

Minutes of the Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 9th April, 1998, 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.

There were no apologies for absence.

Mr Alan Moss, N. Somerset Council, also attended.

Before the Minutes of the last meeting were considered, the Chairman invited Mr Moss to speak to the meeting.

1221 Mr Moss; introduced himself as the Liaison Officer between N. Somerset Council and Tickenham and Walton in Gordano Parish Councils. His job as Assistant Director of Education with N. Somerset Council might not be directly relevant to affairs in Walton, but his role was mainly to act as a "catalyst" within N. Somerset Council, to move items forward where progress seemed to have stopped. One specific point he wished to raise was in connection with N. Somerset Council's Local Education Plan. He sought advice on whether Parish Councils were a relevant group to consult in connection with the Draft Education Plan. Parish Councillors responded by saying they would like to have an input into such a Plan, even though there was no school within Walton. They felt they had relevant views as Councillors and were able to put forward points to represent the concerns raised by parishioners. They hoped that N. Somerset Council would consult them in the future.

1222. Planning;

There were no matters to discuss under this heading.

1223. Clerks Report.

a) Traffic Calming;

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with N. Somerset Council "on site", to discuss possible ways of reducing the speed of traffic, both in the village of Walton, and also along the Coast Road. Mr Edwards, Director of Planning and Environment, and Mr Mulrenan, Deputy Director, attended on behalf of N. Somerset Council, accompanied by Councillor Nigel Ashton. Few constructive suggestions on reducing traffic speed emerged from the meeting. Mr Mulrenan did confirm that the length of "urbanisation" through the village of Walton was too short to meet the criteria for introducing a 30mph speed limit. Mr Mulrenan pointed out that, if the local residents would agree to street lights being introduced through the village, then a 30mph limit could be introduced. The Parish Council would investigate the introduction of street lights, although there had been opposition by some residents in the past. Mr Mulrenan confirmed that the cost of erecting street lights would be borne by N. Somerset Council, with no cost falling on the Parish Council. Following discussion on this point, Mr Moss agreed to check that this was the correct position as far as N. Somerset Council were concerned. Mr Edwards, having seen the problem of speeding cars through the Village again, agreed that further thought should be given to the problem within his Department, to see whether an acceptable alternative to a 30mph speed limit could be devised. Mr Jupp then raised the other problem of speed of traffic along the Coast Road between Walton and Portishead, and also the growing problem of cars parking on the side verges of the road, causing a danger to the flow of traffic, and churning up the grass verges. The representatives of N. Somerset Council agreed to visit the Coast Road, to see for themselves the extent of the problem, and what might be done to reduce traffic speed and to investigate the unsatisfactory parking.

b) Moor Lane;

Mr Iain Reed, of N. Somerset Council, had written saying that he had contacted Jenny Sweet, of the Environment Agency, who would look into the matter of "No Tipping" signs in Moor Lane, and whether it would be her Department's responsibility to deal with the Parish Council's request for the "No Tipping" sign, which had fallen over, to be replaced. The Parish Council was critical of the apparent bureaucratic procedures needed to decide whether a sign which was no longer visible, should be replaced. The Parish Council had no doubts that the responsibility for re-erecting the sign was with N. Somerset Council.

c) Bus Stop-Coast Road;

The Clerk had written to Badgerline, asking for action to be taken on tidying up the mess left when the bus stop was demolished in an accident on 31st December, 1997. The Parish Council is also unhappy at the present position of the bus stop, as it is situated just around a blind corner, and stationery buses are not easily seen by following vehicles.

d) Closure of Footpath:

A meeting of the Highways & Transportation Sub Committee, of N. Somerset Council, was to be held on site at the Coast Path, at Walton Bay, at 3pm on Monday, 27th April, 1998, to consider what might be done following the cliff fall. The Parish Council would be represented at this meeting.

e) Hedge on Coast Road;

The hedge on the Coast Road, over-growing the pedestrian way, is still causing problems.

f) Access to Parish Minutes;

The Clerk reported that Mrs Craggs, of Woodspring Bridleway Association, had asked to look at the Council's Minutes as far back as possible. It was understood that this enquiry was connected with an appeal lodged against a recent decision on bridleways across Walton Common.

1224. Councillors Reports;

The following points were made, not covered elsewhere in the Minutes;

- a) The Notice Board in the village had now been mended, and had been favourably commented on.
- b) The litter along the verges of Moor Lane was still in evidence, and Mr Iain Reed, N. Somerset Council Waste Management Inspector, would be asked to contact Mrs Charlesworth, for the precise position of the rubbish to be pointed out.
- c) The road signs at the village end of Moor Lane were almost unreadable, and needed ~~replacing or~~ renovating.
- d) The grass along the verges of Moor Lane was beginning to grow, and a timetable of proposed grass cutting would be helpful. However, N. Somerset Council had indicated that more than two cuttings each year would not be likely.
- e) The Coast Road, especially near Walton Bay, was becoming more and more untidy as cars parked on the side verges of the road. With the recent wet weather, the grass of the verges was being badly churned up. The parking was contrary to the understanding reached last year when the bank was pushed back to provide a wider verge. The Council considered the parking to be both dangerous to other road users, and also damaging to the verges making them unsuitable for pedestrians. The Clerk would write to Mr Blissett on the matter.

1225. Correspondence not previously dealt with;

a) The Forest of Avon Society had asked for details of tree planting and footpath improvement within the Forest of Avon in 1997/98. The Clerk would send a "nil" reply on behalf of that area of the forest which lay within the Parish boundaries.

b) The final recommendations for the periodic Electoral Review of North Somerset had been received. The situation and status of Walton in Gordano were unchanged.

c) The Policing Plan for 1998/99 had been received.

1226. Finance;

a) A Receipts and Expenditure Account for 1997/98 was circulated by the Clerk, showing a surplus of £164 for the year. The cash balances at the end of 1997/98 were expected to be £1406 on Deposit, and £700 in the Millennium Fund.

b) The purchase of a word processor to replace the electric typewriter currently used by the Clerk was discussed. A Canon Star Writer JET, at a cost of around £200, had been investigated, and was thought to be suitable for the work of the Clerk. The purchase of a suitable Word Processor, at around £200 was agreed in principle by the Council, subject to further investigation on the future accessibility of documents.

c) Signing of Cheques;

The following cheques were agreed and signed;

	<u>£.p</u>
ALCA; 1998/99 subscription	34.46
Use of Village Hall	4.00

1227. Annual Parish Meeting;

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday, 14th May, 1998, after the monthly Parish Council meeting.

