

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 21st April, 1997, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Charlesworth and Mr B Cannell.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Alan Moss, from N. Somerset Council, who was the "liaison" officer between that Council and the Parish Council.

1151. Minutes of the last Meeting

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

1152. Planning

There were no matters to discuss under this heading.

1153. Clerk's Report

a) Repositioning of Post Box on Coast Road

There was no further news on this from Mr Fudge, of Royal Mail, and the Clerk would chase this up.

b) Litter along the Coast Road

In reply to the Clerk's queries, the Waste Unit of N. Somerset Council were due to carry out their regular collection of waste from the verges on the Coast Road on Friday, 25th April.

c) Road surface in Moor Lane

The Clerk was awaiting information from Mr Blissett on when the work on Moor Lane was likely to be carried out.

d) Wooden Bridges on Coast Path

Mrs Reed, of N. Somerset Council, had been reminded that the three bridges, between LA 17/7 and LA 17/11, along the Coast Path, as promised in her letter of 19th December, 1996, had still not been built.

e) Change of Community Policeman

The Clerk reported that PC Charlie Burt, of Portishead Police Station, had taken over from PC Kevin Rooke, of Clevedon Station, as the Parish Council's Community Policeman.

f) Speed Limit through Walton in Gordano Village

The Clerk reported that no reply had yet been received to his letter on this subject to Mr T E J Simpkins, N. Somerset Council, dated 5th February, 1997. Mr Moss promised to take this up within Somerset Council.

1154 Councillors' Reports

The following points were raised :

a) Maintenance of Street Light

The one street light at Cross Tree junction had again failed, and Connect South West were slow in coming out to repair it. The Clerk reported that from 1st April, 1997, the cost of maintaining the light would rise from around £17 p.a. to £40p.a. Councillors criticised this large increase, and asked the Clerk to write to Connect South West, saying that the Council would maintain the light in the future.

b) Cars covered with Brown Dust

WALTON

It was reported that cars parked in the Redeliff Bay area were regularly covered with a thin film of brown dust. It had been suggested that this dust might come from the Steel Works at Llanwern, Newport. It was suggested that a sample of the dust should be collected and sent to the Environment Section of N. Somerset Council, for analysis.

c) Erection of more permanent homes at Walton Bay

It was reported that there were rumours that more permanent chalet type homes were to be erected at Walton Bay. The Council was concerned that, if true, this could make worse the traffic problems along the Coast Road. Mr Moss agreed to enquire as to what, if any, the planning implications might be.

1155 Correspondence not previously dealt with

- a) An update on the operation of the N. Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association was noted.
- b) A poster on Musuem Week in Weston super Mare would be posted on the Notice Board.
- c) A brochure on Protocol, issued by the N. Somerset Council, was noted.
- d) Changes in routes of the Mobile Library Service would be published within the Parish.
- e) A public and management information system was to be presented on 26th April in the Winter Gardens, Weston super Mare, beginning at 6.00pm
- f) The next meeting of the N. Somerset Environmental Group would be held at Blagdon on 28th April.
- g) The next meeting of ALCA would be held on 14th May, at Wrington.
- h) Lists of candidates and polling stations for the forthcoming General Election would be posted in the Parish.
- i) A list of walks in the Forest of Avon would be posted on the Notice Board.
- j) N. Somerset Council had asked for details of any obstructions to Public Rights of Way within the Parish. The Clerk would send a "nil" return.

1156. Finance

- a) The Clerk reported that the first half of the 1997/98 Precept had been received and banked viz; £850.
- b) The following cheques were agreed and signed :

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>£. p</u>
000169	SWEB use of electricity	6.93
170	ALCA 1997/98 Sub.	45.05
171	ALCA Local Council Review	8.95
172	Connect SW Maintenance of light	4.47
173	Village Hall use	4.00
174	ALCA Brochure re. Accounts	4.99

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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W Denton 8/5/97

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Monday, 8th May, 1997, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

PC Charlie Burt was welcomed to his first meeting as Community Policeman.

1157. Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April, 1997, were amended as follows ;

In 1154, Para. (b), "Redcliff Bay" was amended to "Walton Bay".

The Minutes were then signed as a correct record.

1158. Planning.

Planning Application No. 97/0809 had been received, in respect of the formation of an access drive/parking in front of Plum Tree Cottage, Clevedon Road, Walton. The Council had no objection, but the Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council asking that the colour and texture of the surface of the drive should be compatible with the surrounding area, ~~ie; the lay by~~. 67

1159. Clerk's Report.

a) Repositioning of Post Box.

A letter had been received from Royal Mail, agreeing that the Post Box on the Coast Road, at Walton Bay, did obstruct the view of motorists leaving the nearby side road. Moving the box back was difficult, due to the terrain of the ground, and the alternative suggestions were for a smaller box on a supporting pole, or moving the existing box to the forecourt of Walton Bay Stores. Mr Rutley agreed to canvass the views of both the owners of the shop and local residents and report back to the Council.

b) Litter along the Coast Road.

The regular collection of litter had been made recently, but the collection did not extend to all the Coast Road in the Parish. The lorry sweeping the road seemed to stop where the pavement ended near the Golf Course. The existing litter had been blown away by the high winds and not cleared by the contractors.

c) Road surface in Moor Lane.

The poor surface of the road in Moor Lane was again commented on by Councillors. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Blissett again on the problem.

d) Wooden fences on Coast Path.

Mrs Reed, of the footpaths section of N. Somerset Council, was now aware that the security barriers promised between LA 17/7 and LA 17/9 of the Coast Path had not been put up yet, and she would enquire when these might be completed.

e) Maintainance of Street Light.

The Clerk confirmed that the maintenance agreement with Connect South West had now been cancelled. The Chairman had contacted Mr Brian Tucker, who had kindly agreed to carry out any maintenance on the light in the future.

1160. Councillors' Reports.

The following points were raised :

- a) The litter in Moor Lane was getting worse, but was now being covered over with grass and weeds. The "No Tipping" signs had been pushed over.
- b) One of the new road signs at the Clevedon end of the Village was obstructing the view of those emerging from a farm track adjacent to the sign.
- c) The road markings at Cross Tree junction, for cars wishing to turn right along the B3124, were not clear and required some attention.

1161. Correspondence not previously dealt with

- a) A change in some local postcodes had been notified to the Council, but none affected the residents of Walton.
- b) Details of a new Frozen Meals on Wheels service, to be provided by N. Somerset Council, would be put on the Notice Board.
- c) The AGM of the CPRE would be held on 14th May, at Weston in Gordano Village Hall.
- d) Details of the Environment Festival for 1997 would be put on the Notice Board.
- e) An advert. for exhibitions at the Museum in Weston super Mare, would also be put on the Notice Board.
- f) A survey of Rural Services was completed and would be posted by the Clerk.
- g) A Green Paper for Consultation on Joint Strategic Planning was circulated for consideration.
- h) The official launch of the Joint Severn Estuary Issues Report, was to be held at the Winter Gardens, Weston super Mare, on Monday, 19th May.

1162 Finance

Cheques were agreed and signed for :		£. p
Cornhill Insurance	Insurance for Council	80.08
Use of Village Hall		4.00

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

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12/6/97

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Walton in Gordano, held in the Village Hall, on Thursday, 8th May, 1997, beginning at 8.30pm.

