

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Walton in Gordano, on Thursday 25th April, 1996, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence were received from PC Rooke.

1081 Minutes of last Meeting :

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 14th March, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1082 Planning :

A Planning Application, No.96/0515, by Sir William Miles for a general purpose agricultural building for livestock and storage at Church Farm, Walton Street, was considered. The Council requested the Clerk to write to the Planning Authority, to query whether the proposed dark grey colour of the roof would be entirely compatible with its surroundings, and also whether the soakaway arrangements would be adequate.

1083 Clerks' Report :

1) The Clerk reported progress on various outstanding matters :

a) Speed loops on the Coast Road:

In spite of promises by the Highways Department, the results of the survey carried out by them in February had still not been received. The Clerk was asked to chase up this information.

b) Willow Trees in Moor Lane:

The Clerk had been in contact with Mr Blissett, again, regarding the cutting back of these trees; the Parish Council re-emphasised its wish that the Highways Department should contact Sir William Miles, the owner of the land on which the trees were growing, to ask that the willows should be cut back.

c) Litter in Moor Lane:

The N Somerset Environmental Services Department had visited Moor Lane, but were unable to find the litter which the Council had asked to be removed. The Clerk would contact the Environmental Department and ask the inspector concerned to speak to Mrs Charlesworth to pinpoint the area where the litter was located. The Clerk was also asked to pursue the putting up of warning signs with Mr Blissett, and to speak to PC Rooke regarding a possible police patrol in the area.

d) The Clerk had spoken to Bristol Water regarding leakages of water along the Coast Road and on the Clevedon road. Bristol Water were already aware of these leakages which were originating from private land adjoining the road. Waste water Notices had been served on the landowners and the next move, if no action is taken, is for Bristol Water to turn off the water supply to those persons.

2) Traffic Petition:

The Council had been presented with a petition, signed by 123 adults, asking that urgent action be taken to reduce traffic speed through the environs of Walton in Gordano. It was agreed that the Clerk would send copies of the petition to Dr Liam Fox, MP, Nigel Ashton, District Councillor, N. Somerset Council and the Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

1084 Councillors' Reports:

The following points were raised:

a) The Brook near Moor Lane suffered from pollution temporarily recently. It was agreed the Clerk would let Mrs Charlesworth have the name and telephone number of the NRA inspector, to contact in an emergency in the future.

b) The surface of the road in Moor Lane, just past Brookside, was beginning to break up. Mr Blissett would be notified.

c) Cyclists were causing a break up of the Coast Path, near Walton Park and towards Portishead. PC Rooke would be asked if any help could be provided by the police.

1085 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

- a) Mr Alan Moss, (Telephone: 01934 - 888842) had introduced himself as the key point of contact between the N. Somerset Council and the Parish Council.
- b) The Council noted that the English Basketball Association was seeking sites on which to erect basketball goals.
- c) The Council also noted that the N. Somerset Council was seeking land which would become 'green' burial sites.
- d) A new initiative, the Severn Estuary Strategy, had been announced and public meetings were to be held to obtain the views of Councils, and others, on the suitable management of the Severn Estuary.
- e) A survey of any changes in key services within the Parish would be completed and returned to Community Action.

1086 Finance:

1) The Council authorised payment of the following subscriptions and donations for 1996/97:

a) Cost of marquee for Village Fete:	385.00
b) Subscription to ALCA	32.50
Subscription to Local Council Review:	8.95
c) Affiliation fee to Community Action	20.00

2) The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

S M Wills	Typing	12.00
SWEB	Street Light	7.66
SWEB Connect	Cable to light	4.47
Morgan Westley:	Notepaper	22.37
ALCA	1996 Subscription	41.45

3) The Clerk reported that the balance of cash in the bank at 31st March, 1996, was £1718.76.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

R J Bell

W P Deatherage

9/5/96

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 25th April, 1996, beginning at 8.30pm.

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

Eleven parishioners also attended. Apologies for absence were received from Father John Smart and Rosemary Tucker.

1. The Chairman welcomed all present and explained that copies of last year's Minutes had been distributed for those attending to read. These were approved by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

2. Report of Chairman of the Parish Council.

Mr Baldwin reported as follows:

The Parish Council meets once a month, except August, and members of the public are welcome to attend. Following the election to the Council in 1995, Mr Peter Jupp was co-opted to the vacancy left by the retirement of Barbara Adkins.

During the year, various Planning Applications were discussed. The only controversial item being the removal of the grass verge opposite Walton Bay Caravan site. The Council are not happy about parking on this area.

A Footpath Creation Order to restore part of Mariners Path near the caravan site, has now been confirmed and the path should be re-instated in the near future.

A tree was planted in the grounds of the Village Hall, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day.

The completion of the installation of a 4 inch water main through the village, has not been carried out by Bristol Water because no one has yet linked up to the pipe which has already been laid.

In February, Avon Highways installed speed loops on the Coast Road to measure the speed of traffic using this part of the road through the village. This check was made at the request of villagers. The results of the survey are awaited.

No further news has been received on the possible opening of Conygar Quarry.

The Parish Council has again agreed to pay for the hire of the marquee, to be used at the Village Fete.

The Council would like to thank TWIGS for planting daffodils around the village.

Thanks are due to the other Councillors for their hard work during the year and also to the Clerk for his help during the year.

Thanks were also due to Valerie Baldwin for looking after the area around the Cross Tree, and also for distributing the Information sheet.

3 a) Report from the PCC.

Mr Rowles reported as follows:-

The work to the Tower and Clock, in memory of Bessie Weeks, has now been completed. Also, the organ has been refurbished in memory of Margery Beedell.