The following points would be included in the Agenda;

- a) Speed limits in Walton, and the possible introduction of street lights.
- b) Suggestions for celebrating the Millennium.

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

*K J Balle*

*W J Denton*  
14/5/98

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 14th May, 1998, 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.

There were no apologies for absence.  
PC Charlie Burt also attended.

1228. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th April, 1998, were approved and signed, subject to the deletion of the words "replacing or" under Minute 24, Councillors Reports, Para. (c).

1229. Planning:

There were no matters arising under this heading.

1230. Clerk's Report:

a) Traffic Calming:

Mr Moss (N. Somerset Council) had written to the Parish Council on various queries raised at the last Parish Council meeting, as follows:

1) The advice that the "built up" area of the village must extend to 800 metres before a speed restriction can be introduced is contained in Circular 1/93, which addresses the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Sections 81/85 "Local Speed Limits". The Government Circular states, inter alia, that limits should only be lowered when a consequent reduction in vehicle speeds can reasonably be expected and that the minimum length of a limit should be 0.5 mile.

2) The Circular also sets out the general principles for speed limits and states "There is little point in establishing a limit, however desirable from an environmental or safety point of view, if it is not going to have any effect on actual vehicle speed" i.e. it should be "self enforcing" and not rely on the action of the police to achieve compliance. The police are obviously guided by this Circular and will make appropriate comments when formally consulted by us (N. Somerset Council) on speed limits. The advice of the police will influence us in all cases as we have to rely upon them for any enforcement. However, we do not have to agree with their comments although the views are always seriously considered.

3) Currently, under Circular 1/93, the installation of an adequate system of street lighting automatically makes a road 30mph, but this is under review by the government. However, we would again need to judge any proposals against the contents of the Circular and it may well be that we would consider it appropriate to promote an Order to remove the lower speed limit if this is not appropriate within the full guidance of Circular 1/93. There are no funds available in any case for lighting in Walton in Gordano.

The Councillors discussed the letter at some length, and concluded that in the context of obtaining a speed limit through the Parish, the letter was very disappointing, and of little positive help.

b) Moor Lane:

1) Road signs: The Clerk had written to Mr Blissett, asking that the road signs at the junction with the B3124, should be made more readable.

2) Litter: This was still a problem. The Clerk would contact Mr Reid, of the Waste Management Unit of N. Somerset Council.

c) Bus Stop:

The Clerk would contact Mr Shields, Transport Policy Officer of N. Somerset Council, to arrange an "on site" meeting.

d) Closure of Coast Path:

An "on site" meeting had been held with N. Somerset Councillors, which was well attended. The decisions made by the Transport and Highways Committee of N. Somerset Council at this meeting were:

a) To authorise a technical and engineering survey of the work required to re-establish the footpath. This report to be available in one month.

b) The Committee agreed in principle, that it was desirable to try and re-establish the path along its existing line, rather than seeking to obtain some adjoining land from existing landowners so the path could be diverted. They also agreed that diverting the path via the coast road for a short distance was not an ideal solution in the longer term.

e) Parking on Coast Road Verges:

The Clerk had written to Mr Blissett inviting him to consider whether the parking on the verges at Walton Bay, was desirable, or whether it constituted a nuisance to pedestrians trying to use the verge, and whether it created a danger to traffic using the Coast Road.

f) Village Shop Rate Relief Scheme:

Walton Bay Stores was the only shop in the Parish, and the owners were aware of the Rate Relief Scheme.

1231 Councillors Reports;

The following points were raised, additional to those covered above:

a) The damaged waste bin, near the Clevedon golf course, had now been replaced.

b) The wall in the village on "Walton Down Road" had been damaged by a milk float. The Clerk would write to Mr Blissett, asking for it to be repaired.

c) Mostly favourable reports had been received on the naming of the "coast road" as "Walton Down Road", at the village end.

1232. Correspondence not previously dealt with:

a) A request from N. Somerset Council for a donation to help disadvantaged children to be sent on a summer holiday, was considered but all available funds had already been allocated for this year.

b) A brochure from N. Somerset Council, on the dangers of using pesticides was circulated.

c) The next meeting of ALCA would be held on 19th May, at Blagdon Village Clubroom.

d) The 1998/99 Policing Plan for Avon & Somerset Police had been received.

1233 Finance:

a) The first half of the 1998/99 Precept (£750), had been received and banked.

b) A comparison of Council Tax charges in the area was circulated.

c) Cheques were authorised and signed as follows:

Cornhill Insurance:	Insurance	£80.08
SWEB	Use of electricity	4.54
Village Hall	Use of Hall	8.00
CPRE:	Sub. for 1998/99	17.50

d) The purchase of a word processor was approved in principle, around a cost of £300.

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

*K J Ball*

*W J Denton*

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Walton in Gordano, held in the Village Hall, on Thursday, 14th May, 1998, beginning at 8.15pm.**

**Present :** Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs M A Charlesworth, Mr B Cannell, Mr P Jupp, Mr G Rutley and the Clerk. 11 parishioners and visitors were also present. Apologies for absence had been received from Father John Smart, Mr and Mrs Tucker, Mrs Cooling, Mr Redmore and PC Burt.

1) The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and thanked everybody for attending.

2) **Minutes of last Parish Meeting:**

Copies of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on 14th May, 1998, 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. May I say that you do not have to wait until this meeting to make your views known. Parish Councillors are only too pleased to listen to your comments and suggestions all year round.

The financial statement for the year ending 31st March, 1998 is:

Total Income	£1764
Total Expenditure	£ 1600
Cash Balance on Deposit	£ 1406
Millennium Fund	£ 700

Precept for 1998/99 is £ 1500 ( 1997/98 was £ 1700 )

The Parish Council meets once a month, except in August, to consider matters concerning Walton in Gordano. Once again, traffic through the Parish has been prominent at most meetings. Unfortunately, the measures taken so far, namely the large road signs, have not only proved ineffective, but have caused quite a few adverse comments. Further pressure from the Parish Council, including site meetings with N. Somerset Council, have proved fruitless so far.

