treasurer is Roy Betts.

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

Report of the W I :-

A written report had been received from Mrs Jacqui Riden, President of the Club, which the Clerk read.

The current membership is 30 and although small the Club is very friendly. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every Month except January and speakers are invited covering a wide range of topics. Some of the meetings are social evenings and some involve families and friends. Members can learn new skills such as embroidery, patchwork, flower arranging and cooking. The Club belongs to the Yeo Valley Group and sometimes visit other WI's within the area.

New members are welcome, as are visitors to any of the meetings. A special invitation was extended for the meeting on 18th May which is an 'Open Evening' with Tony Targett as the speaker.

The Chairman thanked the W I and Mrs Riden for this interesting report.

Report of the Village Hall Committee :-

Mr Phillips, Treasurer and Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, had given his apologies for absence but had provided a written report which the Clerk summarised, as copies were available for members to read in full.

The Hall was used at a reasonable level during the year, 184 separate events being held during 1994. The events included regular table tennis matches, 9 social gatherings, 14 private parties and numerous regular meetings, such as the Church, WI and Parish Council.

The main fund raising event was the Fete which raised £1040 in profit, which was shared equally between the Church and the Village Hall. This followed a donation of £400 from the Parish Council to pay for the hire of the marquee.

One pleasing note is that villagers outside the Hall Management Committee are now organising functions, using the Village Hall as their venue. Mr Phillips emphasised the importance that Table Tennis now has in helping to keep the Village Hall solvent. In 1994, the Table Tennis section brought in £416 of income. During 1994 there was a net excess of income over expenditure of £442.

The Chairman thanked Mr Phillips for his interesting report.

6 Any other Relevant Business :-

a) Council Tax within the Parish ;

The Clerk explained that for a Band D property in Walton in Gordano, the Council Tax for 1995/96 was £678.05 whereas it was £638.90 in the previous year. Of these amounts, the charge due to the Parish Council's precept was £20.39 in 1994/95 and £27.90 in the current year. It could be seen therefore that the Parish Council had only a small impact on the total Council Tax most of which related to charges imposed by Avon County Council, including the Police £580.20 in 1995/96.

The relatively modest increase of £7.51pa in the charge due to the Parish Council precept was mainly due to the Council having to meet possible election expenses for the election on 4th May 1995 of around £500.

b) Mr Jupp asked whether anything could be done to reduce the speed of traffic on the Coast Road between Portishead and Clevedon especially near Walton Bay, The Chairman said that the problem had been raised before, but Avon had rejected the application then as the evidence of speeding traffic was not sufficiently strong for action to be taken. He said the road could not be designated as a built up area as there were too few houses but if a body of evidence of speeding vehicles could be established over a period then the Council could approach Avon again.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9 35pm .

R. D. Bell

W. J. Beatty

25/4/96.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Walton in Gordano on Thursday 11th May 1995 at 7 30pm

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

Mr R J Baldwin continued as Chairman until Agenda Item 3 was reached.

1006 Declarations of Acceptance of Office :-

Each Councillor signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

1007 There were no apologies for absence

1008 Election of Chairman :- Mrs Charlesworth proposed and Mr Cannell seconded, that Mr Baldwin should be elected as Chairman for the coming year; this was agreed unanimously.

Mr Baldwin then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form as Chairman.

1009 Election of Vice Chairman :- Mr Rutley proposed and Mr Cannell seconded, Mrs Charlesworth as Vice Chairman for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

1010 Co-Option to the Parish Council :-

In accordance with Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1985, the Council had the power to co-opt one person to the vacancy existing on the newly elected Council. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Peter Jupp of Squires Cottage, Walton Down, Clevedon, enquiring whether he was available for co-option and seeking more background to his interest in the Council.

1011 Appointment of Representatives to Committees :-

1) Village Hall Committee - After discussion it was agreed that Mr Cannell would represent the Council on this Committee but only as a representative and not as a Trustee. Mr Phillips, Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, would be informed.

2) A L C A - It was agreed that the Clerk would attend meetings accompanied by members of the Council as available.

1012 Annual Subscriptions and Donations :-

It was agreed to pay the following subscriptions :-

Avon Community Council	£ 16
A L C A	£ 25
Local Council Review	£ 7.95

The following Donations were agreed :-

C P R E	£ 15
North Woodspring Victims Support	£ 25

It was also agreed to renew the Council's insurance policy held with the Cornhill Insurance plc at a premium of £ 68.67 for one year from 1st June 1995.

1013 The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th April 1995 were approved and signed.

1014 Planning :-

1) Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Conservation Committee of Woodspring District Council of 5th April 1995 had been received and were noted by the Council.

2) Land opposite Walton Bay Caravan Site - Work was well underway to erode the bank adjoining the coastal road opposite the

Walton Bay Caravan Park, No planning application had been considered by the Council for this work and Councillors had not been formally informed of the nature of the work although informally the Council understood that the farmer involved had stated that he was simply improving the view of motorists at this point, The Council was concerned that the work was preparing the verge as car parking space for vehicles using the caravan site, to which the Council would object strongly on road safety grounds, The Clerk was asked to write to the relevant authority as a matter of urgency to point out the Council's fears and to establish what action was required to ensure that this space did not become a car park.

1015 Clerk's Report :-

a) It was agreed that Mrs Adkins would be sent a letter of appreciation for all the time she had spent on Council business over the many years she had served as a Councillor.

b) Coastal Footpath

1) Mr Ashton-District Councillor had spoken to W D C concerning work on the coastal footpath, W D C had pointed out that work at the Riverleaze end of the coastpath had been carried out relatively recently and further repairs could be effected at reasonable cost. On the other hand, repairs at the Walton Bay region would be extremely difficult to carry out and the cost would be very great. No repair work was scheduled for the Walton Bay area in the near future.