Rogation Sunday (12th May) would be marked by a service at 3pm which would include a service of dedication in memory of Bessie and Margery, for their love of St Pauls and their generosity which enabled the work to be carried out.

Further work to the Church which is proposed is plastering, decorating and repairs to the interior of the building.

Members of the PCC were very disappointed at the Parish Council's decision last year, not to help with financing the cost of upkeep of the Village Church Yard. The PCC's first priority must be the fabric of the Church and its work. The Village Garden of Rest is a valuable open space for the whole of the community, and it is important that the Council supports its upkeep with a specific grant. The state of the churchyard reflects on the care of all the villagers, and it is not fair to expect the active members of the Church to bear all the cost. In 1995, the cost of maintaining the churchyard was £750, and this year, the Church Wardens have only been able to allocate £300 for its upkeep. They will again seek financial help from the Parish Council.

b) Report from the WI :

Rosemary Tucker was unable to be present, so the Clerk read the following report from the WI on her behalf:

Walton in Gordano WI currently has 30 members of whom $\frac{1}{3}$ live in the village. It meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Village Hall, with an average of 25 attending, but new members are always welcome, as well as visitors.

The WI supported the village by running the cake stall at the Fete last year, and with a flower display at the Flower Festival in the Church. A Carol Service was organised for the Yeo Valley group of WIs, but unfortunately it could not be held in the village because of parking difficulties.

There have been many interesting speakers at our monthly meetings varying from Tony Targett, on the weather, to Rag Doll Making, Humorous Police Complaints', Aromotherapy, Slides on Scotland with Father Martin and a talk on the beginnings of the WI at Stoney Creek in Canada. The Branch celebrated its 66th birthday in 1995 with a tour and supper at Clevedon Court, and Christmas with a traditional meal at a restaurant in Clevedon. A Summer Bar B Q was held at the home of the President, and Italy was chosen for the International evening, with food and a quiz. We were also invited to tour the Hawthornes Retirement Hotel, with tea, which 18 members attended. As you can see, we have been very active over the past year, and it is our intention to be as equally active for many years to come.

c) Report from Village Hall Committee :

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee Mr Hollingsworth gave the following report:

A total of 201 hirings were made in 1995/96, of which 71 were for table tennis and 22 for bowls, bringing in an income of £1133. Other major sources of income were the Fete (£421), an electricity refund (£276), and two grants. These were from Avon County Council (£525) and from the Needham Cooper Trust (£500). Apart from regular expenses, details of which can be seen in the Accounts, the principal expenditure was on paint, (£104), roof maintenance (£380), curtains and rails (£656), and a Surveyor's report on the state of the floor (£247). There was an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £352 and we entered 1996 with a balance of £2106, of which £932 was on deposit.

During the year some outside painting has been done, and this will be completed in 1996. The roof has been re-proofed. Jocelyn Davies and Anne Greenhill have kindly made up new curtains, which were installed early in 1996.

A Surveyor's report on the floor indicates that there is no current safety problem, that it should not be necessary to replace the floor for about 5 years, and that the existing floor is worth re-sanding, filling and re-sealing. A Sinking Fund for a new floor has been set up and currently stands at about £1432, made up of the £932 on deposit and the £500 from Needham Cooper. Both these amounts are included in the overall balance of £2106 mentioned above.

The Committee wishes to spend the next year or two in bringing the decorative and structural state up to a better standard. Three items need particular attention: re-wiring the fuse boxes, redecorating the kitchen, and re surfacing the floor. We would like to be able to do this work out of income, using mostly voluntary labour, but we will continue to apply for suitable grants.

The Committee welcomes bookings from outside the village, but is well aware that the Hall exists for the benefit of the villagers. It plans shortly to reconsider the hiring charges, but will maintain the differentiation of charges in favour of village functions.

The Chairman thanked the various representatives for their interesting reports.

4 Any other relevant business :

These following points were raised by those attending :

a) There was a continuing problem with litter being left in Moor Lane. North Somerset Council had been informed and the possibility of putting up signs to deter those responsible would be investigated. PC Rooke was asked to consider whether police patrols could be introduced along Moor Lane.

b) It was reported that cycles, in particular mountain bikes, were causing damage to Mariners Path, especially near the Walton Bay Caravan Park. A discussion ensued as to the action which members of the public could take if they came across such bikers. Even though such walkways as Mariners Path were intended as footpaths only, it was obviously difficult in practice, to stop bikers from using the path or to apprehend them when they were seen.

c) It was reported that funds had been put aside by both Avon County Council and Woodspring District Council for repairs to be carried out on the strengthening of the footpath adjoining the Severn, as erosion was causing serious problems. However, the amalgamation of the Councils from 1st April 1996 makes it uncertain if, and when, this money might be spent.

d) The continuing problem of the steady flow of Walton Brook was raised. The Chairman outlined the discussions which the Council had had with Clevedon Golf Club to ensure that the erratic flow of the brook was due to natural causes and not to the activities of the golf club. The Council was asked to contact the Fire Service to get them to look at the brook to comment on its condition as a source of water for fire fighting purposes.

e) The Council had been sent a petition, signed by 123 people, which requested urgent action be taken to reduce the speed of traffic through the environs of Walton in Gordano. The petition represented the strong feeling in the community at the excessive speed of the traffic through all parts of the village. The Clerk was asked to send copies of the petition to Dr Liam Fox, MP, Nigel Ashton, District Councillor, North Somerset Council, Avon and Somerset Police and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. It was also hoped that

an expert in traffic matters, including how to go about obtaining speed restrictions through the village, could be found to speak to a meeting of parishioners in the near future.

As there was no further relevant business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

KD Bell

W. Deane 8/5/97

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Rutley and PC Rooke.