There were no contentious planning applications during the year.

As you will have noticed, a name has been given to the road that leads from the Crosstree to Walton Down.

Unfortunately, erosion has caused the coastal path at Walton Bay to collapse once again. A site meeting was held in April, to discuss a possible solution.

A new pedestal type post box has been supplied at Walton Bay, by the Post Office, after a site meeting. This helps to make visibility a bit easier for traffic entering the main road at this point.

Against the wishes of this Council, a bridleway has been allowed over part of Walton Common.

Your Parish Council has objected most vigorously to proposals to close Police offices at Clevedon and Portishead.

The Council also expressed doubts about Badgerline running double-decker buses up to Walton Bay.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work and support during the year. Also, thank you to the Clerk and to Val Baldwin who distributes the Information Sheet and looks after the flower bed around the Cross Tree.

4) Reports from other Groups :

a) Report from the PCC :

On behalf of the PCC, Jocelyn Davies reported as follows:

The church has been smartened up considerably during 1997; the exterior of the south facing wall, which bears the brunt of the prevailing winds and the associated weather has been repointed, and the inside of the church has been redecorated, although some of the walls needed plastering first. The old wall heaters have been removed as have the notice boards. The old notice board is now on the wall of the porch and a new, free-standing, three-fold, notice board will eventually be made for the back of the church. The Roll of Honour has been amended by Mr Maurice Phillips, to include the name of Walter Rawlings who died in World War 2, but it would seem that further amendments will be needed since two official war graves were recently discovered during tidying up in the church-yard.

As you will be aware, we are still having trouble with the clock; some of the trouble was caused by pigeons fouling the mechanism. They have now been evicted, and the clock and the tower cleaned. Other problems are the result of poor workmanship by the firm which had the contract for the refurbishment and maintenance. They have agreed to rectify this problem.

Appreciation has been expressed for the neatness of the church-yard since Des Songer took over the maintenance of it. We are currently seeking financial aid towards the upkeep of the village churchyard.

Gordon Russell's exhibition of old photographs during the early Spring Bank Holiday was a great success; he put in a lot of hard work, which everyone appreciated.

Charity giving totalled around £ 3000; this includes monies collected at special services such as Rogation, Flower Festival etc., as well as from the church funds. Recipients included The Royal British Legion, Woodspring Deposit Guarantee Board, Children's Society amongst others, and on the day of her death £110 was collected and sent to the Princess Diana Fund.

It has been decided that it is time to replace the lamp in the porch and the one over the gate, which sustained some damage during January's storms. The Committee are going to have the new lamps made to resemble the original lamps. An old photograph was shown to the blacksmith in Tickenham, who is confident that he can do the job. We were given an estimate for £500 and it was decided to make this a project for the millennium and to involve the whole village.

b) Report from the WI;

On behalf of the WI, Rosemary Tucker provided the following report :  
The Womens Institute meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the

Village Hall at 7.30pm and we always welcome new members. Indeed, 3 ladies have joined us since February and the Institute numbers 34. The monthly meetings have many varied topics; Home Security with PC White who was based at Clevedon, an Asian evening, with a supper reflecting the culture of India, and one of our members showing us her wedding sari and jewellery. The Manager of the Clevedon "CLIC" shop talked to us about her 60 mile walk across the Judean Desert for charity. We were also delighted to welcome Miss Rumble of Clevedon Stroke Club, to whom we presented a cheque for £100. Each year we choose a charity to support, and individual members arrange coffee evenings, ploughmans lunches, beetle drives etc. to raise money. We also have a flourishing Patchwork group, who are making their second "Friendship Quilt", and, of course, the Produce and Handicraft Show is always well supported by members, their families, friends and villagers alike. We always celebrate our birthday with a meal and entertainment, and once again we had a Christmas meal at Clevedon Golf Club, so as you can see, we all enjoy our WI meetings. We are a very happy, friendly, WI.

c) Report from the Village Hall Committee;

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

It has been a quiet year for the Walton in Gordano Village Hall. After considerable expenditure in 1996 for curtains and painting, there was no major spending in 1997. However, coupled with a record year for bookings and another successful fete it has meant that we have been able to accumulate some savings which we shall put to good use in 1998. There were 224 bookings throughout the year producing, with the fete money of £ 690, a total income of £2588, giving a profit for the year of £ 1256. The earmarked fund for the replacement of the floor stands at £ 1496. We received no grants or other financial assistance during the year.

Perhaps the highlight of the year is the Village Christmas Lunch and we would like to thank all those who work so hard to make it a success, with particular thanks to Sue Betts.

The end of the year saw the retirement of Maurice Phillips from the post of Bookings Secretary. The village has been fortunate in having Maurice in this post for many years, and the success of the Hall in having such a healthy record of bookings is largely down to him--to say nothing of his work in bringing table tennis to such prominence, and profit, in the Hall. His will be a hard act to follow.

I finish by reminding everyone that the Hall belongs to the village; the Management Committee can do so much, but ultimately it is up to each and every one of us to do our bit if we are to keep the Hall going for us and our successors.

5) Traffic through Walton in Gordano;

A letter from Mr Charlesworth was read out, asking why street lights had to be a pre-requisite of obtaining a speed limit. Several local villages had speed limits



but no street lights, and Mr Charlesworth asked why a speed limit could not be imposed without street lights being necessary?

The Chairman said that not much progress had been made on imposing a speed limit through Walton since the last Parish Meeting, except that signs had been erected. Various possibilities to reduce traffic speed through Walton had been put forward, amongst them being:

- a) Chicanes
- b) Traffic lights
- c) Do away with the tree in the village and introduce a roundabout.

The Council was urged to remember that traffic speed was just as much a problem along the Coast Road as in the village. The Chairman said that all these points would be borne in mind by the Council, who would continue to push for a speed limit.

6) Suggestions for celebrating the Millennium:

Suggestions for celebrating the Millennium had been asked for, and the following were received;

- a) Erection of a flag pole
- b) A seat with a nice aspect
- c) An avenue of specimen trees
- d) A new floor for the Village Hall
- e) A car park for the Hall
- f) An archive of aspects of the life of the village
- g) Combine with local churches to help an overseas community.