2) At a meeting of W D C on 17th March 1995, it was agreed that the Solicitor should begin proceedings whereby a Creation Order would be set up for the footpath at Walton Bay, In practice, a portion of land would be compulsorily purchased by Woodspring D C on which a new footpath would be established to replace that which had been eroded away, The administrative procedure to set up the Creation Order was likely to take several months.

c) 50th Anniversary of V E Day - The Council agreed to plant a tree to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of V E Day and a Flowering Cherry was suggested as being suitable for the chosen position. The plaque to accompany the tree should have an inscription such as 'Donated by the Parish Council to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of V E Day - 8th May 1995'. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of such a plaque.

d) Items of Maintenance :-

The Clerk had spoken to Mr Blissett on the outstanding items of highways maintenance, viz -

- 1 Replacement of white lines in village
- 2 Mending of pothole outside Myrtle Cottage
- 3 Damage to pillar of the bridge over the ditch in Moor Lane
- 4 Cleaning of paths and gutters was unsatisfactory

However the pane of glass in the telephone box on the Coast Road had now been replaced by B T but subsequently the whole box had been replaced with a more modern type by B T.

e) Planting of Daffodils - Both AVON CC and Woodspring DC had now given permission for daffodils to be planted in the verges at the entrances to Walton in Gordano, Mr Rutley would now progress this work with T W I G S.

f) Provision of Bus Shelter :-

A request for a bus shelter to be installed outside the

caravan park at Walton Bay had been received from residents. The County of Avon would offer a grant to cover up to 50% of the cost or £ 700 whichever is the lower. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of a bus shelter.

g) A further meeting with a representative from Avon CC would be arranged to discuss the road markings at Cross Tree corner which the Council still regarded as unsatisfactorily placed.

1016 Councillors' Reports :-

a) Mr Cannell reported that Avon CC had recently cut the verges in Moor Lane.

b) Mr Baldwin asked that the Clerk should investigate the possibility of money being put into a long term investment fund to gain higher interest.

c) Speeding on the Coast Road had been raised at the recent Parish Meeting but the Council agreed that more research and hard evidence on the amount and speed of traffic using this road would have to be collected before any application for a limitation on speed would be considered by the District Council.

1017 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

a) A letter from W D C informing the Council of the 1995 Sea of Flowers Competition was noted.

b) A first report from Avon Health Committee on the findings arising from the Working for a Healthier Future survey carried out recently was circulated.

c) A brochure from Levercrest advertising Playground Equipment had been received by the Clerk who would retain it for reference purposes.

d) Notification of changes to the operation of the Registry at Weston super Mare would be posted on the Notice Board.

1018 Finance :-

a) It was agreed that the present Deposit Account held with Lloyds Bank would be transferred into an Instant Savings Account which currently gave a better rate of interest of 3.5% gross.

b) The Clerk reported that the first half of the 1995/96 Precept of £ 1250 had now been received.

c) The following cheques were passed for payment :-

Avon Community Council	£ 16.00
ALCA	25.00
ALCA Local Council Review	7.95
CPRE	15.00
N Woodspring Victims Support	25.00
Cornhill Insurance plc	68.67
Village Hall Committee	3.00
Lloyds Bank plc	501.00

The meeting closed at 8 55pm

R J Baldwin

W J Denton
8/6/95

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Gordano on Thursday 8th June 1995 at 7 30pm

Present:- Councillors R J Baldwin, Mrs M A Charlesworth and Mr B R Cannell
together with the Clerk,
Mr Peter Jupp attended by invitation.

1019 There were no apologies for absence.

1020 Co-option to the Council:-

Mr Peter Jupp, of Squires Cottage, Walton Down, had written to the Council setting out his interest in joining as a Councillor and giving further details of his application. After discussion, he was co-opted by the Council unanimously to serve as a Parish Councillor. This followed the recent election to the Council at which insufficient nominations to fill the five vacancies had been received. The Clerk was authorised to inform WDC of this co-option.

Mr Jupp then signed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and was welcomed to attend the meeting.

1021 The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May 1995 were approved and signed.

1022 Planning :-

It was reported that the application lodged on behalf of Clevedon Golf Club to build an irrigation reservoir on the course had been approved. There were no planning applications to consider.

1023 Clerk's Report :-

a) Mr Phillips had been informed that Mr Cannell would represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee but would not become a Trustee.

b) Work opposite Walton Bay Caravan Site -

The Clerk had written to the Enforcement Officer of Woodspring D C with a copy to Mr Ashton, District Councillor, outlining the Council's fears that the embankment for about 95 metres opposite the Walton Bay Caravan Site had been cleared by the farmer, Mr Down, preparatory to making it a permanent layby. The Council had asked that WDC should investigate the situation. Miss Foulds, of the Enforcement Department, had visited the site and taken measurements and photographs of the work in hand. She will now speak to the farmer and others who might be involved to establish the facts of the work, as no planning permission had been sought. The Clerk was asked to follow up these investigations with WDC and also write to Councillor Burden, the County Councillor, pointing out our concern.

c) A letter had been sent to Mrs Adkins for all her work on the Council, both as Clerk and Councillor, thanking her and wishing her well on leaving the Council.

d) The Clerk was still investigating the cost of a plaque and fixing frame to accompany the tree to be planted next to the Village Hall to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day.

e) Provision of Bus Shelter -

Brochures had now been obtained from Autocross 2000, Astolat and Commutaports for a bus shelter suitable for siting on the Coast Road, near the Walton Bay Caravan Site. The Clerk reported that the cheapest shelter fully erected would cost around £1400, of which a grant might be obtained from WDC of up to £700. After some debate, the Council considered that expenditure of £700, about 28% of the Council's annual precept, could not be justified at present, but the situation would be kept under review. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Jones giving him this information.

f) Road Markings at Cross Tree Farm -

A meeting was held with Mr Needs, of Avon Highways, on Wednesday 17th May which Mr Rutley, Mr Colin Greenfield and the Clerk attended. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that moving the white lines would make such a mess of the existing road markings, with little real benefit accruing, that it was not a practical option. However, it was agreed that two more SLOW notices would be painted on the road into the village from Clevedon, and a Keep Clear sign be painted beneath the Tree. These were compromises but it was agreed that the corner was very dangerous and anything which made motorists go slower would be welcome.

1024 Councillors' Reports :-

The Councillors reported that :-

a) The pillar on the bridge across the ditch in Moor Lane had not yet been repaired,

b) The White Lines along the side of the road in the Village had still not been replaced after resurfacing sometime ago,

c) The cleaning of the paths and gutters seemed intermittent.

The Clerk would contact Mr Blissett's department on these outstanding points.

d) The Councillors noted that Conygar Quarry had been purchased recently but no details were known.

e) The Chairman pointed out that Portishead Yacht and Sailing Club had appealed for funds to help retain the inshore lifeboat which was likely to be discontinued due to lack of finance. He suggested that a Quiz Night might be held to raise funds for this worthwhile cause and Mr Jupp agreed to speak to TWIGS, who were discussing arranging a quiz night in the future.

f) Mr Cannell asked that consideration be given to publicising the work of the Council more widely within the village. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would establish what authority the Council had to publish its Minutes within the village. In addition the Chairman would include the names and telephone numbers of the current Council in the monthly Information Sheet. The Councillors would try to establish what demand there was within the Parish for more information on the deliberations of the Parish Council.