1087 Election of Chairman :

Mrs Charlesworth proposed, and Mr Jupp 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.

1088 Election of Vice Chairman.

Mr Jupp proposed, and Mr Cannell seconded, Mrs Charlesworth as Vice Chairman for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

1089 Appointment of Representatives to Committees:

1) Village Hall Committee:

It was agreed that Mr Cannell would represent the Council on the Village Hall Committee for the forthcoming year.

2) ALCA ;

It was agreed that the Clerk would attend meetings as appropriate, accompanied by members of the Council as available.

1090 Minutes of Last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th April, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1091 Planning:

It was reported that Planning permission had been granted in respect of Application No. 96/0318, by Mr R Thorpe, to build a single storey extension to Underwood, Clevedon Road, Walton in Gordano, and to create vehicular access and a front boundary fence. The permission was granted subject to a Turning Space for vehicles being maintained at all times, so vehicles can enter and leave in forward gear.

1092 Clerk's Report:

a) Litter in Village.

Mr Ian Reed, of the Environmental Department of N. Somerset Council had been identified as the Council's contact if there was a problem regarding litter in Walton in Gordano. His telephone number is 01934-634868.

Mrs Charlesworth had been in touch with him regarding litter in Moor Lane, and he was following this up.

b) Brook in Moor Lane.

The flow of water in the Brook had again fallen to a very low rate, and there appeared to be work at the Clevedon Golf Club which was hampering the steady flow. Mrs Charlesworth, accompanied by a member of the NRA, and some interested parishioners, visited the Golf Club, and inspected the work being carried out there. The NRA did not consider the work being carried out by the Club to be outside the terms of permitted water extraction as set out in the Golf Club's Extraction Permit.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the flow of water would be monitored, and the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Harris, Clerk to the local Branch of the Internal Drainage Board, to try and establish what action, if any, was available to either the Council or parishioners, with regard to the Brook. The contact number for the NRA in an emergency was Mr Dyer, 01278-457333, extension 4599.

c) Speed Loops on Coast Road

The results of the survey on the speed of cars along the Coast Road,

carried out by means of speed loops in February, were still awaited; the Clerk would chase.

d) Moor Lane:

- 1) Mr Blissett would write to Sir William Miles regarding the willows which were causing problems to high sided vehicles in Moor Lane.
- 2) Mr Blissett would investigate possible warning signs to deter litter louts, mainly along Moor Lane.
- 3) The surface of Moor Lane, just beyond Brookside, was beginning to break up, and Mr Blissett's Department would investigate.

e) Traffic Petition:

The Clerk had sent copies of the Traffic Petition to Dr. Liam Fox, MP, Mr N C Ashton, District Councillor, the Planning, Highways and Transportation Department of N. Somerset Council, the Avon and Somerset Police and ROSPA. Replies had been received from Dr. Fox and Mr Ashton, supporting the aims of the Petition. Mr Ashton agreed to contact the N. Somerset Council Transport Department to arrange a meeting with parishioners on site. The Police had replied, noting the petition, and suggesting that the Council write to their Traffic Management Unit, giving more details of the problem. ROSPA had replied, noting the petition but pointing out that they did not have the facilities to follow up every request for help which they received.

Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to:

- 1) Follow up Mr Ashton's offer to arrange a meeting with N. Somerset Council Highways Department on site.
- 2) Write to the Traffic Management Unit of Avon Constabulary, setting out more details of the speed controls sought throughout the Parish. The possibility of getting a police spokesman to talk to a parish meeting on the possible alternatives available to restrict the speed of traffic would be investigated.

1093 Councillors' Reports:

No other matters, other than those mentioned above, were raised by Councillors.

1094 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

- a) N. Somerset Council had invited the Parish Council to purchase Compost Bins through them at £12.50 each, or a special rate of £9.50 each if 5 or more are purchased. The Walton in Gordano gardening club would be informed of this offer.
- b) Details of an Information Technology Conference on 22nd May, 1996, in Weston super Mare had been received.

1095 Finance:

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Use of Village Hall	£4.00
Affiliation fee to Community Action	£20.00

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

M. O. Charlson

W Blissett
13/6/96

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 13th June, 1996, beginning at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr P G Jupp, Mr G Rutley and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Baldwin, Mr Cannell and PC Rooke.

In Mr Baldwin's absence, Mrs Charlesworth took the Chair.

1096 Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on 9th May, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1097 Planning:

a) The Clerk reported that the section of the coastal footpath at Walton Bay had been reopened and an opening ceremony had been held recently. The Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council seeking clarification of the reported amount of £100,000, which the reopening of the path cost.

b) It was also reported that planning permission had been granted for the development of an agricultural building for livestock and storage at Church Farm, Walton Street.

c) A Planning Application had been lodged by Mr Brown, of Two Acres, Two Acres Caravan Park, Walton Bay, for the addition of a pitched roof. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

d) A list of approved works provisionally programmed for 1996/97 had been received from N. Somerset Council, and the Parish Council, amongst others, were asked to comment on the list, and to suggest other schemes which should be considered in relation to Walton in Gordano. The Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council, asking that traffic calming and speed restrictions for Walton in Gordano should be added to this list of proposals.

1098 Clerk's Report

a) Traffic Petition

An on-site meeting with interested parishioners, had been held at the Cross Tree corner, which Mr White, of N. Somerset Council, and Mr Ashton, District Councillor, attended. Parishioners put their views to Mr White in support of the Petition asking for action to be taken to slow traffic through the village. In reply, Mr White pointed out that a Traffic Management Plan for the forthcoming year had been drawn up by N. Somerset Council, identifying work on roads which had been identified as top priority for 1996/97. One of the criteria the N. Somerset Council followed for determining priorities was the number of reportable accidents which had occurred in the recent past.