7) Other Matters:

Other matters raised were:

- a) Repairing the Coast path should be high priority
- b) The flow of the brook is still a concern. Use of the water by Clevedon Golf Club should be looked at again, and the Fire Service asked whether they regarded the brook as a supply of water.
- c) The Walton end of the Coast Road had been named "Walton Down Road" to more clearly identify it.

The Chairman was thanked for his work on behalf of the Parish. There being no further relevant business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

*R J Ball*

*W Denton*  
8/4/99

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 11th June, 1998, 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.

Mr Alan Moss, N. Somerset Council, also attended.  
There were no apologies for absence.

1234. Election of Chairman

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

1235. Election of Vice Chairman

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

Mr Baldwin and Mrs Charlesworth then both signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

1236. Appointment of Representatives to Committees:

1) Village Hall Committee:

Mr Cannell was willing to continue to represent the Council on the Village hall Committee, and the Council unanimously agreed that he should continue for 1998/99.

2) ALCA:

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

1237. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 14th May, 1998, were signed as a true record.

1238. Mr Alan Moss:

The Chairman thanked Mr Moss for attending the meeting, and invited him to speak to the Parish Council in his capacity as liaison officer between the Parish Council and N. Somerset Council.

Mr Moss agreed with the comment in the last minutes, that the letter he had sent to the Council, answering queries arising from the on site meeting regarding the traffic speed through Walton, had not been very positive. The answers to specific questions put to Mr Mulrenan, Deputy Director of Planning and Environment were not very helpful in establishing a speed limit through parts of the Parish. Mr Moss said that he had recently attended a meeting of Tickenham Parish Council, and the Community Policeman had indicated, unofficially, that he was surprised that a speed limit did not exist through the village of Walton. Mr Moss suggested that it might be useful to obtain the official police view on whether they would support a speed limit through the village; the Clerk was asked to write accordingly.

1239. Planning:

1) It was reported that the Planning Application to add a conservatory to The Old Post Office, Walton Street, had been approved.

2) A Planning Application by Ms. J Ross, No. 98/1036, had been received in respect of Harvest Home, Walton Bay. The application was to remove the existing flat roof and replace it with a pitched roof. The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

3) A copy of the Joint Replacement Structure Plan: Deposit Plan had been received from N. Somerset Council. This Plan set out the District Council's proposals for planning developments in the area over the next few years, and would be studied by Councillors.

1240 Clerk's Report:

1) Bridleway across Walton Common:

N. Somerset Council had indicated that it intended to modify its Definitive Map and Statement by upgrading footpaths LA 17/3 and LA 17/8 (part), across Walton Common, as a bridleway. The Parish council reiterated its opposition to the bridleway crossing the Common, and the Clerk was asked to write accordingly.

2) Celebration of Millennium:

The Clerk had received details of sign makers able to produce village signs. The purchase and installation of a village sign for Walton in Gordano was another possible way of celebrating the Millennium, and would be considered along with the other suggestions so far received.

3) Moor Lane:

The Clerk had contacted the Waste Management Unit of N. Somerset Council and they would contact Mrs Charlesworth with regard to the litter problem in the verges along Moor Lane.

4) Bus Stop on Coast Road:

The Clerk had arranged an "on site" meeting with Mr Shields, Transport Policy Officer at N. Somerset Council. Mr Willoughby, Area Manager West, of Badgerline and representatives of the Parish Council. It would be held on Tuesday, 30th June, 1998, at 9.30am, to discuss the cleaning up of the present bus site, and the repositioning of the bus stop.

5) Broken Wall in Walton Street:

The Clerk had spoken to N. Somerset Council about the mending of the broken wall in Walton Down Road. The Structures Department of the Council would look at it.

1241 Councillors Reports:

The following points were raised by Councillors:

a) On several occasions recently the bus to Clevedon had stopped by the Village Hall, and not at the official bus stop.

b) The brook was becoming overgrown at the top of Moor Lane.

c) Although the Council had cut the verges through the village recently, they had not gone down Moor Lane, which was now overgrown.

d) The Coastal Footpath was now badly overgrown.

e) There were rumours that Charlcombe Park Caravan Site, adjoining the Parish of Walton, was to become a housing estate. The Clerk was asked to write to Portishead Town Council, asking for the latest information on the site, and seeking to be kept up to date.

f) The Chairman had spoken to the Fire Authority with regard to the lack of fire hydrants in Walton Village. Following a survey by the Fire Authority, it was discovered that there were no hydrants in the middle of the village, the nearest being outside SpringHead, with a "washout" situated in Moor Lane. The Parish Council agreed to support any measures the Fire Authority required to take to remedy this lack of hydrants, including digging up the road, if necessary.

1242 Correspondence not yet Dealt With:

a) The Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting between the District Council and Town and Parish Councils were circulated for the information of Councillors.

b) N. Somerset Council had announced that additional funding was available to improve public transport in rural areas. Any suggestions for improving public transport in Walton would be passed to N. Somerset Council.

c) Local Councils were being canvassed by N. Somerset Council as to the suggested use of any savings made by Wessex Water under the 1990 review of water prices. The Parish Council agreed that any surplus money should be spent on environmental improvements, with priority being given to first time sewerage schemes. The Clerk would write to N. Somerset Council accordingly.

d) Efforts by N. Somerset Council to have Town and Parish Councils keep the right to nominate Governors to School Governing Bodies under the Schools Standards & Framework Bill, now going through Parliament, were noted and supported by the Parish council.

e) The Parish Council would comment on N. Somerset Council's summarised Housing Strategy, 1992/2002, when a copy was received in the near future.

f) Posters informing parents of action to be taken if their children wished to start school in September, 1999, would be put up in the Parish.

1243 Finance

a) The following cheques were agreed and signed:

		<u>£.p</u>
Village Hall	Use on 11/6/98	4.00
W P Weatherhogg	Expenses April/June	150.00

b) No action had yet been taken on purchasing a computer

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

*R. J. Baker*

*W. P. Weatherhogg*  
9/7/98

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

There were no apologies for absence.

1244 Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 11th June, 1998, were signed as a true record.