1025 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

a) A course for New Councillors was to be run by ALCA and Mrs Charlesworth, Mr Rutley and Mr Jupp would apply at a cost of £15 each.

b) Copies of Woodspring News and Field Fare were distributed.

c) Two brochures setting out the Pedestrian Policy in Avon were circulated for consideration.

d) A notice from the Avon County Planning Department giving details of its structure prior to moving to N W Somerset Council was noted.

e) A brochure giving guidelines to Local Councils on planning applications was circulated.

f) A letter from Woodspring Neighbourhood Watch Association asking again for a donation to help meet expenses was noted by the Council.

1026 Finance :-

a) The Clerk had investigated the long term investment of the Council's funds and recommended that no action be taken, as the amount currently available, around £600, was not large enough to meet the minimum deposit necessary to open a long term investment account.

b) In these circumstances an Instant Savings Account had been opened with Lloyds Bank, Portishead, which currently provided interest of 3.5% gross. All but £50 of the Council's funds would be kept in this Account, which required notice to withdraw money. £50 would be kept in a Treasurers Account at the same Branch, which gave instant access to the money, but which paid a small rate of interest, currently 1% gross.

c) Discussion on the proposed budget for subscriptions and donations was deferred to the next meeting.

d) Millennium Fund - The proposal to set up a fund to commemorate the Millennium within the parish was discussed briefly but no decision was taken.

e) The following cheques were signed

WP WEATHERHOGG	£ 150
SM WILLS	£ 6
VILLAGE HALL	£ 3

f) The Clerk reported that a Notice of Audit had been received and the financial books had to be exhibited in Woodspring D C from 31st July to 11th August 1995, Notice of the Audit had to be displayed on the Notice Board in the village at the end of June 1995.

The Meeting ended at 9.34pm.

R J Baldwin

W J Deatherage
6/7/95

Present :- Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mr B R Cannell, Mr G H Rutley and Mr P Jupp

Mrs M A Charlesworth apologised for her absence.

1027 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th June 1995 were approved and signed.

1028 Planning :-

1 It was reported that the previous planning applications, shown below, had now been approved :-

- a) Mr Akery of Arodene has received permission to demolish an old greenhouse garage and barn and to erect new.
- b) Mr Simon Bourge of The Stable House had received permission to build five new bedrooms.

2 A new planning application from the Nature Conservancy Council to construct footbridges over ditches and culverts was considered and no objections were raised by the Council.

1029 Clerk's Report :-

1 Mrs Charlesworth, Mr Rutley and Mr Jupp had agreed to attend a New Councillors' Day to be held by ALCA on 8th July.

2 The Secretary and Solicitor of WDC had been informed that Mr Jupp had been co opted to the Council.

3 Donations and Subscriptions :-

Acknowledgements for receipt of subscriptions or donations for 1995, paid by the Council, had been received from CPRE, St Pauls Church and the Village Fete Committee. In his acknowledgement Mr Rowles on behalf of the PCC, pointed out that financial help was urgently required by the Church for maintaining the churchyard and asked that the Council give further financial help for this specific purpose. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Rowles pointing out that the Council had already made a substantial contribution to church funds and it was unable to help further, given the limited size of its budget for 1995/96.

The Clerk was further asked to write to Mr Phillips refusing his request for the Council to underwrite any loss made on the Table Tennis Exhibition Match which he was organising in the Village Hall.

4 Work opposite Walton Bay Caravan Site :-

The Clerk read a letter from Miss Foulds of Woodspring Environmental Services, in which she said that the owners of the Caravan Site had contacted Avon County Council Highways Department before the work had been started and obtained agreement that the proposed work was acceptable to Avon CC. This agreement was on the basis that the farmer maintaining the highway verge was having difficulty in carrying out maintenance due to the slope from the fields to the road. The farmer's intention was to reduce the bank to road level so that maintenance was easier and to improve visibility for the farmer's entrances. In these circumstances Woodspring Environmental Services could take no further action. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge this letter, but to express the continuing concern of the Council that the real reason for the work was to provide parking spaces for caravan users. The site would be kept under review.

5 Plaque to Commemorate VE Day :-

The Clerk reported that a plaque 6" x 3" enscribed with the words 'Donated by the Parish Council to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day, 8th May 1995' would cost :-

In Plastic £ 24

In Brass £ 42

In Stainless Steel £ 50

These prices were noted by the Council.

6 Provision of Bus Shelter :-

Mr Jones had been written to and informed that the minimum cost of a bus shelter on the Coast Road was about £1400 and this was too great a cost for the Council to bear at present. However the situation would be kept under review.

7 Outstanding items of Maintenance :-

Mr Blissett, the County Area Engineer, had reported back on outstanding items of maintenance as follows :-

- a) Moor Lane Bridge - the Director's Structures Section of Avon had been chased with regard to the bridge parapet repairs.
- b) White Lines - these had been included in the next lining programme.
- c) Pot hole outside Myrtle Cottage now repaired.

8 Flow of Walton Brook :-

Mr Charlesworth had expressed concern over the low flow of Walton Brook. The Clerk reported that the NRA had been informed and Mr Michael Dyer, a Field Officer, would investigate the problem.

9 Relaying of Water Pipes in Village :-

The Clerk was in touch with Bristol Water about the likely timescale for completing the installation of larger water pipes in Walton Village. Bristol Water were looking into the matter.

10 Repairs to shoreline :-

It was noted that surveyors had been working on the shore near the Caravan Site and further along towards Portishead. It was understood that a report was due to be presented to Woodspring DC by 18th August 1995 setting out the work required to repair the coast erosion and the estimated cost.

1030 Councillors' Reports :-

The following matters were raised by Councillors :-

- a) The edges along Moor Lane require cutting.
- b) Could a Wheelie Bin be obtained for the use of those visiting the Village Hall; this request would be raised at the next meeting of the Village hall Committee
- c) Mr Rowles had written to the Council expressing concern that Avon CC should use its powers under Public Path Creation Order, Highways Act 1980, Section 26, together with full compensation to the owner of the land. The Council noted the letter.
- d) Concern was expressed on the speed of cars along the Coast Road. After discussion the Clerk was asked to speak to Avon Highways and hopefully arrange a meeting on site to discuss this problem.
- e) The monthly Information Sheet was widely distributed by Mrs Ross who included it with daily papers and magazines, as appropriate; it was also offered to visitors.
- f) A Quiz Night was proposed by TWIGS in February 1996, and it was considered that for the Council to organise one earlier might lead to duplication. A decision would be deferred until the next meeting.
- g) The siting of the proposed tree to commemorate the Anniversary of VE Day had to be decided. The remains of the dead tree next to the Village Hall would be examined for disease.
- h) A Rounders Match had been arranged for 6th August on the Common to exercise the villagers rights of usage.