Present : Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs M A Charlesworth, Mr B Cannell, Mr P Jupp and Mr G Rutley, together with the Clerk. Ten parishioners and visitors were also present. Apologies for absence were received from Father John Smart, Mr G Rowles, Mrs A Hollingsworth, Sue Betts and Mrs Cooling.

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting, especially the special guests, Mr Noel Edwards, Director of Planning, Highways and Transportation at N. Somerset Council, and Mr Nigel Ashton, District Councillor.

2. Minutes of last Meeting.

Copies of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on 25th April, 1996, had been distributed, and it was agreed that they represented a true record of that meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

3. Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Chairman gave the following report ;

Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting.

Finances : In the year to 31st March, 1997, this Council received income of £1754, made up of our precept and a little interest. We spent £1531 of this, and so were able to put £223 into our reserves, which now stand at £1942. The Council has asked for a Precept of £1700 for 1997/98,

The Parish Council meets every month, except August, to consider Parish matters. During the year, a Petition was presented to the Council, asking that some action should be taken to reduce the speed of traffic in and around the Parish. As a result of this action, certain traffic calming measures were put into place. It remains to be seen what effect these measures will have. Also, speed loops were placed at several places in the Parish, to assess the speed of traffic. However, the results did not lead to any action from the authorities who considered the results.

Several works of maintenance were carried out in the Parish during the year. These included repairs to the wall outside Church Farm, caused by a road accident; repairs to the wall on the corner of Moor Lane, and repairs to the bridge parapet in Moor Lane. During the year, the Coast Path was reopened at Walton Bay, at long last.

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

N. Somerset Council have agreed to instal wooden safety barriers at three dangerous places along the Coast Path at Walton Bay, and we will keep an eye on progress.

The sum of £350 will be put aside in 1997, 1998 and 1999 to provide a Millennium Fund. Ideas as to how this Fund might best be spent, would be welcomed.

Once again the Annual Rounders Match was a great success.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their hard work and support. Also the Clerk, who runs the whole show, and special thanks to my wife, Val, who distributes the Information Sheet, and looks after the flower bed around the Cross Tree.

4. District Councillors' Report

a) Traffic around Portishead.

Mr Nigel Ashton commented that the success of the local docks and light industrial areas was increasing the flow of traffic around Portishead and its surrounds. This increasing load was being made worse by the construction work at Junction 19 of the M5, and the long delays there were tending to push more traffic along the country roads, such as through Walton in Gordano.

A temporary solution was needed for Junction 19, although the attitude of the Highways Agency was not helpful.

b) Coast Path.

The Coast path was being patched up as much as funds would allow, but it was recognised that this was a never ending problem, and only limited funds could be allocated to this work.

c) Traffic signs in the Village.

Mr Ashton commented favourably on the work on improving traffic signs in the Village, although he appreciated that the relatively inexpensive option had been chosen. Even so, hopefully the traffic is being slowed through the Village. Along the Coast Road, the speed of some drivers was causing concern. Perhaps chicanes at the entrances and exits to the Parish might be helpful.

Mr Ashton was thanked for his help in acting as spokesman for the parishioners, and for getting the signs erected in the village.

5. Traffic through Rural Parishes.

Mr Noel Edwards, Director of Planning, Highways and Transportation at N. Somerset Council, was introduced and spoke on this subject. He began by outlining the projected increase in urbanisation of 25% in N. Somerset over the next 20 years, and the problems that this would cause in order to maintain existing services, such as roads, water supplies etc. as well as safeguarding the environment, and the existing quality of life of those living in the area. 44,000 new houses were forecast to be built in the Avon area up to 2001, and unless the number of traffic users was controlled, traffic conditions could only become worse. Junction 19 was a particular problem at the moment; the terms of the contract kept altering as new work was found to be necessary and this was extending the time spent by the contractors on the work.

Against this general background, Mr Edwards turned to the specific problem of traffic speed through Walton in Gordano. There were three main aspects of the problem :

a) Technical :

The speed of traffic through Walton village had been monitored and found to be mainly between 40 and 50 mph. The options to reduce speed were :

1) Traffic signals at Cross Tree junction. This would be expensive, and might change the character of the village.

2) A priority system for traffic, either painted lines in the road, or extend the curbs to control traffic. But again, this might affect the character of the village.

3) A 30mph speed limit. It would not be good practice to impose a speed limit on such a short piece of road, and the Chief Constable would not support it.

Having considered these options, Mr Edwards' Department concluded that traffic signs would be the best option.

b) Political :

In order to involve Parishes more closely in the decision making process, all Parishes had been asked for their top priorities in dealing with road traffic problems in their Parishes. These priorities had been put before the N. Somerset Council, who had considered them and drawn up their own list of priorities. They had concentrated on those areas where fatal accidents had occurred recently.

c) Resources :

The amount N. Somerset spent on roads was closely controlled by the Government. There were only limited funds for transport matters, and the Council had decided to concentrate their limited resources so that the work done would have an impact on the problem. The work was to be concentrated on the busiest traffic corridors, which included roads such as the A370 and B3124, through Walton.

In summing up, Mr Edwards said that the parishioners' attempts to curb the speed of traffic through Walton in Gordano were well founded, but they should consider what effect any measures would have on the character of the village. He invited the Parish to repeat its request for traffic calming measures, which were likely to be the chicane type, not ramps, as these were not favoured by the rescue services, such as ambulances. A revised application would have his support.

During a general discussion, the following main points were made :

- a) The speed of traffic along the Coast Road had not yet been tackled, but, in fact, more people lived along the Coast Road than in the village, where all the work on signs had been carried out.
- b) The real need was to educate some drivers, because some will ignore signs, however many are put up.
- c) Can the weight of vehicles along country roads be limited, as large supermarket lorries and car transporters had been seen going through the narrow streets of Walton, where they caused substantial noise and vibration. This would have to be looked into, but in the past, it has not been easy to regulate lorries.
- d) The main obstacle to speed restrictions are the police, who are reluctant to see restrictions put in place, when they would be difficult to enforce.
- e) The advice given by the Department of Transport on the length of road required for a 30mph limit, is not statutory, but is only advisory.
- f) The road markings at Cross Tree junction were not clear, and wanted looking at. Mr Ashton agreed to follow this up. Arrows indicating the correct line for traffic to follow might be helpful.

At the end of the discussion, the Chairman thanked Mr Edwards, and Mr Ashton, for their interesting, and helpful contributions. Mr Edwards had given valuable pointers for the way forward.

5) A) Report from the PCC

Jocelyn Davies reported on behalf of the PCC as follows :

During the inspection for the Quinquennial, urgent work was found to be necessary for the safety of the Organist, to prevent her from falling through the floor. A retrospective faculty was granted by the authorities in Wells, who also gave the go-ahead for the exterior pointing of the south wall, but queried our plans for the interior redecoration which is becoming ever more necessary. They are suggesting costlier work that is appropriate for a mediaeval church, rather than one built in the early 19th Century. Discussions are going on about this.

Des Songer has been contracted to keep the church yard tidy and many favourable comments have been forthcoming. Unfortunately, last week his mower was stolen from outside the church whilst he was collecting the rest of his equipment from the church yard. The new seat is in position by the memorial garden, the cost of the seat was covered by donations. The garden has been edged with kerb stones from some of the neglected graves. On her retirement, Reverend Mary Richards planted in the garden a rooted cutting from the philadelphus growing near the gate; another cutting was put into a decorative pot and given to her. A separate fund has been set up for maintenance of the church yard and it is receiving regular donations. Hopefully, we look forward to receiving a donation from the Parish Council.