After a lengthy discussion, and strong views from parishioners, Mr White agreed that his staff would carry out a survey of the roads in the Parish, with the intention of identifying measures which might be introduced to reduce traffic speed, at a modest cost to N. Somerset Council. He said he would report back to the Parish Council in 5 weeks. Depending on the suggestions made, a further meeting of interested parties would be called.

b) Survey of Traffic Speed

N. Somerset Council had now sent the results of the traffic survey on the Coast Road to the Parish Council. The 85 percentile speeds at each of the three sites varied between 34mph and 46mph. Unfortunately, the Council had made no comments on the results and the Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council, enquiring what further action would be taken following the survey.

c) Compost Bins

Information on the bulk purchase of compost bins from N. Somerset Council had been passed to the Walton in Gordano Gardening Club for consideration by the members.

1099 Councillors' Reports :

Apart from the items discussed above, there were no further points which Councillors wished to raise.

1100 Correspondence not previously dealt with

a) N. Somerset Council Chain of Office

The new Chain of Office for the Chairman of the N. Somerset Council, made up from links identifying each Parish and Town within the area of North Somerset has now been completed, and was available for inspection by interested parties on 4th July at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Weston super Mare.

b) Connect South West had indicated that the routine quarterly servicing of the street light in Walton in Gordano village had recently been carried out.

1101 Finance

a) Annual Subscription to CPRE

The Council agreed to renew its annual subscription to CPRE for 1996/97, at a cost of £17.50.

b) Neighbourhood Watch Office

The Woodspring Neighbourhood Watch Association had appealed for funds to help support the office in Nailsea. Following a discussion, the Council considered that, as there were no Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Walton in Gordano, no donation should be made.

c) ~~The~~ following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Use of Village Hall	£4.00
CPRE Annual Sub.	17.50
N. Somerset Council — Donation re Chain	25.00
The Clerk — Expenses to June	150.00
The Clerk — Petty Cash	40.00

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.19pm.

R D Belle

W J Beatty 11/7/96

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from PC Rooke.

1102 Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 13th June, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1103 Planning:

It was reported that:

a) Planning permission had been granted for gated culverts to be installed over ditches and cattle drinking points in the Gordano Valley National Nature Reserve, Walton Drove.

b) Planning permission had also been granted to the owner of Two Acres, Two Acres Caravan Park, Walton Bay, for the replacement of a flat roof by a pitched roof.

c) The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council, asking for traffic calming measures in Walton in Gordano, to be added to the works approved programme for highways and transport for 1996/97, which had recently been circulated by the Council.

1104 Clerk's Report:

Petition for Traffic Calming in Village:

The Clerk reported that :

a) He had written to Mr White, of N. Somerset Councils Highways and Transportation Dept. following the "on site" meeting held recently, to emphasise the urgency of the introduction of possible measures to reduce speeding traffic through the Parish.

b) He had also written to Mr Nigel Ashton, District Councillor, to thank him for calling this meeting.

c) He had written to the Traffic Management Unit of Avon and Somerset Police, asking for their support in obtaining traffic calming measures for Walton in Gordano.

The following action was currently in hand regarding traffic calming in Walton in Gordano:

a) Mr White was investigating possible measures which might be introduced in Walton to reduce traffic speed, which could be carried out in the short term at little cost. This report would be produced for Councillor Ashton.

b) It was likely that this report would be discussed by the next meeting of N. Somerset Council's Planning and Transportation Committee, to be held on 26th July 1996.

Survey of Traffic Speed on Coast Road.

The Clerk had written to Mr White asking what further action was proposed following analysis of the data obtained from speed loops, which had been installed on the Coast Road recently.

Willow Trees in Moor Lane

The Clerk had received a copy of a letter which Mr Blissett had just sent to Sir William Miles, pointing out that the trimming of the willow trees, which overhung Moor Lane, were Sir Williams responsibility, as they were growing on his land. No reply had yet been seen.

1105 Councillors' Reports

a) Mrs Charlesworth pointed out that the verges of Moor Lane had been cut by N. Somerset Council, but only to a limited extent, and the visibility along the road was not good. Also, the surface of the road, particularly by the telegraph pole, was breaking up quite fast, and Mr Blissett should be notified.

WILTON STREET
b) Also in ~~Moor Lane~~ the hedge along the garden of Sunnybank was causing visibility problems, and Mr Flower, of Home Farm, should be asked to trim it back.

1106 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

a) N. Somerset Council had sent details of a Millennium Marque, which was to be awarded to 2000 locations throughout the country in 2000AD, which particularly showed aspects of environmental excellence for the 21st Century. The Council considered that Mr ~~Simon Wills~~ might be interested in being nominated for a Marque, for his work in developing The Manor House to a high standard of environmental excellence.

b) The Council did not consider that the Village Orderly Scheme, available to Parish Councils from N. Somerset Council, was suitable for application to Walton in Gordano.

c) N, Somerset Council had asked for comments on whether it should identify parts of its expenditure to specific areas or charge all its costs across the whole District area. As Walton in Gordano had no expenditure which overlapped with District Council spending, the Clerk was asked to confirm that it would prefer District Council costs to be spread across the whole of its area.

d) ALCA had announced that its AGM would be held on 24th July, 1996, at Congresbury.

e) A letter from the Chief Constable had been received, which outlined a restructuring of the Avon and Somerset Police into eight policing districts from 1st April, 1997. Walton in Gordano would remain in the N. Somerset District, and no major change was anticipated.

f) ALCA had asked all Parish Councils to indicate any particular training requirements which Councillors or the Clerk might have.

g) Alan Moss, Assistant Director Education, of N. Somerset Council, had written to the Parish Council, as its Link Officer, offering to attend a Parish Meeting. The Parish Council noted this offer for the future.

h) The Avon and Somerset Police Authority's Policing Plan for 1996/97 was circulated to Councillors.

i) The N. Somerset Councils Housing Strategy for 1997/2000 had been received and circulated to Councillors.

j) N. Somerset Council had circulated a schedule of points raised at a recent Area Liaison Meeting, together with information on action planned or already taken.