1031 Publicising the work of the Council :-

After discussion the following points of action were agreed :-

- a) The Agenda for the next meeting would be exhibited on the Notice Board at the same time as the Notice is put up.
- b) A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting would be put on the Notice Board. This would be advertised in the Information Sheet.
- c) Mr Peter Weaver, Chairman of ALCA, would be asked to speak to the Council and parishioners, in due course, on the work of Parish Councils.

1032 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

- a) Brochures on the current Local Government Reorganisation were circulated.
- b) A magazine on Woodspring Marketing Matters had been received.
- c) The Summer Issue of Field Fare was circulated.
- d) The AGM of ALCA would be held at Kewstoke Village Hall on 11th July.

1033 Finance :-

a) After discussion it was agreed that a budget of around 25% of the total precept would be set aside for subscriptions and donations annually.

b) A Notice of Audit had been received; this would take place in August 1995.

c) Revised signatories to the Bank Account with Lloyds Bank, Portishead, were provided by Councillors.

d) The following cheques were signed :-

W B Charlesworth Course Fees	45.00
SWEB	11.72
Village Hall	3.00

The Meeting finished at 8 55pm.

K J Baker

W B Charlesworth
14/9/95.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Walton in Gordano, on Thursday 14th September, 1995 at 7 30pm.

Present :- Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs M A Charlesworth,
Mr G H Rutley and Mr P G Jupp.

1034 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th July 1995 were approved and signed.

1035 Planning :-

1 It was reported that the following relevant planning applications had been approved :-

- a) A dwelling at Cosy Corner, Coast Road, for Walton Bay Caravan Park.
- b) Construction of wooden footbridges at Gordano Valley National Nature Reserve by the Nature Conservancy Council.
- c) The building of 5 new bedrooms at THE Stable House, Walton Street.

2 It was reported that replies to the Draft Woodspring Local Plan had been received by Woodspring D C and had been considered by their Planning and Conservation Committee. The notes on the relevant meeting had been received from WDC.

3 Work opposite Walton Bay Caravan Site :-

The Clerk reported that he had written to WDC to express the continuing concern of the Council with regard to work opposite the Walton Bay Caravan Park. Councillors spoke strongly against the parking of cars on the land which had been cleared, adjacent to the road opposite the caravan site. The parking of cars was now regularly occurring. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Blissett, the Avon County Area Engineer, as a matter of urgency, outlining the danger of an accident if these cars were permitted to park on the verge as at present.

1036 Walton Brook - report on poor flow :-

The Clerk reported a conversation he had had with Mr Dyer, a Field Officer with the National Rivers Authority. The NRA had approached Clevedon Golf Club to inspect the water meter. Apparently, due to the work in hand on updating the irrigation system at the golf club, the meter had not been registering all the water which had been taken out of the brook. The NRA were due to make a further visit, on or around 15th September 1995, to check the meter had been reinstated and was working satisfactorily.

All the NRAs records had indicated that the golf club was not exceeding its off take as prescribed in its licence. But Mr Dyer did point out that the licence allowed the club to abstract water irrespective of the level of water in the brook. In periods of dry weather the brook could virtually dry up even though the abstraction rate was below the licensed amount. The NRA was unable to take action unless the licensed rate was exceeded. In these circumstances, if there was a very reduced flow of water, an individual householder could take out a civil action for loss of riparian rights. The Clerk was asked to follow up these points with Mr Dyer after 15th September. If possible a meeting on site should be arranged with a representative from the NRA and golf club

1037 Report on New Councillors Course :-

Mrs Charlesworth reported on the Course which she had attended with Mr Rutley and Mr Jupp. Overall the meeting had been very useful and most of the recommended actions arising from the meeting were in operation at Walton in Gordano. Close communications with other Councils and the full use of the latest technology on IT facilities were two of the

points made by the speakers, A list of recommended books to be held by Councillors or Clerk was circulated and it was agreed to purchase one copy of The Parish Councillors Handbook by John Clark for £4. Following a discussion on making Council meetings more meaningful it was agreed that :-

a) Visits to other Parish Council Meetings would be useful and the Clerk was asked to get some dates for future meetings of adjoining Councils.

b) In future, if Councillors had a topic of sufficient interest to raise at a Council Meeting the Clerk should be informed, for it to be put on the Agenda.

c) Smaller items of maintenance could be raised with the Clerk between Council meetings.

1038 Village Hall Floor :-

The Council noted the proposed action by the Village Hall Committee, as reported in their Management Committee Meeting of 25th May 1995, to appoint a sub committee to investigate the probable work and cost of repairing the floor of the Village Hall. It was intended to have the floor of the Village Hall examined by experts and a report provided which would set out the work required and the likely cost. The Council considered that they need take no action until this report had been received and considered.

1039 Clerk's Report :-

a) Donations and Subscriptions :-

The Clerk reported that he had written to the PCC regretting that no further financial contribution could be made for the upkeep of the churchyard. He had also written to Mr Phillips rejecting his request for the Council to underwrite a Table Tennis exhibition match in the Village Hall.

b) Plaque to Commemorate VE Day :-

Mr Goldstone, Senior, of Fountain Forestry, had recommended that a Mountain Ash was very suitable for planting in front of the Village Hall to commemorate VE Day. He will contact the Council in about 6 weeks when the tree would be ready to plant. It was agreed that a plastic plaque should be ordered at a cost of around £24 to accompany the tree.

c) Relaying of Water Pipes through Walton Village :-

Bristol Water had indicated that there were no immediate plans to continue the installation of 4" water pipes through Walton village. The Clerk was asked to enquire further as to the intentions of Bristol Water with regard to supplying the village with a good water supply.

d) Repairs to Shoreline :-

Avon had earmarked an amount of £170,000 to be spent over a period of 10 years for repairs to the coastline from Clevedon to Portishead. No work has yet started on the project. It was reported that a Creation Order was in hand to create a path on private property at Walton Bay, where the original coastpath had fallen into the sea due to erosion.

e) Speed of cars along the Coast Road :-

Mr Dennis White of Avon Highways had agreed to meet interested Councillors and the Clerk, early in October, to discuss the problem of speeding cars along the Coast Road and possible action which might be taken.

f) Mr Peter Weaver - Past President of ALCA, had agreed to address the Council and parishioners on the role of a Parish Council at a convenient date to be arranged.