1245 Planning:

a) A copy of a Planning Application in respect of a new roof for Harvest Home, Walton Bay, had been received; the Council had no objections and the Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council accordingly.

b) A list of enforcement actions, initiated by N. Somerset Council, was circulated.

1246 Clerk's Report:

a) Speed limit through Walton:

The Clerk had written to Avon & Somerset Police, asking whether they supported a 30mph speed limit through Walton in Gordano. An acknowledgement of the letter had been received.

b) Bridleway across Walton Common:

The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council, reiterating the Council's opposition to a bridleway across Walton Common.

c) Bus stop on Coast Road:

An "on site" meeting had been held, attended by representatives of N. Somerset Council, Badgerline and Councillors. All parties agreed that a better position for the bus stop was opposite Walton Bay Stores, although all were reluctant to commit funds for the work to be carried out. Mr Shields, of N. Somerset Council, asked that the Clerk should officially write to him, asking that the bus stop should be moved, re-erected and hard standing be put in place. This letter had now been sent.

d) Charlcombe Park Caravan Site:

A reply had been received from Portishead Town Council saying that it had no information concerning the development of Charlcombe Caravan Park, but it would let the Parish Council know if any information was gained in the future.

e) Parking on the Coast Road:

A letter had been received from N. Somerset Council, saying that the Coast Road had been visited on several occasions recently, and that from a Highways point of view, the parking of cars on the verge was not producing any particular problems and no further action was necessary at this time.

f) Moor Lane Road Signs:

N. Somerset Council Highways Authority had inspected these signs and were arranging for them to be repainted.

g) SWEB Charges:

The Clerk had complained to SWEB over incorrect sending of mail to his predecessor, Mrs McLaughlin, over a long period. SWEB had now apologised and as compensation, had waived their charges for the June quarter.

h) Closure of Coast Path:

An engineering report had now been submitted to the Transport and Highways Committee of N. Somerset Council for consideration.

i) Hedge obstructing Footpath:

The Clerk would contact N. Somerset Council again (Mr Gary Merrick tel. 882075).

1247 Councillors Reports:

The following points were made:

- a) The brook next to Moor Lane needed cleaning out
- b) The litter in the verges of Moor Lane had not been collected.  
Also the "No Tipping" sign was still lying on its side.

1248 Correspondence not yet dealt with:

- a) A brochure on Managing the Use of Common Land was circulated.
- b) The Badgerline bus from Weston super Mare to Cribbs Causeway, via Walton, would now operate throughout the year, and the service frequency increased.
- c) A Travel Map covering North Somerset was circulated.

1249 Finance:

- a) The following cheque was agreed and signed:

9/7/98      Use of Village Hall      £4.00

- b) The audit of the Council's Accounts would be held in September.

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

*R J Baill*

*[Signature]*  
10/9/98

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in  
Gordano, on Thursday, 10th September, 1998.

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Cannell and  
Mr Rutley.

Mr Nigel Ashton and Mr Alan Moss also attended.

1250 The Chairman welcomed Mr Ashton and Mr Moss to the Meeting and  
invited Mr Ashton to speak to the Council.

Speed Limit through Walton in Gordano:

Mr Ashton outlined recent discussions that N. Somerset Council  
had had with Avon & Somerset Police. The Police had said that although they  
still felt that a 30 mph speed limit would be difficult to enforce in parts  
of Walton, they would not object to the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit  
in principle. Further conversations within N. Somerset Council suggested  
that there might be sufficient funds in the current year's budget of the  
Highways Department to set up the necessary signs and markings in this  
financial year.

The Parish Council warmly welcomed this news, and thanked Mr Ashton  
for his efforts. The Council hoped the speed limit would extend throughout the  
whole of the Parish, and not just to a limited part. To indicate to the  
District Council the support which the introduction of a speed limit would  
have amongst the residents of Walton, the next Parish Newsletter would invite  
readers to write to Mr Ashton, indicating their support for a speed limit.  
The Parish Council was certain that there was overwhelming support throughout  
all the Parish.

1251. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 9th July, 1998, were signed as a true  
record.

1252. Planning:

a) Approval had been given, retrospectively, to the addition of a  
pitched roof on Harvest Home, Walton Bay.

b) Revised plans had been received for a conservatory on the Old Post  
Office, Walton Down Road. The Council had no objections.

c) Closure of the Coast Path:

1) The closure of the Coast Path, due to a cliff fall at Walton Bay,  
had now been extended to 22nd January, 1999.

2) Following the on site meeting, an Engineering Report had now been  
presented to the Highways & Transportation Sub Committee of N. Somerset Council  
concerning the cliff fall which had closed the shore path at Walton Bay.  
A recent geotechnical report had stressed that the principal areas of  
instability were the overlying earth deposits on the rock itself, and that there  
was a strong possibility of further slips in these earth deposits. To stabilise  
or bypass these areas of instability, the report examined various options:

a) The construction of 3 retaining walls from the beach to the footpath.  
These would need to be some 9.5 metres high, and would cost in excess of  
£100,000 each.

b) Construction of Bridges: Two bridges would be needed, one  
20 metres long and the other 13 metres. The estimated cost would be in excess  
of £50,000, with annual maintenance costs of around £800.

c) Re-routing of footpath: An alternative was to divert the footpath  
either temporarily or permanently. The present diversion is unsatisfactory to  
walkers, but any shorter alternative would probably mean crossing private land  
and negotiations with land owners would be necessary for right of access or  
outright purchase.

The report concluded that the contents should be discussed with user groups and local residents and landowners before a decision could be arrived at. In the meantime, the original footpath would remain closed.

The parish Council noted the report, and awaited notification from N. Somerset Council of the further discussions which would be held to consider future action.