Charity donations this year came to about £1500; this included the collections, the Flower Festival etc

collections made at the special services such as Rogation, the Flower Festival etc. which were very well supported, Money has gone to The Childrens Society, the Woodspring Deposit Guarantee Board, the British Legion, Missions to Seamen, Christian Aid, Oxfam, The Julian Trust, U.S.P.G., RNLI, W.W.F., and to a medical mission in Zaire, with which we have contact through the daughter and son in law of Mr and Mrs Greenhill.

A new acquisition this year has been that of two powerful fan heaters, which make the church considerably warmer. There have been some problems with the clock, partly due to the fact that some components, which should have been made of stainless steel, were not. However, the electrification of the clock has nothing to do with the extra chimes that we have been hearing lately, 15 at noon for instance.

B) Report from the WI.

Mary Blake provided the following report on behalf of the WI, which was read out by the Clerk :

We have 34 members with an average attendance of 27.

We have had several very interesting talks, ranging from "how to make up hanging baskets", "a year in the life of a Lord Mayor" to "Customs and Excise" and "Keeping your hair on ". We also have celebrated Christmas with a dinner at the Golf Club, our 67th birthday with a dinner here in the Village Hall, the WIs 100th birthday with cake and wine, on which day in February, the Church bell was rung 100times by a member. We were entertained at our birthday party by Mr and Mrs Traill presenting "Noel Cowards Sparkling Years", which brought back memories for one visitor, of visiting his house with her uncle many years ago.

We have monthly competitions with small prizes awarded annually to the 3 highest scorers and we organise a produce and handicraft show in September in which many villagers as well as members enter. The Patchwork Club continues to thrive and we have had social events, coffee mornings, barbeques and a Ploughmans Lunch, when individual members have raised money to give to Clevedon Stroke Club. We also have a sales table every month, which provides extra finance to run our WI successfully. We meet on the 3rd Thursday at 7.30pm, here in the Hall, and would love to welcome anyone to join our meetings. They do not have to be resident in the Parish.

C) Report from the Village Hall Committee.

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

This has been a fairly quiet year for the Village Hall, but one which has seen a record number of bookings, with the Hall in use on 196 days throughout the year. Together with a highly successful fete, in which £1490 was raised, split equally between the Hall and the Church, the total income for the year was £2090. No grants were received. The total expenditure was £1372, and of the surplus, £218 has been retained and £500 transferred to the Floor Replacement Fund, which now stands at £1432.

Revised hiring charges were brought in towards the end of the year. These are now more closely aligned to the charges made by other local halls. The largest increases were for "outside" users.

Amongst the major users were two bands, a singing group, the WI, and of course, table tennis. The Nailsea League continue to play in the Hall, and we now have a local Youth Team, as well as regular Sunday afternoon play for villagers.

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Despite the frequent use of the Hall by outside hirers, the Bookings Secretary, Maurice Phillips, continued to make sure that villagers had priority, and there were 17 private parties during the year.

The Committee has plans for some maintenance and decoration during next year, and is awaiting the outcome of an application to the Lottery Charities Board for a grant to refurbish the electrical system and redecorate the kitchen.

Val Baldwin is doing a first rate job cleaning the Hall, and she and Bob are now cutting the grass. Our thanks to them, and to all who help to keep the Hall active.

The Chairman thanked all the contributors for their interesting reports, and wished the PCC, WI and Village Hall a successful 1997/98.

6) Other Business.

The following were the main points raised under "Other business" ;

a) The dumping of rubbish in the Parish, particularly in Moor Lane, was increasing and regular collections were not taking place.

b) A "Road Narrow" sign had been badly placed next to a Yew tree, which was almost obscuring it now.

c) The irregular flow of the brook was still evident, and the Council was asked to make certain that the Golf Club was not exceeding its abstraction allowance under its licence. The adverse effects of a low flow on the environment, especially wildlife, and the hazard to health the brook might represent if not flowing well, were commented on. The Chairman assured the meeting that everything had been done to ensure that the golf club was adhering to the terms of its licence, and the Council had been invited to the club to be shown its irrigation system. The comments of the Fire Authority should be sought on the low flow.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending what had been an informative and helpful meeting, and closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

K J Baldwin

W Bentley

14/5/98

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 12th June, 1997, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

Mr Alan Moss gave his apologies for absence.

1163 Election of Chairman;

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously, that Mr Baldwin should be elected as Chairman for the coming year.

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

1164 Election of Vice-Chairman:

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously, that Mrs Charlesworth should be elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

Mrs Charlesworth then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form as Vice-Chairman.

1165 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.

1166 Minutes of last Meeting;

The Minutes of the Meeting of 8th May, 1997, were signed as a true record, following the deletion of "i.e. the lay by", at the end of Para. 1158-Planning.

1167: Planning;

There were no matters to be discussed under this heading.

1168 Clerk's Report;

a) Maintenance of Street Light;

A letter from Connect South West was read out, offering to replace the existing lamp with a reconditioned 80w. mercury lamp, for £52 +VAT. The reconditioned lamp should not need any maintenance for at least 2 years, and should be more reliable than the existing light. Councillors agreed to accept this quote, as long as the present annual maintenance agreement could be discontinued, and the annual maintenance cost of £40 could be stopped. The cost of electricity used by the lamp should also be reduced, as the existing lamp of 150w. would be replaced by a 80w. bulb.

b) Repositioning of Post Box

Mr Rutley reported that the general feeling of the local residents seemed to be that the existing post box should be moved 400mm back ie. as far as possible in view of the bank at the rear of the site. The suggestions that the post box might be sited on the forecourt of the shop, or be replaced by a lamp type letter box mounted on a pedestal, were not well received. The Clerk would pass these comments to the Royal Mail.

c) Coast Path

The wooden fences had now been erected, and Mrs Reed would be thanked for her help. The path was overgrown with weeds and shrubs in some places, and Mrs Reed would be informed to see if any action could be taken.

d) Moor Lane;

Councillors expressed concern that the surface of this road was getting worse, and that the verges and bridge were very overgrown, and litter was being dumped on the verges. Mr Blissett would be informed of these concerns.

e) Traffic Calming in Walton;

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Nigel Ashton, to see if any progress had been made with possible further traffic calming measures, as discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

1169 Councillors' Reports;

Apart from points which are covered above, the following was raised;

A hedge was causing pedestrians problems as it was overgrown and protruded on to a pathway adjoining the coast road. The hedge was situated just to the west of Walton Bay Stores on the coast road. It was thought that the house where the hedge was situated was not occupied. The Clerk was asked to establish whether the Parish Council had any powers or responsibility in this matter.

1170 Correspondence not previously dealt with

- a) Details of an Environment Festival '97 would be put on the Notice Board.
- b) The District Policing Plan was circulated for members to consider.
- c) Details of Clevedon Bandstand Concerts would be put on the Notice Board.
- d) N. Somerset Council's Annual Plan was circulated to members.