1107 Finance

The following cheques were approved and signed:

Connect South West:	Maintenance charges	£4.47
Use of Village Hall		4.00
SWEB:	Use of street light	7.66
SM Wills	Photocopying June/july	12.00

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

R.P. Ball

W. Dewitt

12/9/96

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 12th September, 1996, beginning at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mr G Rutley, Mr B Cannell, Mr P G Jupp and the Clerk.
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Charlesworth.

1108 Minutes of last Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 11th July, 1996, were signed as a true record, with one amendment — in Minute 1105, para (b), — Moor Lane was altered to Walton Street.

1109 Planning:

There were no new matters relating to Planning Applications for discussion.

1110 Clerk's Report:

1) Traffic Calming in Village:

The Clerk reported that the N. Somerset Council had met to discuss possible action following the petition, presented by parishioners of Walton in Gordano. After discussion, the following course of action was agreed:

- a) The introduction of a "gateway" effect on both main approaches to the village
- b) Improved warning signs on the immediate approaches to the built up area (including better signing at the junction with Walton Street).
- c) A review of the carriageway markings through the village and an advisory priority system on Walton Street.

The intention was to introduce these new measures in the current financial year, ie: prior to 31st March, 1997.

The Council noted these modest measures to reduce speeding in the Village, with pleasure.

2) Speed Loop Survey on Coast Road:

The Clerk had written to Mr White, of the Planning & Highways Department of N. Somerset Council, asking for further details on the results of the survey of traffic speed along the Portishead to Clevedon coast road. The results of this survey had been subsumed into the overall review of traffic calming by N. Somerset Council, as outlined in (1) above. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Mr White again, to try and obtain more details of the speed loop survey.

3) Willow trees in Moor Lane:

Sir William Miles has replied to N. Somerset Council, querying whether the offending willow trees are situated on his land. These discussions with the Council will have to be resolved before the willows are trimmed back.

4) Moor Lane - Surface of road.

The poor surface of the road in Moor Lane had been reported to Mr Blissett, of the Highways Department of N. Somerset Council.

5) Millenium Marque:

Mr Simon Wills had declined to have the work, which had been carried out at The Manor House, Walton in Gordano, over recent years, nominated for a Millenium Marque.

6) Compost Bins:

The Walton in Gordano Gardening Club had not taken up the offer from N. Somerset Council, to buy compost bins at a special rate, as most of their members already owned such bins.

7) Cost of re-opening the Coastal Footpath

A letter from N. Somerset Council had been received giving details of the cost of the re-opening of the Coastal Footpath. This information would be passed to interested parishioners.

1111 Councillors' Reports:

The following points were made by Councillors:

- a) The verges in Moor Lane were not cut back sufficiently, especially below Moorside
- b) The state of the road in Moor Lane was deteriorating fast in certain areas
- c) It was agreed that future meetings of the Parish Council would start at 7.00pm, instead of 7.30pm, as at present.

1112 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

a) N. Somerset Council had circulated details of a New Scheme to "Improve the Quality of Life for Elderly Disabled People". Groups were asked to provide innovative schemes to help elderly disabled people, which might be financially supported by N. Somerset Council. The Parish Council noted this Scheme.

b) The AGM of ALCA was to be held on 28th September, 1996.

1113 Finance:

The following cheques were approved and signed:

Cornhill Insurance plc	Insurance	£ 73.80
Mr M A Hollingsworth:	Hire of Marquee	385.00
The Clerk:	Expenses for July/Sept.	150.00
Mrs V Baldwin	Cutting footpaths	70.00
S M Wills:	Photocopying Aug./Sept.	12.00
Village Hall :	Use on 12/9/96	4.00

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

R J Baldwin

W J Deatherage

10/10/96.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 10th October, 1996, beginning at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mr B Cannell, Mr P G Jupp and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Charlesworth and Mr Rutley.

1114: Minutes of last Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 12th September, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1115: Planning :

There were no new matters relating to Planning Applications for discussion.

1116: Clerks' Report :

1) Traffic Calming in Village :

The Council considered Design Plans, setting out the suggested position of traffic signs and other traffic calming measures in the village. It was noted that N. Somerset Council intended to start work on the calming measures on 21st October, 1996.

2) Speed Loop Survey on Coast Road

The Clerk had not yet received the further information requested from N. Somerset Council on the summarised figures already received following the traffic survey on the Coast Road. The Clerk was asked to write again to N. Somerset Council, seeking this further data.

3) Willows in Moor Lane

It was reported that these had now been cut back, and no longer caused an obstruction to high sided vehicles.

4) Moor Lane

The poor surface of the road in Moor Lane was again criticised by Councillors, and the Clerk was asked to speak to Mr Blissett again regarding this problem.

1117: Councillors' Reports

1) The verges in Moor Lane were badly overgrown, and required cutting back; Mr Blissett would be informed.

2) Mr Cannell reported on a Meeting held by the Village Hall Committee. The main topic of discussion had been the increase in charges for the use of the Village Hall. The Parish Council was concerned at the apparent disproportionately large increase in charges to the Table Tennis Club, as compared to other users of the Hall. Mr Cannell, as the Council's representative, was asked to express these views to the Village Hall Committee.