1253 Clerk's Report:

a) Bus stop on Coast Road:

The Clerk had contacted Mr Shields, N. Somerset Council, who had told him that a request for funds to reposition the bus stop had been made to the Highways Department, but in view of the shortage of funds in general within the Council, there was no indication when the work might be carried out.

b) Hedge obstructing Footpath:

The Clerk had spoken to N. Somerset Council, and Mr Merrick had inspected the hedge and had reported that it posed no threat to traffic, and therefore no action was required. Mr Merrick was currently on leave, but on his return, the clerk would point out to him that the Council's concern was for danger to pedestrians occurring due to the hedge extending over the verge and making walkers walk in the road, thus endangering them to fast moving traffic.

c) Moor Lane:

No action regarding the litter in the verges had yet been taken. The person who had agreed to take action had now left N. Somerset Council, and the Clerk would recontact them.

d) Conygar Quarry:

The Clerk had received a letter from N. Somerset Council, saying that a copy of 'Conygar Quarry - Schemes for Approval under Planning Conditions' was available for inspection at the Town Hall, Planning Reception. However, as any comments had to be made by 18th August, 1998, the Parish Council had had no chance to comment. Mr Moss agreed to enquire whether the information was relevant to this Parish.

e) Walton Down Road:

The Clerk reported that Margaret Skidmore, Willow Cottage, had complained that her post, in some instances, was not being delivered correctly due to confusion with other roads, particularly Down Road in Portishead. She considered that all the relevant authorities had not been fully informed of the change of name. Mr Ashton agreed to speak to Mrs Skidmore outside the meeting to try and ensure that all those involved were made aware of the change of name.

e) Parish Verges Project:

N. Somerset Council had written asking whether any of the verges which were cut during the year should be treated as 'conservation verges', which were not cut at sensitive times of the year eg; spring, when the bulbs might be flowering. The Parish Council did not consider any of the verges to be 'special sites' and asked the Clerk to reply, asking that normal, regular, cutting of verges should continue, as in most of the Parish they are the only areas where pedestrians can walk off the road.

g) Twinning with another Village:

Mr Rutley had suggested that to commemorate the Millennium, the Parish might be twinned with another village, either in the UK or the EC. This suggestion would be considered with the others for marking the Millennium.



1254 Councillors' Reports:

The generally untidy state of Moor Lane, including rubbish in the verges, overgrown traffic signs, especially near the bridge, and traffic signs which needed repositioning was commented on.

1255 Correspondence not previously dealt with:

a) The final recommendations of the Electoral Review of North Somerset by the Local Government Commission for England, had now been published. The recommendations did not alter anything which affected Walton in Gordano.

b) Age Concern, of North Somerset, had written asking for details of clubs in the Parish which catered for the elderly. As far as the Council were aware, there were no clubs specifically designed to cater for the elderly.

c) An invitation to attend the Clevedon Civic Service on Sunday, 11th October, had been received; our apologies would be sent.

d) A copy of a letter from Stephen Byers, Minister of State for Education, had been circulated by N. Somerset Council, indicating that 'a duty on governing bodies of primary schools serving minor authority areas to consider co-opting minor authority nominees' would be included in the School Standards & Framework Bill now awaiting enactment. The Parish Council noted this change with pleasure.

f) A Conference on Biodiversity & Wildlife would be held in Nailsea on 3rd October.

g) Details of the services provided by the Graphics Unit of N. Somerset Council had been received.

h) Details of a request for a volunteer Tree Warden for the parish were circulated.

i) Notification of a National Week of Science, Engineering & Technology, to be organised in 1999 by the British Association had been received.

j) The implementation by N. Somerset Council of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act, 1996, would be made to all land in the open air to which the public had access except for carriageways, agricultural land, woodland or land which is predominantly marsh, moor or heath. This was noted by this Council.

1256 Finance:

a) A Connection Agreement, formalising the contractual arrangements between SWEB and the Council for the supply of unmetered electricity for the street light would be signed and returned to SWEB by the Clerk.

b) Contribution to the Fete:

Mr Rutley had asked that, if the Fete is sponsored by the Council in future, the cheque could be paid to the organisers by the end of June. The Council saw no problem with this request.

c) Triennial Audit to 31st March, 1998:

The Clerk reported that the Triennial Audit for the three years ended 31st March, 1998, would be carried out by Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, between 28th September, 1998, and 16th October, 1998. Three copies of the Accounts for each of the years were signed by the Clerk, as the Responsible Financial Officer, and a Councillor, on behalf of the Council. A Notice, informing parishioners of the audit, and informing anybody interested where to

inspect the books, had been exhibited on the village notice board.

d) Cheques:

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

		£
W P Weatherhogg	expenses July/September	150.00
W P Weatherhogg	petty cash	40.60
Village Hall	use of Hall	4.00
Mr Hollingsworth	sponsorship of fete marquee	400.00

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

*R. J. Ball*

*W P Weatherhogg* 8/10/98

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in  
Gordano, on Thursday, 8th October, 1998.

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Moss.  
The Clerk reported that PC Charlie Burt had been granted a  
6 months secondment to Guernsey from 9th October, 1998.

1257. Public Participation Time: Speed Limit on Coast Road.

Mrs Barbara Palmer, of Rosedene, Walton Bay Park, addressed the Council on this issue, and presented the Councillors with copies of a census of cars along the Coast Road which she had taken recently. A copy of the results had been sent to Mr Nigel Ashton, who was co-ordinating discussions with N. Somerset Council officials on a possible speed limit in Walton in Gordano.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Palmer for her support for the Council's on-going campaign for a speed limit throughout the Parish.

1258. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 20th September, 1998, were signed as a true record.

1259. Planning:

a) A copy of Planning Application No. 98/1988/LB, by Mr D Moores, of The Stable House, Walton Street, had been received. It covered alterations and renovations mainly to the pan tiled roof. The Council had no objections to this application.

b) Copies of Planning Applications No. 98/2053 and 98/2053/LB by Miss Abrahams, Plum Tree Cottage, Clevedon Road, had been received. They covered the provision of a new vehicular access and parking area. The Council had no objections.

c) The Planning Application by Mr Harvey, The Old Post Office, Walton Street, to build a conservatory had been approved.

1260. Clerk's Report:

a) Speed through Parish:

Following the encouraging news from Nigel Ashton at the last Meeting, the Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Inspector P Stephens, Head of the Traffic Management Department of Avon & Somerset Constabulary, which was considerably less encouraging. In his letter, Inspector Stephens outlined the police's general position on the imposition of speed limits, but then said he could not comment on Walton in Gordano directly as he did not have the relevant data on existing speed of traffic, the length of road under consideration and details of the general environment. Until he obtained such information he was unable to comment.