1171 Finance:

a) The auditors had asked for a Receipts & Payments Account for the current year, instead of carrying out a full audit. This would be provided by the Clerk.

b) Subscriptions and Donations

The existing agreement that subscriptions and donations should represent about 25% of the Council's annual precept needed to be reviewed. This would be done at the next meeting.

c) The following cheques were agreed and signed :

		<u>£</u>	<u>p</u>
S M Wills	Typing/ photocopying	12.00	
B N Promotions	Replacing bulb in street light	25.00	
W P Weatherhogg	Clerk's expenses	150.00	
W P Weatherhogg	Petty Cash	40.00	
Village Hall	Use of Hall on 12/6/97	4.00	
Mr Hollingsworth	Cost of marquee	385.00	

The Clerk was asked to point out to the Village Hall Committee that any future grants for the Village Fete would be considered in the light of the Council's financial circumstances at that time, and no guarantee that payments would continue in the future could be given now.

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

R A Bell

W P Weatherhogg 10/7/97

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 10th July, 1997, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nigel Ashton.

1172 Minutes of last Meeting;

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on 12th June, 1997, were approved and signed as a correct record.

1173 Planning;

There were two Planning Applications for consideration:

a) No.97/1094 Brookside Cottage, Walton in Gordano, for the demolition of a single storey extension and the erection of a two storey extension. The Council had no objections to this application, but were concerned that the materials used, and the colour finish, of the proposed extension should be compatible with the existing building and its colour.

b) No. 97/1164 and 1164/LB: a new conservatory and internal alterations to the Manor House, Walton in Gordano. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

1174 Clerks' Report:

a) Replacement of Street Light

The Clerk confirmed that the replacement lamp would be maintained free for a year by Connect South West, and thereafter would be repaired on an "as needed" basis, each repair to be paid for seperately, although it was expected that the replacement lamp should last for at least 2 years. On this basis, the Clerk had authorised the replacement of the street light at a cost, including VAT, of £61 10. The lamp had now been replaced, but a fault with the electrical supply now required attention by SWEB. The Clerk would chase SWEB.

b) Repositioning of Post Box:

A meeting on site had been held with Royal Mail, attended by Mr Jupp, Mr Rutley, Mr Rowles and the Clerk. Mr Parsons, of Royal Mail, had listened to the request that the existing post box should be retained, but moved 400mm back into the hedge. This would allow more visibility for car drivers leaving the nearby road, but would not provide full visibility. Mr Parsons noted this request but said that Royal Mail was duty bound to make the exit as safe as possible, and this would probably mean providing a pedestal type post box. However, having heard the comments of the Councillors, he would let the Council know what Royal Mail proposed in due course.

c) Coast Path:

The Clerk had contacted Mrs Reed and she had confirmed that the weeds and shrubs on the Coast Path were due to be cut in the near future.

d) Traffic Calming:

The Clerk had spoken to Councillor Nigel Ashton, to enquire whether there had been any further developments on traffic calming in Walton since the discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillor Ashton confirmed that further speed checks had been carried out in the village since the traffic signs had been put up. The early indications were that there had been little change in the speed of traffic through the village. The introduction of

chicanes was a possibility and Councillor Ashton would ask N. Somerset Council to consider this. He pointed out that local Councils could now fund traffic schemes themselves, but in view of Walton's lack of funds, this possibility seemed remote. Councillor Ashton would contact the Council again when he had anything to report.

e) Moor Lane:

Mr Blissett had been sent a letter, pointing out that:

- 1) the surface of Moor Lane was deteriorating further
- 2) the verges were not being cut and were now overgrown
- 3) rubbish had been deposited on the side of the road
- 4) the bridge was becoming overgrown with weeds and shrubs
- 5) the traffic and "no tipping" signs along the road had either been pulled down or were so faded that they could not be read

f) Hedge on Coast Road:

The Parish council had been advised that as the hedge was on private land, the owners of the house should be asked to cut the hedge back. However, N. Somerset Council had been notified and would have a look at the hedge.

g) Payment for Marquee:

A cheque for £385 had been sent to the Village Hall Committee, with a note saying that future grants could not be guaranteed, and would depend on the finance available to the Parish Council at the time when the grant was being considered. This was accepted by the Village Hall Committee.

1175 Councillors' Reports:

The following points were raised:

- a) The condition of Moor Lane was commented on, supporting the points already made above in the Clerks Report.
- b) A "Priority Right of Way" traffic sign near Cross Tree Junction might be better sited nearer an adjacent brick wall.
- c) The road lines at Cross Tree Junction needed repainting.
- d) The Chairman recommended that, in future, if Councillors had relatively minor points to raise, such as maintenance jobs on the highway, they should contact the Clerk between meetings, and the Clerk would then progress the requests, at his discretion. This was agreed to by the Council.

1176 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

- a) A poster to advertise the Schools Reception Class would be put on the Notice Board
- b) Notice of the N. Somerset Levels & Moors Open Day, to be held on 13th July, 1997, had been received.
- c) A Rights of Way Open Forum would be held in Weston super Mare on 20th October, 1997
- d) Notice of the opening of a New Farm by the Wildlife Trust on 18th July had been received
- e) The Community Health Newsletter was circulated
- f) A recommendation to purchase a flagpole and flags from the Millennium Fund had been made by Rosemary Tucker. This suggestion was noted for future consideration.

1177 Finance:

a) Subscriptions and Donations:

The Clerk circulated a list of subscriptions and donations paid by the Council over the past three years. After discussion, the Council agreed to restrict regular annual subscriptions in future to:

- 1) ALCA and
- 2) CPRE

b) Cheques:

The following cheques were agreed and signed:

	£	p
Village Hall: Use of Hall on 10th July	4.00	
W P Weatherhogg: Petty Cash	40.00	
ALCA: Posters	4.78	
CPRE: Subscription for 1997	17.50	
Connect South West: Replace street light	61.10	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

R. J. Ballin

[Signature] 11/9/97

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 11th September, 1997, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nigel Ashton and PC Charlie Burt.

1178. Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 10th July, 1997, were approved and signed as a correct record.

1179. Planning

The Clerk reported that:

a) The planning application in respect of an extension to Brookside Cottage had been approved subject to (1) the extension must have reclaimed concrete tiles to match the existing house and (2) the render finish to be used must first be approved by N. Somerset Council.

b) The planning application in respect of a new conservatory at The Manor House had been approved.

c) An amended planning application in respect of Cosy Corner, Coast Road, had received approval.

d) Mr S M Wills, of The Manor House, had been granted permission to fell some trees which were either dead or dying.

Other points to report were:

e) An interim guidance note on the Re-use of Rural Buildings had been received from N. Somerset Council and

f) N. Somerset Council were seeking local voluntary wardens, to oversee local public rights of way. The Parish Council agreed that the Ramblers Association and/or the Footpaths Association might be more suitable bodies for N. Somerset to approach to obtain wardens.