1040 Councillors' Reports :-

a) It was reported that cars were now parking on both sides of the

road where the bank had been levelled near Walton Bay. In view of the danger to traffic using the road urgent action was required.

b) It was noted that the occupier of the Old Shop, in Walton village, was regularly parking his car on the side of the road opposite his house near a sharp turning, and where the road was very narrow.

c) The Clerk was asked to enquire whether there was a published timetable when pavements and gutters in the village were due to be swept.

Mrs Charlesworth left at this point due to another engagement.

1041 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

a) A copy of Woodsprings Economic Development Stragy 1995/96 had been received and was noted.

b) A copy of an NHS Executives (S and W) brochure entitled 'Consultation on the Boundaries of the New Health Authorities' was circulated.

1042 Finance :-

a) 1995 Audit - the Clerk reported that the 1995 Audit had been completed and no points of substance had been raised by the auditors.

b) The following cheques were signed by the Councillors :-

W P Weatherhogg - expenses and Petty Cash	190 00
Mr M A Hollingsworth - hire of marquee	330 00
Mr D Hill - printing of Newsletter	6 00
Mrs V Baldwin - cutting footpaths	70 00
Mr S M Wills - printing	12 00
Village Hall Committee - hire of hall	3 00

It was agreed that a cheque would be sent to Mr Jupp in reimbursement for 30 miles of travel expenses incurred on the New Councillors Course.

The Meeting closed at 9 00 pm.

R J Baller

W P Weatherhogg

12/10/95

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

Present :- Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs M A Charlesworth,
Mr G H Rutley, Mr B R Cannell, Mr P G Jupp and PC Kevin Rooke.

PC Kevin Rooke was welcomed to his first meeting by the Chairman.
PC Rooke has taken over from PC Fry, who has been promoted to Sergeant.

1043 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 1995 were approved and signed.

1044 Planning

1 It was reported that official notification had been received of the proposed Creation of a Footpath where the cliff had been eroded away below Walton Bay Farm. The Council welcomed this Creation Order and asked the Clerk to establish when the footpath was likely to be reinstated.

2 Work opposite Walton Bay Caravan Park

The Clerk had written to Mr Blissett expressing the Council's concern at the continuing use of the cleared land for car parking. No substantive reply had yet been received. The Clerk was asked to send copies of the correspondence on this matter to PC Rooke for his information.

3 The Clerk reported that he had attended a recent Woodspring Environmental Services Meeting at which it was reported that work was to start on repairing the Coast Road at the Portishead end near Riverlaaze. £4000 was to be spent immediately with £172,000 earmarked to be spent over the next 10 years. At the same meeting, Councillor Ashton had emphasised the urgent need for repairs at the Clevedon end in addition to the work at Portishead.

1045 Walton Brook-report on poor flow :-

Mr Dyer, of the NRA, had been contacted. The NRA had investigated the working of the water meter installed at the Clevedon Golf Course and still required minor modifications to be made to it following irrigation work at the Golf Club. Mr Dyer was of the opinion that, if the Golf Club kept to its licenced outtake of water, the effect on the flow of the Brook at Walton should be minimal. The amount of water flowing into the Brook in 1995 had been unduly low due to the summer drought.

Councillors expressed concern that the metering of the water taken by the Golf Club was not working satisfactorily and asked the Clerk to :-

- a) Establish what was the legal right to a flow of water in the Brook by those living near it.
- b) Write to the Clevedon Golf Club to express concern at the low flow.

1046 Clerk's Report :-

a) A copy of the Parish Councillors Handbook had been ordered at a cost of £4.

b) The Clerk had contacted other Clerks and established that Council meetings would be held as follows :-

Clevedon Town Council - On the first Wednesday of each month at 7 30pm.
Weston in Gordano — As for Clevedon.
Tickenham — Next meetings would be on 2nd November and 14th December.

c) A plaque commemorating VE Day was approved by the Council at a cost of £24.04. The delivery of a mountain ash from Fountain Forestry Ltd was awaited for planting in front of the Village Hall.

D) Relaying of Water Pipes through the Village :-

Bristol Water had confirmed that a 4" water pipe had been laid from the reservoir as far as Brook Cottage, parallel to the existing 2" pipe. However, as none of the adjoining houses had opted to be connected to the larger pipe, Bristol Water had no plans to extend the 4" pipe through the rest of the village.

Councillors expressed concern that the water pressure was very poor at the lower end of the village. They intended to let Bristol Water know of this concern as and when the water pressure fell below an acceptable level.

e) Speed of Cars along the Coast Road :-

A delegation consisting of Mr Rutley, Mr Jupp and the Clerk had met Mr White, of Avon Highways, on site to discuss the excessive speed of cars along this part of the Coast Road. The meeting was considered useful and the outcome was that the Clerk would write to Mr Bracewell and ask for speed loops to be placed at various places along the stretch of road near the Walton Bay Caravan site, to obtain data as to the speed of cars using the road. When this information was available, the relevant action could be taken, if it showed that most cars were speeding. The Clerk was asked to send copies of the correspondence on this matter to PC Rooke.

f) The Clerk was asked to find out whether there was a regular timetable for sweeping the streets through the ~~village~~ ^{Parish} and which route the sweepers should follow.

1047 Councillors Reports

The following points were raised :-

a) The bridge in Moor Lane has still not been repaired. The sign on the road needed cleaning.

b) The parking of cars on the lay by outside the Village Hall makes it impossible for pedestrians to get along the pavement. It was suggested that a restriction sign should be put on the lay by and a hatched area painted to limit the parking area.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Blissett on these points.

1048 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

a) The Annual Report of the Woodspring News was circulated.

b) A new ceremonial Chain of Office was required for the N Somerset Unitary Authority. Each Parish Council was being asked whether it supported, in principle, the naming of each Parish Council on the links of the Chain. At the same time, a donation of up to £100 to pay for a single link was being sought. The Council decided to defer a decision on this until the next meeting.

c) The AGM of CPRE was to be held on 21st October 1995.

1049 Finance :-

a) The Clerk reported that the second instalment of the 1995/96 Precept of £ 1250 had been received.

b) The following cheques were authorised :-

Mr P G Jupp — Travel expenses	£ 12.63
W P Weatherhogg — Cost of plaque	£ 24.04
SWEB — Maintenance of street light	£ 11.72
Village Hall — Use of Hall	£ 3.00

RD Bell 9/11/95

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8 45pm

W P Weatherhogg

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

Present :- Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mr G H Rutley, Mr B R Cannell and Mr P G Jupp.

Apologies were received from Mrs Charlesworth and PC Rooke.