Councillors were amazed, and disappointed, to receive such a letter. The Parish Council has been in close contact with North Somerset Council over a lengthy period concerning a possible speed limit through the Parish. During this time, a comprehensive Petition asking for a speed limit has been presented to N. Somerset Council from the parishioners, several speed checks have been taken in various parts of the Parish, on site meetings have been held to consider the traffic problem. Mr Noel Edwards, Director of Planning

& Environment in N. Somerset Council, attended the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting, in 1997, specifically to discuss our request for measures to reduce speeding through the Parish, and Mr Nigel Ashton, our District Councillor, indicated at our Meeting in September, that our request for a speed limit would not be objected to by the police.

At many of the Parish Council Meetings when the problem of traffic speed was our most pressing concern, the Community Policeman was present. The Council has also invited a representative from the Police Transport Management Department to attend one of our monthly Parish Council Meetings to give us, in person, the police view on speed limits, and in particular, through Walton in Gordano. However, to date, this offer has not been taken up.

In view of all this activity, Inspector Stephens' rather formal letter setting out the principles behind the establishment of a speed limit, without commenting on the particular circumstances of this Parish, was not very helpful. The clerk had sent a copy of the letter to Nigel Ashton, seeking his views on how best to proceed on this matter.

b) Closure of the Coast Path:

The Clerk had spoken to Richard Broadbent, who had taken over as Public Rights of Way Officer from Jenny Reed, who had retired. As he had only recently been appointed to the job, he did not know much of the background to the closure of the Coast Path, but he had walked it recently, and he promised to analyse, in the near future, the cheaper option to repair the path as proposed by the Parish Council in June, 1998. The Clerk would contact him again in the near future ( Direct line 888518) to assess progress.

c) Hedge obstructing Footpath on Coast Road:

The Clerk had spoken to Mr Gary Meddick (Phone. 882075) regarding the hedge at Kia Ora, on the coast road, near Walton Bay Stores. Mr Meddick agreed to inspect the hedge again, and see whether it was a danger to pedestrians walking along the verge.

d) Litter in Moor Lane:

The Clerk had spoken to Mr Iain Reid, Waste Management Inspector in N. Somerset Council, who had then contacted Mrs Charlesworth. Mrs Charlesworth had pointed out the areas of concern along the road where litter was lying. Mr Reid noted these, but pointed out that rubbish in the rhyne was the responsibility of the Somerset Rivers Authority, while the rubbish in the entrances to fields was the responsibility of the landowners.

The matter would be kept under observation, and Mr Reid (tel. 01934-634868) would be contacted when litter required collection.

d) Conygar Quarry:

Mr Moss had written re. Conygar Quarry. Kate Durston, Principal Development Control Officer in N. Somerset Council, is this Council's contact. Planning permission was granted to reopen Conygar Quarry sometime ago, with certain conditions which required the agreement of N. Somerset Council. The meeting of these conditions is still under discussion with N. Somerset Council.

e) Changing of Road Name:

The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs J Elvins, Land Charges Officer, Consumer Protection, of N. Somerset council, pointing out that the Area Engineer who agreed the road name change from Walton Street to Walton Down Road was unauthorised to do so, as the proper procedures had not been followed. At present, an offence had been committed and the new sign will have to be removed, and the proper procedures followed. These procedures involve drawing up a full list of properties affected by the road name change, and the Land Charges Officer would display the relevant notices under Public Health Act, 1925, (Section 18), for residents to object if they wished to.

After discussion, the Council decided not to pursue the change of name any further and to ask N. Somerset Council to pursue the road signs. The name of the road would remain as it was before the signs were put up. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Elvins accordingly.

g) Local Bus Service:

N. Somerset Council had asked for the Parish Council's opinion on whether the contract for Bus Service 846 should be renewed in March, 1999. The service ran through Walton in Gordano at infrequent intervals. The letter would be exhibited in Walton Bay Stores for users of the bus service to provide comments.

1261. Councillors Reports:

The following points, not covered elsewhere were made:

a) Markings to identify the parapet in Moor Lane were now dangerously obscured by weeds and other vegetation. The adjacent road signs needed to be replaced or renovated.

b) Mr Charlesworth attended the Conference on Biodiversity & Wildlife in Nailsea, and found it interesting.

c) The verges in Moor Lane were dangerously overgrown, especially dangerous to users of wheelchairs.

d) The wall in the village in Walton Street, which had been broken by a runaway milkfloat some months ago, needed to be replaced.

1262. Correspondence not Previously Dealt With:

a) Glasdon UK Ltd had sent a brochure offering commemorative products for the Millennium, such as bus shelters and seating and benches. These items would be added to the list of possible projects for commemorating the Millennium.

b) The Nailsea & District Community Transport Annual Report, 1997/98, had been received and was circulated.

c) The next Area Liason Meeting between N.Somerset Council and a group of Parish Councils, including Walton in Gordano, will be on Thursday, 29th October, 1998, at 7.30pm, at Clevedon Community Centre.

d) A poster giving advice on how to apply for Grant Aid would be exhibited on the Notice Board.

1263. Finance:

a) The Clerk reported that the papers for the Triennial Audit had been deposited with the auditors, Ernst & Young.

b) The following cheques were authorised and signed:

		<u>£.p</u>
W P Weatherhogg	Petty Cash	40.00
Village Hall	Use of Hall	4.00

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

*R Weatherhogg*

*W P Weatherhogg*  
13/11/98

## WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1998.

**Present:** Councillor R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mr P Jupp, Mr G Rutley and the Clerk.  
Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Charlesworth.  
Mr Nigel Ashton also attended.

1264: Speed limit on the Coast Road:

1. Mr Nigel Ashton reported N. Somerset Highways had received clearance from the police to install a 30 MPH limit in parts of the parish, in spite of their doubts on the practicality of enforcing it. The recent petition from parishioners had been helpful. The precise distance which the speed limit would cover had not yet been determined, but early indications were that it would be limited to through the village. Councillors argued it was equally required along the Coast Road, especially as 65% of the residents within the parish were situated to the North of 'Taggart', and there were several blind exits from the side roads along the route. Mr Ashton agreed to raise these concerns with N. Somerset. If all the arrangements could be made in time, the speed limit might be in operation in this financial year, i.e.: by 31st March, 1999.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ashton for his efforts on behalf of the Parish, and hoped the limit could be introduced throughout the Parish in the near future.