1180. Clerk's Report

a) Replacement of Street Light

The replacement lamp was now working well. The Clerk would write to SWEB, asking for a reduction in the electricity usage charged for, as the new 80w lamp had replaced one of 150w.

b) Repositioning of Post Box on Coast Road

Royal Mail had now replaced the old Post Box with a pedestal Type M box, which had made visibility from the nearby side road much better.

c) Coast Path

The weeds and shrubs which had been making walking on the Coast Path difficult had been cut since the last meeting.

d) Traffic Calming

Nigel Ashton had supplied the results of two traffic speed tests, one near the golf course and one on the B3124. The one near the golf course showed some improvement over the previous trial, but that through the village showed no improvement. The Parish Council was keen for N. Somerset Council to investigate the possibility of further traffic calming measures on both the Coast Road and through the village, and the Clerk would write to Mr Noel Edwards accordingly.

e) Moor Lane

The Environmental Services Dept. of N. Somerset Council had made a collection of some rubbish from Moor Lane, and PC Burt had reported that warnings had been issued to people caught dumping litter there. However, the problem of litter still existed.

f) Hedge on Coast Road

N. Somerset Council had been notified of this problem, but to date no visible action had been taken.

1181 Councillors' Reports

The following points were made:

- a) The sign near the bridge in Moor Lane was still overgrown with vegetation.
- b) The brook running along Moor Lane needed cleaning out before the winter rains started.
- c) Trees were beginning to cause a danger by overhanging the road near the bottom of Harley Hill. These were thought to be on private land owned by Harley House.
- d) It was suggested that a few Parish Information Sheets should be left in the Church porch, for the use of church goers who otherwise did not have access to them.
- e) The Village Notice Board was beginning to deteriorate. The Clerk was asked to try and establish who provided it.

1182 Correspondence not previously dealt with

- a) Details of a Periodic Electoral Review for wards in N. Somerset had been received. The interim proposal was to include Walton in Gordano with 7 other adjoining rural parishes, all to be represented by two Councillors to N. Somerset. The Parish Council considered this acceptable, in view of the small number of electors within the parish of Walton.
- b) Guides to Council Services within N. Somerset had been received and were circulated.
- c) Avon Health Authority had written to offer to visit the Parish Council to discuss the development of health services within the area; the Council noted this offer.
- d) The AGM for Community Action would be held on 16th September, 1997, at Long Ashton.
- e) A design guidance document for acceptable forms of enclosure in open plan residential estates had been received.
- f) An Arts Directory for North Somerset had been received and was available for reference purposes.
- g) Copies of Travel Maps, covering public transport in N. Somerset, had been received. The Clerk was asked to obtain more copies if possible.
- h) A census of land drainage problems within N. Somerset was being carried out. The Clerk would inform the census of the problems of flooding associated with the brook in Moor Lane.
- i) The 1st October, 1997, had been designated as "Walk to Work" Day.

j) YANSEC (Yanley & N. Somerset Environmental Co.) had written to advertise that it had funds to help environmental projects in the community. The details would be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

1183. Finance

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

	£	p
SWEB Use of electricity	6	93
S M Wills Typing of Newsletter	12	00
W P Weatherhogg Clerks Expenses	150	00
Village Hall Use of Village Hall	4	00

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

A J Ballin

W P Weatherhogg 9/10/97

Minutes of the Parish Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 9th October, 1997, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

1184. Minutes of last Meeting ;

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 11th September, 1997, were approved and signed as a correct record.

1185. Planning.

The Clerk reported that;

- a) A full planning application had been made in respect of Windy Ridge, Walton Bay, for a proposed single storey extension. The Council had no objections to the application.
- b) N. Somerset Councillors had written to the Secretary of State, expressing their disappointment that the appeal to re-open Conygar Quarry in Nortons Wood Lane, had been upheld.

1186. Clerk's Report;

1) Moor Lane:

A letter from David Cook, Senior Engineer, Network Maintenance, N. Somerset Council, had been received. The points made were:

- a) The road had been inspected and arrangements to patch the carriageway had been made.
- b) Verges were now only cut once a year in conservation areas, at the end of summer, to preserve the flora and fauna for as long as possible. If this led to any traffic hazard, then the verges could be cut more frequently.
- c) A copy of the Clerk's letter complaining of fly tipping, had been forwarded to the Waste Management team of N. Somerset Council, for investigation.

2) Traffic Calming;

The Clerk had written to Mr Noel Edwards, Director of Planning and Environment at N. Somerset Council with regard to possible further measures to control traffic speed in Walton in Gordano. Further measures had been referred to by Mr Edwards in his talk to the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 8th May, and the Parish Council were now anxious that these should be investigated more fully. From the results of recent traffic surveys, both through the village, and along the Coast Road, and also from personal observations by Councillors, it was obvious that the measures taken to date had had very little effect on the speed of traffic through the Parish, and further action was now appropriate. N. Somerset Council had acknowledged the letter, and hoped to reply more fully within 4 weeks.

3) Coast Path;

Following complaints from people using the Coast Path near Walton Bay, the Clerk had spoken to Mrs Reed, footpaths officer in N. Somerset Council, who agreed to look at the problem.

4) Street Lamp;

The Clerk had spoken to SWEB, who would adjust future bills to take account of the lower usage of electricity as the wattage of the lamp had been reduced to 80w from 150w.

5) Replacement of Post Box, Coast Road.

A letter had been received from Graham Rowles, thanking the Council for its help in getting Royal Mail to replace the Post Box at Walton Bay, with a slimmer version, to assist visibility from a nearby sideroad. In turn, the Clerk would write to Royal Mail, thanking them for their speedy help in solving this problem.

6) Village Notice Board;

It had been noted that the Notice Board in the village needed repair, as the doors were beginning to sag. The board had been put up by Mr D Jacobs, and the Clerk would make further enquiries as to its repair.

1187. Councillors' Reports;

The following points were made by Councillors;

- a) Moor Lane - the "Road Narrow" sign near the bridge needs urgent repair.
- b) Motor cyclists had been using Walton Common as a race track, obtaining access via a broken fence. The position would be monitored.
- c) The Village Hall Committee had recently met, and the following matters, most relevant to the Parish Council were discussed:
 - 1) A successful fete had been held, and a total profit of around £1,400 was realised, to be shared 50/50 by the village hall and church.
 - 2) The chairs situated in the foyer of the Village Hall were an obstacle to free access, and would be moved.
 - 3) How the Millenium should be celebrated was discussed.
 - 4) Volunteers were being sought to help paint the outside of the hall.

1188. Correspondence not previously dealt with:

- a) An offer of a yew tree to mark the Millenium had been received from the Forest of Avon Society. No obvious suitable place to site it was immediately identified, and the offer would be circulated to other groups in the parish who might be interested.
- b) A Police Partnership Seminar/Exhibition was to be held on Wed.19th Nov. at the Winter Gardens, Weston super Mare.
- c) An Area Liason Meeting between N. Somerset Council and local Parish Councils would be held at Tickenham Village Hall, on Tuesday, 25th November,1997 beginning at 7.30pm.
- d) Community Action had organised a Rural Transport Conference, to be held on 24th November, 1997, at the Winter Gardens, Weston super Mare.
- e) A Community Education Review - Consultation Paper, was circulated for the information of Councillors.
- f) N. Somerset Contract Services were offering to carry out tree surgery, grass cutting etc., for the Parish Council, the cost to be negotiated.

1189. Finance;

- a) The Clerk reported that the second half of the 1997/98 Precept, ie.£850, had been received and banked.
- b) The following cheque was approved and signed;

Use of Village Hall	£4.00
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There being no further relevant business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

R D Ball

W Penty 13/11/97

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

Present: Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr B Cannell, Mr P Jupp and the Clerk.
PC Charlie Burt also attended.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr G Rutley.

1190. Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 9th October, 1997, were approved and signed as a correct record.