1050 Minutes of last Meeting.

Two amendments were agreed to the Minutes of the meeting of 12th October, 1995, viz :-

- a) Under Section 1044, Para. 3 - the word 'road' was amended to 'footpath'.
- b) Under Section 1046, Para f - the word 'village' was amended to 'Parish'.

The amended Minutes were then signed as a true record.

1051 Planning :-

a) Official Notice of the creation of a footpath on the coast below Spring Cottage at Walton Down had been received from Avon County Council. Assuming no objections were received, the path was likely to be reinstated early in 1996.

b) Work opposite Walton Bay Caravan Park :-

At a meeting between Councillors and Mr Blissett, the Avon County Area Engineer, it was clear that Mr Blissett's Department had not been aware of the work carried out on the verge, before it had started. He agreed that no planning permission had been sought for using the area as a car park, and he would contact the persons concerned, to enquire what steps were proposed to prevent parking on the verge, where the bank had been pulled back. The Clerk had sent the relevant correspondence on this matter to PC Rooke, for his information.

c) Conygar Quarry :-

A letter had been received from the County of Avon informing the Council that Conygar Quarry Ltd and B P Tyler had appealed against the restrictions imposed on the reopening of the quarry. The Council noted the Appeal but did not wish to amend its earlier comments to Avon CC on the reopening of the quarry.

d) Parking in front of the Village Hall.

A meeting had been held with Mr Blissett to discuss the difficulty of pedestrians to get along the layby, in front of the Village Hall, when cars are parked there. The layby is an undesignated part of the highway, and was not specifically provided for either car parking or as a pavement. The problem was discussed, and Mr Blissett suggested that a dropped kerb be installed on the two kerbs opposite the entrance to the Village Hall. This was accepted as a reasonable solution by the Council, and would help both pedestrians and users of wheelchairs. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Blissett to thank him for this offer and to ask him to proceed with the work. At the same time, the Clerk would enquire whether white lines, to help pedestrians to cross the road at this point, were possible.

1052 Walton Brook - Progress Report :-

The Clerk had contacted the NRA again. Mr Dyer, of the NRA, informed him that the meter at the Clevedon Golf Club had been inspected and the NRA had asked for it to be moved. The NRA would monitor the golf club's abstraction of water from Walton Brook more closely in 1996, subject to the manpower being available.

The NRA also commented on the right of parishioners to enjoy a flow of water along the Brook. All those people with riparian rights, i.e. those with property adjoining the Brook, could take up to 4400 gallons of water per day from the Brook, without requiring a licence from the NRA, for agricultural and domestic use, excluding the use of spray irrigation. If the flow of water to a person with riparian rights is impeded by someone further upstream, then that householder could take out a civil action to safeguard the flow of water. But such a case is very difficult to prove and could be costly.

The NRA pointed out that the Brook is fed by surface water only, and with the very dry summer period, and lower water retention in general due to modern agricultural methods, the poor and intermittent flow of the Brook in 1995 is not unexpected. The Clerk had written to the Clevedon Golf Club asking it to confirm that its water meter was working satisfactorily, and that it was strictly abiding by the terms of its extraction licence from the NRA.

1053 Clerks' Report :-

a) Speed of Cars along the Coast Road :-

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr Bracewell, asking for speed loops to be sited along the Coast Road to provide data on the speed of cars along this stretch of road. Copies of the relevant correspondence had been sent to PC Rooke. The Clerk was asked to follow up the letter to Mr Bracewell to obtain some action on the speed loops.

b) A copy of the Parish Councillors Handbook had been received and would be circulated amongst Councillors.

c) The Clerk reported that Avon Highways had a timetable to sweep the streets in the centre of the village every 3 weeks, either on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. The last sweeping took place on 26/27th October. The main road was swept as far as the 5th Tee of the golf course. The Clerk was asked to investigate the clearing of rubbish from the Coast Road, where there was no kerb, but where rubbish blew about and became lodged in the grass verge.

d) The damage to the bridge in Moor Lane was again reported to Mr Blissett, who said he would chase the Directors Structures Section of the County of Avon, for the repairs to be carried out.

e) Tickenham Parish Council had confirmed that Walton in Gordano Councillors were welcome to attend forthcoming meetings of their Council, which would be held on :-

Thursday 14th December 1995

Thursday 25th January 1996

Thursday 15th February 1996

Meetings were held in the Village Hall, next to the Post Office, starting at 7.30pm.

f) Ceremonial Chain of Office for the New Unitary Authority

The Clerk had contacted local Parish Councils to establish what each proposed with respect to the proposed new Chain of Office for the North Somerset Unitary Authority. Weston in Gordano considered that one link to cover all the Parish Councils in the Gordano Valley might be appropriate and less costly. Tickenham had reported that they supported having their name on a link, and would pay £100 to cover the cost. After discussion, the Council agreed that the name of Walton in Gordano should appear on a link, but in view of the smallness of the Parish's budget, a contribution of £25 only should be offered. The Clerk was asked to write to Woodspring DC accordingly.

g) Woodspring Contact Network for CPRE

Following a letter from the CPRE, Mr Charlesworth had kindly volunteered to be the contact between Walton in Gordano and CPRE's Woodspring Contact Network. Mr Charlesworth had written to CPRE offering his services.

1054 Councillors Reports :-

The following points were raised :-

- 1) Mr Cannell reported on a recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee -
 - a) The Committee was happy with the proposed position for the tree to be planted in the front of the Village Hall, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day.
 - b) Mr Phillips had expressed disappointment that the Parish Council had not supported the Hall financially during the year as much as he would have liked. However, the Parish Council was pleased to learn that the Village Hall Committee had now agreed to commission a surveyor's report on the condition of the hall floor, as requested by the Council sometime ago.
- 2) Mr Rutley reported that TWIGS had purchased 300 daffodil bulbs, and had planted them in various places throughout the Parish. The Clerk was asked to write to Avon Highways pointing out where the bulbs had been planted, for future reference.

1055 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

- a) A letter had been received from Avon CC asking for the Council's support in opposing the testing of nuclear weapons by France in the Southern Hemisphere. The Council considered this matter to be one to be decided by individuals rather than the Council taking a view for the whole of the Parish.
- b) The shortlist for the North Somerset logo had been received and was noted,
- c) Notice had been received of the launch of the Woodspring Countryside Strategy on 24th November by Woodspring DC.
- d) A seminar for Councillors on the Enforcement System would be held on 28th November, at the Winter Gardens in Weston super Mare.
- e) A letter had been received from Nailsea and District Community Transport Ltd, advertising the services they can provide, and the cost.
- f) An Area Liaison Meeting between Woodspring DC and local Parish Councils would be held on 29th November at the Folk Hall, Portishead.
- g) The County of Avon's Transport Plan for the Avon Area, 1994/2013, had been received and would be studied by Councillors.
- h) It was reported that Mr Michael Hollingsworth was now the Secretary of the Village Hall, while Mr Phillips remained responsible for Hall Bookings, Contracts and Table Tennis.
- i) The Charter Trustees of Weston super Mare had written, asking for the Council's support on their application to become a democratically elected Town Council. A letter from Locking Parish Council had also been received stating that Locking considered the best solution would be for Weston to be divided into Parishes, with a Town Council to be responsible for the centre of the town. This was considered to be the best answer by Councillors, and the Clerk was asked to write to Weston and Locking accordingly.