3) The Brook, particularly between Old Rectory Farm and Home Farm, required cleaning out: Mr Blissett would be informed.

1118 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

1) A N. Somerset Council Area Liaison Meeting had been arranged for 31st October, 1996, at Walton in Gordano Village Hall.

2) Proposals for a Footway Watch Scheme, to combat dog fouling, had been received from N. Somerset Council, and were noted.

3) Details of a Park and Ride Conference, to be held in Bath on 30th November, 1996, had been received from CPRE.

4) Community Action had organised a Special Conference on Local Action Global Benefit. It was to be held on 17th October, 1996.

1119 Finance:

1) The Clerk reported that the 2nd half of the 1996/97 Precept, (£850) had just been received from N. Somerset Council.

2) Total expenditure by the Parish Council, from 1st April, 1996 to 30th September, 1996, was £1080.

3) The following cheques were approved and signed:

Connect South West	Maintenance of street light	4.47
SWEB	Use of street light	7.66
Village Hall	Use of Hall on 10th October	4.00

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

R J Ball

W J Denton

14/11/96

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 14th November, 1996, beginning at 7.00pm.

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

Councillor Nigel Ashton (N. Somerset Council) and Sergeant Peter Franklin (Avon and Somerset Constabulary) also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from PC Kevin Rooke.

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Franklin to his first meeting of this Council. Councillor Ashton attended from the Clerks' Report onwards.

1120 Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 10th October, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1121 Planning

1) Planning Application No. 96/1890, for a conservatory to be added to the Old Post Office, Walton in Gordano, was considered by the Council. There were no objections to, or comments on, the proposals, and the Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council accordingly.

2) It was reported that N. Somerset Council will, in future, forward the fourth copy of planning applications, and major amendments, directly to local Councils. This has been an issue with N. Somerset Council for some years.

3) The policy of the former Avon County Council with regard to traffic calming measures and the introduction thereof had recently been approved and adopted by N. Somerset Council. As traffic calming measures were of great interest in Walton in Gordano, the Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council, requesting a copy of this policy document.

1122 Clerks' Report

1) Traffic Calming in Village

Work had started on the proposed traffic calming measures in the village. These were welcomed by the Parish Council, and Councillor Ashton was thanked for his help in getting action on these measures, following the petition submitted by parishioners. The Council would monitor the effect of this traffic calming over coming months, and would liaise again with Councillor Ashton on their findings in the future.

2) Speed loop survey on Coast Road

Further details of the information obtained by N. Somerset Council following the speed loop survey carried out on the Coast Road earlier in the year had been received, and this was circulated to Councillors. A discussion ensued on the danger to local residents of speeding vehicles along the Coast Road. There were long, straight stretches, which encouraged speeding, which was made more dangerous by the number of blind exits from side roads, particularly from the caravan sites. The possible use of mirrors, the cutting back of banks and lowering hedges were discussed, but these measures would require the agreement of the owners of land adjoining the road. Councillor Ashton noted these comments, and promised to pursue these matters within N. Somerset Council. It was clear that the Parish Council needed clear, and authoritative, advice on the principles followed by the relevant authorities when deciding what, if any, traffic calming measures might be introduced in

a section of road. On Sergeant Franklin's advice, the Clerk was asked to write to the Road Safety Officer of Avon and Somerset Constabulary, to seek this expert advice.

3) The Clerk reported on the recent Area Liaison Meeting, held on 31st October, between N. Somerset Councillors and permanent officials and representatives of local Town and Parish Councils. He had found the meeting interesting and useful, but was disappointed at the lack of response by Town and Parish representatives to the information and presentations made by N. Somerset. However, in principle, such liaison meetings were to be welcomed and N. Somerset should be congratulated on making the effort to hold such a meeting.

4) Moor Lane :

Mr Blissett had been acquainted again with the problems in Moor Lane, which still existed. These were :

- a) Subsidence of the road in places.
- b) Poor road surface.
- c) Verges are overgrown.
- d) Brook requires clearing out.

1123 Councillors Reports

The following points were raised by Councillors :

- 1) The parapet of the bridge in Moor Lane was still broken, and was becoming more dangerous. No Tipping signs had been uprooted and were no longer visible.
- 2) The Coastal Footpath (Mariners Way) was reported as dangerous between the Parish boundary and Walton Bay. This would be reported to N. Somerset Council.
- 3) A letter should be sent to N. Somerset Council by the Clerk, thanking them for their **help and speedy** action in carrying out traffic calming measures in the village. This was agreed.
- 4) Low flying helicopters, taking part in an army exercise, had recently caused a disturbance in Walton in Gordano and livestock had been killed and injured. Apparently, an investigation by the MoD was already in hand.

1124 Correspondence not previously dealt with :

- 1) N. Somerset Council's Annual Plan for 1996/97 had been received and was circulated.
- 2) N. Somerset Council was asking for the Parish Council's opinion on its policy on Housing Grants. The Clerk was asked to reply on the Council's behalf.
- 3) A list of Area Tenant Groups and Residents Associations within the North Somerset District had been received, and was noted.
- 4) The Avon and Somerset Constabulary had circulated its District Policing Plan, 1997/98, and had asked Councils for their comments. The Council agreed that High Visibility Policy was of the utmost priority, and asked the Clerk to reply accordingly.
- 5) The current issue of N. Somerset News had been received, and was circulated.

1125 Finance

- 1) Following a request for support, the Council agreed to make a donation of £25 to the North Woodspring Victim Support Group.
- 2) The following cheques were approved and signed :

	<u>£ .p</u>
N. Woodspring Victim Support Group ; Donation	25.00
Village Hall _ Use of Hall	4.00
Mr M Phillips Refreshments on 31st October	8.35

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked our visitors for attending and giving the Council their advice, and closed the meeting at 8.16pm.