1191. Planning:

a) N. Somerset Council had refused planning permission for a proposed single storey extension at Windy Ridge, Walton Bay, on the grounds that the floor area of the extension increases the property beyond the scope of a "small dwelling", a type of dwelling which the Council considered it was important to retain a batch of on land beyond settlement boundaries.

b) A proposed scheme to introduce a 30mph limit on sections of Naish Hill, Clapton Lane, Clevedon Lane and Caswell Lane, in Clapton in Gordano, had been received from N. Somerset Council. There was also a proposal to introduce a 7.5 Tonne weight restriction on roads in Clapton in Gordano, instead of the 4 Tonne restriction which existed on some of the roads at present. The Parish Council fully supported these proposals, and would write to N. Somerset Council accordingly.

c) The Council had received a copy of the decision on the appeal for upgrading of footpaths on Walton Common to bridleways. This application had begun in 1991. The decision was that footpaths LA 17/3 and 17/8 across the common would be redesignated as bridleways. The Parish Council had objected to the use of these footpaths as bridleways in 1991, and were disappointed with this decision.

1192. Clerk's Report.

1) Traffic calming.

A definitive reply from N. Somerset Council was awaited.

2) Coast Path.

a) N. Somerset Council had sent a proposed Routine Clearance Schedule of footpaths, which indicated that the Coast Path was scheduled to be cleared of weeds and obstructions once in 1998.

b) The problem of cyclists using the Coast Path, to the detriment both of pedestrians and the path itself, was still evident.

3) Street Lamp:

The cost of the electricity used by the street lamp in the village had now been reduced by SWEB, to take account of the reduced wattage of the lamp.

4) Post Box on Coast Road.

The Clerk had written to Royal Mail, thanking them for their help in replacing the post box, and also to Mr Rowles, thanking him for his letter of support.

5) Village Notice Board.

The Clerk had not yet contacted Mr D Jacobs, who erected the Notice Board in 1991, with a view to having the sliding glass doors mended.

1193 Councillors Reports.

The following points were made:

a) The hedge on the Coast Road, near Walton Bay Stores, was still causing difficulties to pedestrians.

b) The road markings near Cross Tree junction in the village were getting worse, and were now nearly obliterated.

1194. Correspondence not yet dealt with:

a) Official notification of the move by Royal Mail from its premises in Cattle Market Road, Bristol, to Filton had been received.

b) A letter from Avon and Somerset Constabulary had been received asking for comments on the suggestion that the Enquiry Office at Clevedon Police Station, and possibly Portishead and Nailsea as well, could be closed. The Council were opposed to this, and asked the Clerk to write accordingly.

c) A 6 monthly report from the Avon and Somerset Constabulary had been received, and was noted by the Council.

d) Details of the Area Liaison Meeting, to be held on 26th November, had been received.

e) A Rural Transport Conference was to be held by Community Action on 24th November, at the Winter Gardens, Weston super Mare.

f) The Portishead Area Housing Office of N. Somerset Council was moving to Scotland House, Combe Road, Portishead, in the near future.

1195. Finance:

a) A request for a donation from the Citizens Advice Bureau was noted, but all the available funds for donations had already been allocated.

b) The following cheques were approved and signed:

		<u>£</u>	<u>p</u>
S M Wills	Typing	12	00
SWEB	Electricity for street light	4	08
Village Hall	Use on 13th November	4	00

As there was no further relevant business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

R J Ballin

[Signature]

11/12/97.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 11th December, 1997, beginning at 7.30pm.

Present;---

Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mr P Jupp, Mr G Rutley and the Clerk. Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs A Charlesworth and Mr N Ashton.

1196. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th November, 1997, were approved and signed as a true record.

1197. Planning:---

The Clerk had acknowledged the recent letter from N. Somerset Council, concerning the introduction of a 30mph speed limit in parts of Clapton in Gordano. It was hoped that a similar speed restriction might be introduced through Walton in Gordano.

1198. Clerk's Report:---

1) Traffic Calming in Walton:---

A disappointing letter had been received from a Mr F Cox, Highways Manager, N. Somerset Council, saying that any further traffic calming measures and a 30mph speed limit in Walton would require further detailed study and discussions with the police. As N. Somerset Council did not currently have the resources to carry out such a study, the question of further traffic calming measures in Walton would have to remain on the task register for future consideration.

This very unsatisfactory reply had been discussed with Councillor Nigel Ashton, who was equally concerned at the unhelpful letter. Councillor Ashton would follow up the letter, and hopefully, an on-site meeting to include representatives of the Parish Council would be arranged for the New Year.

2) Moor Lane:---

A letter from N. Somerset Council had been received, saying that the level of fly tipping in Moor Lane was probably less than in other more rural areas in the district. The erection of "No Tipping" signs were not supported, as they would highlight the area as a potential fly tipping location. The recommended action was for any person requiring help in clearing rubbish from the area, to phone the the Waste Management Services of N. Somerset Council on 01934 - 634868.

3) Police Enquiry Offices:---

On behalf of the Council, the Clerk had written to the Police, objecting to the possible closure of the Enquiry Offices at Portishead, Nailsea and Clevedon Police Stations.

4) Newsletter:---

Mrs Philippa Wills had written to the Council, asking that they find another person to type and photocopy the monthly Newsletter, as she wished to give the work up. The Council were very grateful to Mrs Wills for her help in producing the Newsletter over a long period, and the Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Wills, thanking her for this help. The Chairman would get in touch with another member of the Parish with a view to him taking over production of the Newsletter.

5) Road Markings:---

The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council, asking for the road markings at Cross Tree Junction to be inspected, and re marked where necessary.

6) Notice Board:---

The Chairman had met Mr Jacobs, who had inspected the Notice Board. He would send a quotation for repairing it to the Clerk.

7) Hedge on Coast Road:

The hedge adjoining the Coast Road near Walton Bay Stores was still causing problems to pedestrians. The Clerk would contact N. Somerset Council again to see what action might be taken.

1199 Councillors Reports:

a) Footpath in Walton:

The footpath in Walton village from Cross Tree Junction to the Church was very slippery due to fallen leaves. The path did not appear to be swept at all and was becoming dangerous.

b) A litter basket situated on the Coast Road, near the Clevedon Golf Course, had been crushed and was no longer serviceable. Could it be replaced?

1200. Correspondence not previously dealt with:

a) Draft Register of Electors

Copies of the latest Draft Register of Electors had been received and would be exhibited in the Parish.

b) Periodic Electoral Review of N. Somerset:

A policy document had been received from N. Somerset Council and was circulated to Councillors.

c) A brochure on Violence in the Home from Avon and Somerset Police was circulated.

d) The Minutes of a Public Rights of Way Open Forum, arranged by N. Somerset Council, were circulated.

1201. Finance:

a) ALCA Fees: 1998/99

The Council had been informed that the fees payable to ALCA for next year would be £34.46.

b) The following cheques were agreed and signed:

	<u>£.p</u>
S M Wills Typing and photocopying	12.00
W P Weatherhogg Clerk's Expenses	150.00
Village Hall Use of Hall	4.00

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 8.05pm.

R J Bolton

W P Weatherhogg

8/1/98

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 8th January, 1998, beginning at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr P Jupp, Mr G Rutley, Mr B Cannell (from Minute 1204) and the Clerk.

1202: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th December, 1997, were approved and signed as a true record.

1203: Planning:

There were no matters to be discussed under this heading.

1204: Clerk's Report:

1) Traffic Calming:

No information on the hoped for meeting, on site, with Mr Noel Edwards had yet been received.