1056 Finance :-

The following cheques were authorised and signed

W P Weatherhogg —re. Parish Councillors Handbook	4.00
Use of the Village Hall	3.00
Woodspring District Council—Cost of Election	34.19
S M Wills — Typing	12.00

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9pm.

12/12/95

W P Weatherhogg

14/12/95

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday 14th December, 1995, beginning at 7.30pm.

Present:- Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, G H Rutley, P G Jupp and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Charlesworth, Mr Cannell and P C Rooke.

1057 Minutes of last Meeting :-

The Minutes of the Meeting of 9th November, 1995, were signed as a true record.

1058 Planning :-

Parking in front of the Village Hall

Work to instal dropped kerbs in the verges opposite the entrance to the Village Hall had started. White lines across the road to help pedestrians had been deemed impractical by Mr Blissett.

1059 Widening of Verge on Coast Road

A letter had been received from Mr Blissett pointing out that he had now received a petition from Mr and Mrs Ross, signed by 80 people, approving the work undertaken on the verge opposite the Walton Bay Caravan Park. He asked for the Council's further comments on the situation. The Council had also received letters from two local residents, criticising the Council's objections to the work.

The Council discussed the content of all three letters. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Blissett making the following points :-

- a) The Council was still unhappy with the lack of evidence surrounding the permission supposedly given to the Ross's by a member of Avon Highways Department, for them to have the work carried out.
- b) Mr Blissett's letter to the Ross's had the Council's full support.
- c) The Council had no basic objection to the widening of the verge, but regarded the parking of cars on the widened area as a hazard to traffic.
- d) The Council would ask Mr Blissett to repeat his request to the Ross's for details as to when, and how, they intended to prevent cars from parking on the verge.

Copies of this letter would be sent to the Ross's and to the two residents who had written to the Council.

Further points raised by one of the residents would be considered more fully at the next Council meeting.

1060 Clerk's Report

a) Speed of Cars along the Coast Road

In reply to a letter from the Clerk, Avon Highways Department had said a traffic speed loop would be installed on the Coast Road near the Walton Bay Shop on or around 5th February, 1996, to measure the speed of traffic along this stretch of road.

b) Clearing rubbish from verges along the Coast Road

Woodspring DC are responsible for clearing litter along the Coast Road. A special team can be made available to pick up litter along the verge, but only in an emergency if the litter is exceptionally bad.

c) Walton Brook-- flow of Water

The Clerk had received a reply from Clevedon Golf Club confirming that it had abided by the terms of its abstraction licence during 1995, and had, in fact, pumped water into Walton Brook from its own limited reserves when the flow was at its lowest. An invitation to Council members to visit the irrigation system at the Club would be taken up at a later date in 1996.

d) Damage to Bridge in Moor Lane

The County Area Engineer had again informed the Director's Structures Section of Avon County Council of the damaged bridge. The repair work had been placed on the Department's list of programmed maintenance.

e) Tree to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day

A Mountain Ash had been planted in front of the Village Hall to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day. A plaque would be fixed near the tree in the near future.

f) Daffodils planted by TWIGS

Avon Highways had been informed of the position of the daffodils planted in the verges around the Parish by TWIGS.

g) Ceremonial Chain of Office for N. Somerset Unitary Authority

The Clerk had written to Woodspring DC supporting, in principle, the suggestion that the names of Parishes should be inscribed on the links of the Chain. However, as Walton in Gordano is the Parish with the fewest number on the Register of Electors, £25 would be the most that could be contributed towards the cost.

h) Town Council for Weston super Mare

The Clerk had written to the Charter Trustees of Weston super Mare supporting Locking PCs suggestion that Weston super Mare should be divided into Parishes, with a Town Council to serve the centre of the town.

1061 Councillors' reports

a) Mr Rutley reported that he had written to Woodspring DC as an individual parishioner, supporting the Council's intention to create a footpath along the coast where the original path had been eroded.

b) Mr Baldwin reported that the exposed gullies of Walton Brook had now been cleared.

1062 Correspondence not previously dealt with

a) A draft Register of Electors had been received for exhibition within the Parish.

b) A request for a donation for 1996 had been received from the N. Woodspring Victims Support Group.

c) Avon and Somerset Constabulary had distributed its District Policing Plan for 1996/97, and has asked for views on the Plan before 18th December.

1063 Finance

The following cheques were authorised and signed

W P Weatherhogg - remuneration	£ 150
W P Weatherhogg - reimbursement of petty cash	40
Mr W J Goldstone - purchase of tree	25
Village Hall - use of hall	3

at 8.25pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed

R. D. Baldwin

W P Weatherhogg
14/12/95

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 11th January, 1996, beginning at 7.30pm.

Present:-Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs A Charlesworth, G H Rutley, P G Jupp, B Cannell and the Clerk.

PC Kevin Rooke attended for Item 6 onwards.

1064 Planning :-

There were no items of Planning to discuss.

1065 Clerks Report :-

a) Work opposite Walton Bay Caravan Park

The Clerk circulated a letter he had written to Mr Blissett, following the last Council meeting, setting out the Council's views on this work. In summary, the Council was making two main points :-

1. Councillors were disturbed to note the apparent lack of permission obtained before the work was carried out, and they felt this set a dangerous precedent for the future.

2. In spite of this apparent lack of permission, the Council considered that the pulling back of the verge would be an improvement to this particular area, as long as cars were not allowed to park there. The Council had asked Mr Blissett to establish what steps were being taken to prevent this verge being used as a car parking area, as the Council considered parked cars constituted a hazard to traffic along this stretch of road.

The Clerk was asked to reiterate the Council's views to Mr Blissett, and to ask him to obtain a reply on the question of preventing cars from parking here.

b) Draft Register of Electors

The Clerk had obtained a further copy of the Draft Register of Electors which would now be exhibited within the Parish.