R D Bell

W Benthley 12/12/96

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Mr G Rutley and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Charlesworth.

1126 Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 14th November, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1127 Planning

A copy of the policy regarding the introduction of Traffic Calming measures by N. Somerset Council had been requested by the Clerk, but this document turned out to be simply the Council's policy towards the introduction of road humps. The Parish Council noted this policy.

1128 Clerk's Report

1) Traffic Calming in the Village :

The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council, thanking them for their speedy action in introducing traffic calming measures in Walton village.

2) Speed loop Survey :

A reply had been received from the Police Road Safety Officer to the Council's letter asking for help in interpreting the information gained from the traffic speed survey on the Coast Road last February. The reply was very negative and not very helpful. The Council asked the Clerk to contact ALCA and Nigel Ashton, District Councillor, to see whether they had any guidance as to how this information on traffic speed might best be utilised.

3) Moor Lane :

The Clerk had written to Mr Blissett, outlining the Council's worries with regard to the state of the road, verges, 'No Tipping' signs and a broken bridge parapet in Moor Lane. A reply had been received, indicating repair work on all these problems was in hand.

4) Street Light in Village :

The only street light in the village was not working, and S.W. Connect had been informed. The Clerk was asked to chase again for its repair.

5) Coastal Footpath :

Mr Jupp had provided N. Somerset Council with details of the damage to the Coastal Path near Redcliffe Bay; the Council indicated that temporary repairs would be carried out.

1129 Councillors' Reports :

1) The paths in the village had not been swept for sometime. The Clerk would contact the appropriate Council Department.

2) The Council's plans for recognising the Millennium would be discussed at the next meeting.

1130 Correspondence not previously dealt with

1) N. Somerset Council had circulated a Community Safety Strategy to all Parish Councils. The questionnaire attached to the Strategy was discussed, and would be completed and returned to N. Somerset Council.

2) The Village Orderly Scheme, organised by N. Somerset Council, was considered inappropriate for Walton in Gordano, due to the funding on offer being insufficient to attract anyone to act as a village orderly.

3) A letter from Avon and Somerset Constabulary, informing the Council of changes to the local Police Districts, was noted.

4) Draft Registers of Electors had been received and would be posted on Notice Boards.

1131 Finance

The following cheques were agreed and Signed :

The Clerk	expenses	£150.00
Petty Cash		40.00
Use of Village Hall		4.00
S M Wills	Typing	12.00

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.44pm.

RJ Ballin

W. Bentley 12/1/97

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in
Gordano, on Thursday, 9th January, 1997, beginning at 7.00pm.

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

1132. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Clerk apologised for the late circulation of the Minutes, due to illness. The Minutes of the Meeting of 12th December, 1996, were signed as a true record.

1133 Planning

There were no relevant matters to discuss under this heading.

1134 Clerks Report

1) Traffic speed along Coast Road

N. Somerset Council had forwarded copies of those sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, which referred to Local Speed Limits, for the information of the Parish Council. However, this information had already been obtained and read by members of the Parish Council.

2) Notice of 30mph Speed Limit in Walton

N. Somerset Council had informed the Parish Council that a 30mph speed limit was proposed for :

- a) The B3124 Walton Road, from 35 metres south west of Holly Lane in a north easterly direction for 130metres.
- b) The entire length of Brackenwood Road.
- c) The entire length of Holly Lane, from the B3124 to Castle Road.

The Parish Council could not understand why these roads qualified for a 30mph speed limit, while the stretch of road through the centre of the village of Walton remained unrestricted. This seemed illogical, and the Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council for more information on why these roads were afforded a 30mph speed limit, and the centre of the village was not.

3) Coastal Footpath :

Mrs J Reed, PROW Officer for N. Somerset Council, had arranged for post and rail fencing to be erected in three locations along the Coastal footpath, near footpaths LA 18/6 and LA 17/11, in response to the Parish Council's concerns as to the danger to walkers along this stretch of coastal footpath.

1135 Councillors' Reports

The following points were raised :

- a) The parapet of the bridge in Moor Lane, which had been damaged sometime ago, was getting worse. Mr Blissett had been informed.
- b) A stile on Homeground, owned by the Miles Estate, was noted as being very wobbly and unsafe.
- c) N. Somerset Council had responded quickly to requests to salt icy roads in the Parish during the recent cold spell.

1136 Correspondence not previously dealt with

- 1) A meeting of the N. Somerset Group of ALCA would be held on 19th February.
- 2) Copies of the Events Review brochure, issued by N. Somerset Council, were circulated.

3) N. Somerset Council had circulated details of Winscombe PCs 'What to do with your Rubbish' campaign. Councillors agreed that Walton in Gordano had too few residents and was too spread out for such a scheme to be successful here, and N. Somerset Council would be informed accordingly.

4) N. Somerset Council had asked for details of any written walks within the Parish. A copy of Jim Dyer's booklet on walks in Gordano would be referred to the Council.

5) A questionnaire on Environmental Audit would be completed and returned to N. Somerset Council.

1137 Finance

a) 1997/98 Precept

The Precept for 1997/98 was discussed, and it was agreed that a precept of £1700 would be requested. This is the same as in 1996/97. This assumed that no costs arising from the forthcoming General Election would fall on the Parish Council. The Clerk would enquire about this before confirming the Precept.

b) Millennium Fund

It was agreed that a Millennium Fund would be established by transferring £350 from accrued reserves to a new Fund. The intention would be to transfer £350 to this Fund in both 1998 and 1999, so that a fund of around £1000 would be available to celebrate the Millennium. Precisely how this amount could best be spent was still to be decided.

c) Cheques

The following cheque was approved and signed ;
Use of Village Hall £4.00

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

R D Ball

[Signature]
13/2/97

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

1138. Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 9th January, 1997, were signed as a true record.