2) Newsletter:

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The Chairman reported that Mr Don Green^{*} had agreed to take over the typing and copying of the Parish Newsletter on a voluntary basis; the Council expressed their thanks to him for this generous offer.

3) Road Markings:

A reply from N. Somerset Council to the Clerk's letter was awaited.

4) Notice Board :

A quote for mending the Notice Board had not yet been received from Mr Jacobs and the Clerk would contact him.

5) Hedge on Coast Road:

The Clerk was asked to contact N. Somerset Council again with regard to the hedge in the front garden of the property adjoining Walton Bay Stores, which was causing problems to pedestrians.

6) Moor Lane:

Mrs Charlesworth had contacted the Waste Management Services of N. Somerset Council with regard to removing litter from the ditches of Moor Lane. No action had yet been taken to date, and the Clerk was asked to contact them again.

The letter from Iain Reid, Waste Management Inspector, considered at the December meeting, was again referred to. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Reid, asking again for the "No Tipping" signs to be replaced in the verges, as they were considered to be helpful in deterring fly tippers.

7) Litter Basket:

The Clerk was asked to contact the Waste Management Inspector with regard to replacing the basket on the Coast Road adjoining the Clevedon golf course.

8) Distribution of N. Somerset News:

In response to an enquiry from N. Somerset Council, the Parish Council considered that distribution of N. Somerset News within Walton was working satisfactorily.

9) N. Somerset Engineering Consultancy:

Details of the forming of an Engineering Consultancy had been received from N. Somerset Council. The Network Maintenance and Design Divisions of the Council's Planning and Environment Department had been merged, and would be based at 87/89 High Street, Nailsea. Notification that Richard Blissett had left the Department was also noted by the Parish Council.

1205 Councillors Reports:

The following points were raised:

- a) Moor Lane The "Road Narrows" sign, near the bridge, was not visible.
- b) Two culverts carrying the brook under Moor Lane and the main road from Clevedon and Portishead needed cleaning out.
- c) Residents had asked whether a "Walton Street" road sign could be erected at Cross Tree Junction. The Council was uncertain as to whether the official name of the road was "Walton Street", and if it was, how far this street name extended along the road. The Clerk was asked to make some enquiries on this.
- d) A drain in Walton Street had been raised by the recent heavy rain.
- e) A car accident had demolished the bus stop near Walton Bay Stores on the Coast Road. The Council considered that the position of the bus stop was not ideal, and the Clerk was asked to write to the police, pointing this out.
- f) A fence on the Coast path, to the North of Walton Bay, had collapsed in the recent gales. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Reid, the footpaths officer.

1206 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

- a) A letter from Avon and Somerset Police asking for the Council's views on current police priorities would be replied to by the Clerk, indicating that the present list of priorities should not be changed.
- b) The Severn Estuary Coastal Group had commissioned Gifford Associated Consultants to produce a Severn Estuary Shoreline Management Plan. These consultants had sent the Parish Council a questionnaire to complete asking for matters which the Council felt should be considered in the Report. The Clerk was asked to reply, indicating that the Coast Path was important for recreation and tourism and should be safeguarded in any proposals.
- c) Emergency Management: A Report had been received from N. Somerset Council setting out draft procedures for dealing with an emergency. These were noted by the Council.
- d) Travelsaver Posters would be exhibited in the Parish
- e) A poster advertising the Local Environment Agency Plan would be put up.

1207 Finance:

a) Precept - 1998/99

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Council would ask for a Precept of £1500 for the 1998/99 year. This was less than the Precept for the current year (£1700), and the Council accepted that, at the revised level of Precept, the Council's cash reserves would probably be reduced in 1998/99.

b) Cheques:

A cheque for the use of the Village Hall, in an amount of £4, was authorised and signed.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

R H Beddle

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12/3/98

Minutes of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 12th February, 1998, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

PC Charlie Burt also attended.

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

1208 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January, 1998, were approved and signed.

1209 Planning

There were no matters to be discussed under this heading.

1210 Clerks Report

1) Road Markings - Cross Tree Junction:

In reply to a request from the Parish Council for the white road markings at Cross Tree Junction to be repainted, N. Somerset Council had indicated this would be done when the lining contractors were next in the area.

2) Traffic Calming - Meeting on Site:

No information on the proposed meeting with Mr Noel Edwards on site had yet been received from Mr Nigel Ashton.

3) Mending of Notice Board:

The Council agreed to the verbal quote of £100 to mend the Village Notice Board, received from Mr Jacobs. The Clerk would ask him to go ahead with the necessary repairs.

4) Hedge on Coast Road:

The hedge appears to be in a private garden adjoining Walton Bay Stores and was still causing an obstruction to pedestrians. The Clerk would contact N. Somerset Council again to see what could be done about the hedge.

5) Moor Lane:

a) Some litter collections had taken place
b) The culverts under the roads had been cleared out
c) The "No Tipping" sign in Moor Lane still required attention, and the Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council asking for it to be re-established.

6) Litter Basket on Coast Road:

The Clerk had contacted N. Somerset Council with regard to replacing the squashed litter basket near the golf course.

7) Naming of Road:

The Chairman had carried out a survey of local residents, and the general feeling was that "Walton Street" would be an unpopular choice of name for the road currently known as "The Coast Road". After discussion, Walton Down Road was agreed as the name to be put forward as the Council's recommendation. The Clerk was asked to contact N. Somerset Council with a view to this road name being put on a sign at the side of the road at Cross Tree Junction.

8) Bus Stop near Walton Bay Stores:

The Clerk had written to the Police with regard to the demolition of this bus stop, and suggesting the position might be changed to make it more safe. To date, no reply had been received.

9) Closure of Coastal Footpath:

Due to a cliff fall, part of the Coastal Footpath (LA 17/11) at Walton Bay had been closed, while N. Somerset Council seeks a report on the stability of the cliff, and considers future options. The Parish Council noted this closure with alarm, and would keep in touch with Mrs Reed, the N. Somerset Council's PROW and Access Officer, regarding future developments.

10) Police Priorities:

The Clerk had written to the Police, confirming that the policing Priorities, as set out in the 1997 Police Plan, remained the top policing priorities of this Parish Council for 1998.

11) Severn Estuary - Questionnaire:

The Clerk had replied to this questionnaire on the Severn Estuary and had indicated that the Parish Council's priority was to preserve, as far as possible, the coastal footpath adjoining the Severn Estuary.

12) Bus Services in Walton in Gordano:

Mr R Shields, Transport Policy Officer of N. Somerset Council, had written to the Parish Council, indicating that Badgerline had asked to be allowed to use double decker buses along the Coast Road between Walton Bay and its junction with the B3124 at Cross Tree Junction. Badgerline considered there was a requirement for double decker buses at peak times of the day. If such buses were allowed to use this road, some of the overhanging trees would have to be trimmed. The Parish Council was unhappy with the suggestion that double decker buses should use this road, as they considered the road was too narrow in parts, and the buses would be a hazard to other road users. They also doubted whether there was a need for these bigger buses. The Clerk would write to Mr Shields putting these views.

1211 Councillors Reports:

The points raised by Councillors are covered elsewhere in the Minutes.