1066 Councillors' Reports :-

The following points were raised

a) Attempts would be made to identify parishioners who currently do not receive the Parish Newsletter and to provide them with one.

b) Comments by Councillors on the White Paper for Rural England would be collected by the Clerk and passed to the originating authority.

c) The Clerk would contact Avon Highways at the end of January to discuss the installation of speed loops on the Coast Road.

1067 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

a) Street Collection Licences

The Council had experienced no particular problems with these in the past within the Parish, and Woodspring would be notified accordingly.

b) The Council noted the request from Clevedon Town Council for support in saving the Curzon Cinema in Clevedon.

c) A list of major events taking place in North Somerset in 1996 had been received.

d) A copy of the N. Somerset Countryside Strategy had been received and would be circulated amongst Councillors.

e) Notes of the meeting of the Woodspring Area Liaison Group, held on 29th November, 1995, were circulated.

f) The Annual Business Meeting between Woodspring DC and the Parish Councils would be held on Tuesday, 26th March, 1996.

1068 Finance :-

a) Precept

After discussion, a majority of the Councillors agreed that the precept for 1996/97 should be set at £1700, a reduction from previous years. In 1995/96 the Precept was £2500 and in 1994/95 it was £2000. However Mr Baldwin wished the minutes to record that he favoured a lower Precept in 1996/97 than £1700.

b) The Clerk reported that Ernst and Young had sent an audit certificate for the 1994/95 Accounts, at a fee charge of £116.91.

c) The following cheques were authorised and signed :- £ - p

Ernst and Young	1995 Audit Fee	116.91
SWEB	Street Lighting	7.66
SM Wills	Typing and copying	12.00
Village Hall	Hire of Hall	3.00

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.25pm.

R J Baldwin

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 8th February, 1996, beginning at 7.30pm.

Present :- Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs A Charlesworth, G H Rutley,
P G Jupp and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Cannell.

1069 Minutes of last Meeting :-

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 11th January, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1070 Planning :-

There were no items of Planning to discuss.

1071 Clerk's Report :-

a) Work Opposite Walton Bay Caravan Park

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Blissett in which he proposed that no further action be taken on this matter immediately, but that conditions are monitored during the summer to ascertain any benefits or hazards created by this work. The Council agreed with this proposal, and members would monitor the situation throughout the summer and a report made to Mr Blissett on the findings later in the year.

B) A letter had been received from the Clevedon Golf Club, again inviting members of the Parish Council to view the Club's irrigation system later in the year.

c) The Clerk had spoken to Mr Dennis White, of Avon Highways, regarding the speed loops to be put on the Coast Road in February. It was intended that the loops would be placed at three separate positions along the road, so that the speed of cars could be monitored over a reasonable distance.

d) Avon Highways had been informed that willow trees were overhanging the road in Moor Lane and creating a nuisance to high sided vehicles. However there was some doubt as to whose responsibility it was to trim the trees, and Avon Highways would contact the owner of the land on which the trees appeared to be growing.

e) The collapsing of a step on Walton Common, near to Hexwood House, had been reported to the Public Rights of Way representative.

1072 Councillors' Reports :-

a) Mr Rutley reported two outflows of water on the Coast Road, which were causing difficulties as the water turned into ice in the current cold spell.

b) It was reported that the Village Fete would be held on Saturday, 13th July, 1996.

1073 Correspondence not previously dealt with :-

a) The next meeting of the Woodspring Environment Group would be held on 12th February.

b) Notice had been received of a Special General Meeting of Avon Community Council to be held on 15th February, 1996.

c) A meeting of the Woodspring Area Group of ALCA would be held on Tuesday, 20th February.

d) A list of events in Woodspring arranged for Community Work Week, between 19th and 24th February, had been received.

e) A Tree Preservation Order had been confirmed by Woodspring DC for trees along the coastal strip, between Redcliffe Bay and the Council Golf Course, Portishead.

1074 Finance :-

A) Woodspring had confirmed that the Precept for Walton in Gordano, for 1996/97 was £1700.

B) The following cheques were authorised and signed

SWEB	Maintenance of light	£ 4.10
Village Hall	Use of hall	£ 3.00

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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14/3/96

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 14th March, 1996, beginning at 7,30pm.

Present :- Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs A Charlesworth,
Mr B Cannell and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G H Rutley, Mr P G Jupp and PC K Rooke.

1075 Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 8th February, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1076 Planning

A Planning Application, No. 96/0318, by Mr R Thorpe, for a single storey extension to his bungalow, Underwood, Walton in Gordano, together with the creation of a vehicular access and front boundary fence was considered by the Council. There were no objections and the Clerk was asked to inform the Planning Authority of this.

1077 Clerk's Report

a) Speed loops on Coast Road

Speed loops to check the speed of vehicles along the Coast Road had been installed for a week, and the information was now being analysed by Avon Highways Department. The Parish Council would be informed of the results in due course.

b) Willow trees in Moor Lane

Avon Highways had inspected the willow trees in Moor Lane which were causing damage to high-sided vehicles. They had reported that the trees were growing on private land and were not the responsibility of the District Council. They would write to the landowner asking for the trees to be dealt with.

c) Public Path Creation Order

Avon CC had confirmed the Public Path Creation Order to recreate a footpath from Walton Bay, along the coast for approximately 20 metres, which had been lost due to coast erosion. The Order was confirmed on 12th March, 1996, and would become operative 45 days after that date.

1078 Councillors' Reports

a) Mrs Charlesworth noted that a considerable quantity of litter was being deposited on the verges of Moor Lane, and a letter had been received from a parishioner asking for action on the rubbish. The Clerk was asked to contact the Council Refuse Authority to see if anything could be done to prevent the dumping of this litter.

b) A leakage of water had been noticed along Clevedon Road, near the boundary with Clevedon. Bristol Water would be informed.

c) National Springclean Week is due to be held between 12th and 21st April. Notice of this event would be put into the Newsletter to ascertain the interest within the Parish.

d) It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 11th April.

e) The plaque to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day had now been fixed to the tree in front of the Village Hall.

1079 Correspondence not previously dealt with

a) A Survey on Flooding Problems within the Parish was broadly completed and would be returned to the NRA South West.

b) A letter from Unison, the public service union, regarding the transfer of staff from Avon CC to offices at the old Ham Green Hospital, was noted.

c) Leaflets from Woodspring DC, giving information on Houses in Multiple Occupation and extension of the Dog Ownership Laws were circulated to Councillors.

1080 Finance

a) Requests for donations or subscriptions for 1996/97, would be considered at the April Parish Council Meeting.

b) Cheques were authorised and signed for :-

Mr Weatherhogg	Expenses	£ 150.00
Village Hall Committee		3.00
S M Wills		12.00

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 8.18pm.

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