1139. Planning

The Clerk reported that N. Somerset Council had indicated its intention to allow Members of the Public to speak in support of their Planning Applications in the future.

Otherwise, there were no relevant planning matters to consider.

1140. Clerk's Report.

1) Traffic Speed Limit in Walton.

a) The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council, querying why a 30mph speed limit was about to be introduced along the B3124, near Holly Lane, while such a speed limit was not considered appropriate through the village itself.

b) The Clerk had written to Councillor Nigel Ashton, asking for advice on what further action the Parish Council might take in pressing its case for the introduction of a lower speed limit along the Portishead/ Clevedon Coast Road.

2) The Questionnaire on Environmental Audit had been completed and sent off to N. Somerset Council.

1141. Councillors' Reports .

The following points were raised :

a) The Gordano Valley Conservation Group were applying for a grant from Rural Action for spending on tools and other requirements. Mrs Charlesworth enquired whether the Group might use the Parish Council's Bank Account for dealing with such a Grant. Following discussion, the Parish Council expressed strong reservations on the use of its Bank Account for matters other than strictly relating to the Parish Council. It asked for further background information on the Gordano Valley Conservation Group, if it wished to pursue its request.

b) It was reported that work on repairs to Moor Lane might begin in two weeks or so, carried out by contractors for N. Somerset Council.

c) To improve the view from a blind exit, residents had asked that the Council seek the repositioning of a Post Box situated near the Walton Bay Caravan Shop along the Coast road. The Post Box stood next to a Telephone Box. The owner of the relevant land, Mr Rowles, had indicated informally that he would not object to a reasonable resiting of the Pillar Box. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries of the appropriate authorities.

d) It was reported that the verges along the Coast Road were strewn with litter, and the Clerk would try and get it cleared.

1142 Correspondence not previously dealt with.

1) A summary report had been received of N. Somerset Council's Organisation Review, which it had commissioned. This was circulated to Councillors.

- 2) Notice of a National Spring Clean Week, from 18th to 27th April, 1997, had been received. Councillors noted this information.
- 3) Advance Notice had been received that the Annual Business Meeting, between N. Somerset Council and Parish Councils, would be held on Wednesday, 26th March, at 7.30pm.
- 4) Copies of the Register of Electors had been received, and these would be exhibited in the Parish.

1143. Finance

- 1) The Clerk reported that £350 had been transferred to a Millennium Fund, as agreed at the last meeting.
- 2) Confirmation that the Council's 1997/98 Precept would be £1700 had been received.
- 3) The following cheques were agreed and signed :

	<u>£.p</u>
SW Connect : Maintenance of Street Light	4.47
SWEB : Use of Electricity	6.93
Village Hall : Use of Village Hall	4.00

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

R J Ballin

W J Dewitz

13/3/97

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 13th March, 1997, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

There were no apologies for absence.

1144. Minutes of the last Meeting;

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 13th February, 1997, were signed as a true record.

1145. Planning;

a) It was reported that the Planning Application made in respect of a conservatory to be added to The Old Post Office, Walton Street, Walton in Gordano, had been refused on the grounds that the conservatory, as designed, would have had a detrimental impact on the property and the character of the Conservation Area.

b) A list of the projects included in the 1997/98 Programme of Works to be undertaken by N. Somerset Council had been received, and was noted by the Council.

1146. Clerk's Report.

a) Repositioning of Post Box on Coast Road;

The Clerk had written to Mr Gary Fudge, Customer Services Officer, Royal Mail, with regard to the possible repositioning of this Post Box. Mr Fudge was investigating the request, and would contact the Clerk again in the near future.

b) Litter along the Coast Road.

It was reported that there had been no improvement in the litter strewn along the verges of the Coast Road, and the Clerk would contact N. Somerset Council to ask that some action should be taken. Councillors agreed that road sweeping throughout the Parish seemed to be less regular than it used to be, and the replacement of broken refuse bins was urgent if the Parish was to be kept tidy.

1147. Councillors' Reports.

It was reported that;

a) The daffodils planted by TWIGS in the Parish were now looking particularly nice.

b) The road surface in Moor Lane was getting worse, and the promised work on it had not yet begun.

c) The scheduled repair work on the Coast Path at Redland Bay had not yet started.

d) The signposts in the centre of the village were in need of refurbishment.

1148. Correspondence not previously dealt with.

a) N. Somerset Council had asked for information on the clubs making use of the Village Hall, for their records. This request would be passed to the Secretary of the Village Hall.

b) The Parish Council considered the implications of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act, 1996, but did not consider that there were any particular areas within the Parish which required special designation within the Act.

c) N. Somerset Council had asked for the views of the Parish Council on the operation of the "Liaison Officer System".

1149. Finance.

The following cheques were agreed and signed,		£	p
Village Hall	Use by Parish Council	4	00
S M Wills	Typing and photocopying Jan/march	18	00
W P Weatherhogg	Clerks expenses: Jan/March.	150	00

1150. Other Relevant Business:

a) Annual Parish Meeting;

It was agreed that the 1997 Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday, 8th May, 1997, beginning at 8.30pm, after the monthly Parish Council meeting. The Village Hall, WI and PCC would be invited to give reports at the meeting, as in previous years. The Clerk would ask Mr Ashton if he could provide a speaker on Transport matters.

b) Parish Information Sheet;

The Council agreed that the monthly Information Sheey provided a useful means to spread news and information throughout the Parish. It was welcomed by the people who read it, and the format seemed successful.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

B. J. Baker

W. Beatty

21/4/97