1212 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

a) The draft Register of Electors, 1998, had been received from N. Somerset Council, and would be displayed in the Parish for inspection by members of the public.

b) The National Conference of NALCA was to be held from 24th-26th April, 1998, in Plymouth.

c) A copy of the Draft Rural Settlements List had been received, and the Clerk was asked to confirm to N. Somerset Council that the Councillors were happy with the proposals for Walton in Gordano.

d) A letter informing the Council that the Local Government and Rating Act now allowed Parish Councils to provide for crime prevention measures within their boundaries, was noted by Councillors.

e) The Council noted that an invitation had been received to attend an Avon Area Transport Forum, on 16th February, 1998, organised by S. Gloucestershire Council.

f) Copies of a brochure on "Healthy Eating", from N. Somerset Council, were distributed.

g) Bulletin No 2 of the Severn Estuary Shoreline Management Plan was circulated.

h) A notice from N. Somerset Council seeking people to serve on School Appeals Panels was noted.

i) The Annual Business Meeting between representatives of Town and Parish Councils and of N. Somerset Council will take place on 31st March, 1998.

1213 Finance:

a) N. Somerset Council had confirmed our request for a Precept of £1500 for 1998/99.

b0 The following cheques were agreed and signed:

SWEB	Electricity for street light	£4.62
The Local Council Review:	1998 Sub.	8.95
Use of Village Hall		4.00

There being no further relevant business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

R O Ballin

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12/3/98

Minutes of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 12th March, 1998, beginning at 7.30pm.

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

Mr B Cannell sent his apologies for absence.

1214. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February, 1998, were approved and signed.

1215: Planning:

A Planning Application had been made in respect of The Old Post Office, Walton in Gordano, for a proposed conservatory. The Council had no objections to the application.

1216: Clerk's Report:

a) Traffic Calming:

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged by Nigel Ashton for Friday, 13th March, 1998, at 3.15pm at the Village Hall to discuss the traffic through Walton. It would be attended by Mr Noel Edwards, Director of N. Somerset Council's Planning and Environment Division, and Mr Diarmuid Mulrenan, Assistant Director - Technical Services. In spite of the late notice, it was hoped that several people could represent the local view at the meeting.

b) Road Markings - Cross Tree Junction

The white lines around Cross Tree Junction had been repainted.

c) Notice Board:

The Notice Board had been mended by Mr Jacobs at a cost of £100.

d) Hedge on Coast Road:

The hedge causing an obstruction to pedestrians had not been dealt with.

e) Moor Lane:

1) Collection of litter had been carried out by N. Somerset's Waste Management Dept. but there was still some litter in the verges. It was agreed that Mr Reid, of the Waste Management Dept. would be put in touch with Mrs Charlesworth, who would indicate the litter still to be moved.

2) The "No Tipping" sign was being investigated by the Waste Management Dept., who were of the opinion that it was the property of the Inland Waterboard.

f) Litter Basket on Coast Road:

This had still to be replaced.

g) Naming of Road:

A letter from Mr Blissett, of N. Somerset Council, had been received, which accepted that the "Coast Road" needed a more definitive name at Cross Tree Junction, and that "Walton Down Road" was suitable. A street nameplate would be erected at no cost to the Parish Council. The Clerk would reply, thanking Mr Blissett for his help.

h) Bus Stop on Coast Road:

The Clerk was asked to write to the Bus Company involved, asking that the bus stop demolished on 31st December, 1997, should be reinstated, and the existing debris cleared away.

i) Bus Services in Walton:

The Clerk had replied to N. Somerset Council's letter, objecting to the bus company's suggestion to use double decker buses through Walton, along the Coast Road, instead of single decker buses.

j) Rural Settlements List:

The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council, supporting their draft proposals to designate two areas in Walton in Gordano as "Rural Settlements"

k) Closure of Coastal Footpath:

Mrs Jenny Reed, of N. Somerset Council, had asked the Parish Council for its suggestions as to how to proceed, following the cliff collapse at Walton Bay, which had closed the coast path.

The Council made two suggestions:

- a) In the short term, a footbridge could be created to span the piece of path which had collapsed. This would allow the path to be reopened.
- b) In the long term, there would probably be further cliff collapses, because of the geology of this piece of coast. If these occurred, the Council's recommendation was for the path eventually to be re-routed up to the main road, and a continuous footpath created on the southern side of the coast road, from Squires Cottage to the Signal Station, then create a new way down to the Signal Station, rejoining the cliff path.

1217 Councillors Reports:

The points raised, not covered elsewhere in the Minutes, were:

- a) Concern was expressed concerning the number of cars parking on the verges of the coast road, adjacent to the Caravan sites at Walton Bay. This matter would be raised at the meeting with N. Somerset Council on 13th March.
- b) Mr Ross, of Walton Bay Stores, had asked for the Parish Council's support, if required, for recognising this shop as being vital to the Walton community as it was the only shop in the Parish. The Council agreed to support the need for the shop, if this support was required in the future.

1218. Correspondence not previously dealt with:

- a) Mr Alan Moss, N. Somerset's Liaison Officer with Walton in Gordano, had indicated that he would like to attend the Parish Council meeting, to be held on Thursday, 9th April, 1998. This was welcomed by the council.
- b) Information had been received of a National Spring Clean campaign to be held throughout April.
- c) Notice of a Renewal of Liquor Licence in respect of Walton Bay Stores had been received, and would be acknowledged by the Clerk.
- d) A change in Bus Services from 31st March, extending the service to Cribbs Causeway, would be posted on the Notice Board.
- e) The Annual Business Meeting between N. Somerset Council and Town and Parish Councils was to be held on 31st March, 1998.
- f) A letter from the new Rural Transport Officer at Community Action, Les Lees, introducing himself to Parish Councils, was noted.
- g) Notice of a meeting organised by CPRE on "The Future of Your Town", to be held at Redcliffe Bay Over 60s Club, at 2.15pm on Thursday, 26th March, was noted.
- h) An up to date Notice from the Registry of Births and Deaths would be displayed on the Notice Board.
- i) An invitation to a Drugs Initiatives Conference/Exhibition, organised by the Police, on Wed. 22nd April, had been received.
- j) A brochure reviewing and analysing Road Accidents in N. Somerset in 1996/97 would be circulated.

k) A 1997 Survey of Rural Services had been received from the Rural Development Commission , and would be circulated.

l) A copy of a report on the Village Shop Rate Relief Scheme had been received from N. Somerset Council; the main points of the Report were supported by the Parish Council.

1219 Finance:

a) Donation to 1998 Village Fete:

Following a decision made in July, 1997, annual Subscriptions and Donations were to be limited to around 25% of the Council's Precept. The Council's precept for 1998/99 was £1500, and the Council agreed that a contribution towards the expenses of the 1998 Village Fete of £400, would be in line with the overall limit set previously.

b) The following cheques were agreed and signed:

		<u>£.p</u>
Mr D P Jacobs:	Mending Notice Board	100.00
W P Weatherhogg:	Expenses: Jan/March 1998	150.00
W P Weatherhogg:	Petty Cash	40.00
Village Hall:	Use of Village Hall	4.00

c) Word Processor:

It was agreed to discuss the possible purchase of a word processor at the next meeting.

1220 Annual Parish Meeting:

It was agreed that the 1998 Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday, 14th May, 1998, at the Village Hall, beginning at 8.15pm, following the monthly Parish Council meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to the Secretaries of the Village Hall, WI and PCC, inviting them to present reports on the past year's activities at the APM.

There being no further relevant business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

RJB

W P Weatherhogg
9/4/98