1265: Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 8th October, 1998, were signed as a true record.

1266. Planning:

- 1) A questionnaire from N. Somerset Council was completed, giving the most common subjects raised by parishioners as:-
  - a) Road safety - 30 mile per hour speed limit required.
  - b) Condition of footpath and highways - cutting verges and cleaning roads more frequently.
  - c) Rubbish Clearance - clearing verges of rubbish more regularly.
- 2) It was reported that an amendment to the planning permission No.97/1094, granted on 13th August 1997, in respect of Brookside Cottage, Walton Drove, had been authorised. The amendment comprised a small reduction in the size of the proposed extension. The Council had no objection to the amendment.

1267

Clerks Report

1. Closure of Coastal Footpath.

Mr Richard Broadhead had discussed repair work with the contractor, and was waiting for a quote. If the quote was acceptable, it was hoped that the repair work could start in the near future.

2. Bus Stop on Coast Road.

Mr Shields had requested the Highways Department to carry out the work involved in repositioning the bus stop, but no action had yet been taken.

3. Cutting Verges.

The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council requesting that the Parish Verges should be cut more often in the future. N. Somerset Council had replied and said that their budget would not allow any additional cuts.

4. Bridge in Moor Lane.

N. Somerset Council had inspected the bridge in Moor Lane and were going to cut back the brambles at both ends of the bridge and to reposition the road sign.

5. Wall in Walton Street.

The Wall in Walton Street has now been repaired.

1268

Councillors Reports.

It was pointed out that the road sweeper went as far as Taggart but did not proceed further along the coast road. This happened frequently and Nigel Ashton agreed to make further enquiries on how the road sweeper operated.

1269

Correspondence not previously dealt with.

a: The Police had asked the Parish Council to join a Crime Computer Network. The Council agreed that it would be helpful to join such a network.

b: A Public Hearing of the Joint Replacement Structure Plan was to be held in January 1999. The Council noted this.

c: The revised constitution of N.A.L.C. had been received and was noted by the council.

d: An Open Forum of the Public Rights of Way Department of N. Somerset Council is to be held on 28th January 1999 in Weston-Super-Mare.

e: The Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting between N Somerset Council and local Town and Parish Councils, held on the 22nd September 1998, had been received and would be circulated.

1270                      Finance.

a: Copies of the accounts for years 1995/96, 1996/97, and 1997/98 were signed, following the audit recently carried out by Ernst and Young. No major changes were made to the draft accounts during the audit.

b: Cheques for Signature

The following cheques were approved a signed:

	£	p
SWEB	4	62
Village Hall	4	00

c: N Somerset Council had provided an estimate of the cost of the 1999 elections which would be helpful when the 1999 precept was being drawn up.

d: The Clerk circulated a list of the suggestions which had been made by parishioners for events to commemorate the Millennium. This would be considered by Councillors.

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

*R J Baller*

*W. P. [Signature]*

10/12/98



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 10th December, 1998.**

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Charlesworth.  
Mr Nigel Ashton also attended.

**1271**    Speed limit on the Coast Road.

Mr Nigel Ashton updated the Councillors on the latest developments. A meeting with N. Somerset Council Highways Official, Mr Dennis White, had been arranged for Tuesday, 15th December, to discuss the 30mph speed limit which the Parish Council and parishioners had asked for. Mr Ashton asked for the meeting to be as widely publicised as possible within the parish, to allow those interested to attend and put forward their views following the petitions presented to N. Somerset Council. The discussions on obtaining a speed limit through the Parish were now becoming more hopeful.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ashton for taking the lead in the discussions with N. Somerset Council, and hoped the turnout on 18th December would reflect the anxiety of parishioners for a speed limit.

**1272**    Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the last meeting of 13th November 1998, were signed as a true record.

**1273**    Planning:

1, It was reported that Planning Consent had been given to the repairs and alterations proposed at Stable House, Walton Street, as requested by Mr D. Moores.

2, A letter from Dr Liam Fox, M.P. for Woodspring had been received, asking for the Parish Councils support for an overall strategy for dealing with issues of planning and development in his constituency, for which he was hoping to build a cross party co ordination to provide a united front in dealing with demands for further development,

The Parish Council considered the principles he had set forward and agreed they were all very acceptable and worthy of their support.

Precisely how they were to be implemented was not set out in the letter.

The Clerk was asked to reply to Dr Fox, giving the Parish Council's full support to his initiative.

**1274**    Clerks Report

1. Closure of Coastal Footpath:

The Clerk had contacted N. Somerset Council, and an acceptable quote for renewing the Coastal Footpath at Walton Bay had been received. It was hoped that work would start shortly after the Christmas break.

2 Hedge on Coast Road:

No further action had been taken by N. Somerset Council, and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Gary Meddick again.

3 Renewal of Water Main through Village:

The Clerk had attended a meeting with officials of Bristol Water and N. Somerset Council to discuss the possible closure of the B3124 to allow a water main to be laid. The meeting concluded that the water main could be laid without closing the whole of the road, although traffic lights would be needed. Local residents would be contacted separately regarding any cutting off of their water supply.

4 Electoral Review of N. Somerset

The period Electoral Review of N. Somerset had now become law. The changes did not affect Walton in Gordano

5 Draft Register of Electors:

Copies of the Draft Register of Electors had been received, and would be exhibited within the parish.

1275 Councillors Reports:

Information Sheet

Mr Green had informed the Chairman that pressure of work meant he could no longer type the monthly Information Sheet. Mr Rutley agreed to enquire whether Mrs Rutley would be willing to takeover the typing, possibly on a temporary basis. The Clerk was asked to buy a gift for Mr Green as a token of the Council's appreciation for his past help.

1276 Correspondence not previously dealt with.

1. A Consultation Document on the merger of N.H.S. Trusts was circulated.
2. Sgt. Buckland of Avon and Somerset Police has asked to attend a future Council Meeting, to talk to Councillors about Community Safety Action Groups.
3. A conference on the Working Countryside in N. Somerset would be held in Clevedon on 28th January 1999.

1277 Finance.

1. The Clerk reported that new auditors had been appointed by N. Somerset Council. Robson Rhodes would take over the audit from Ernst and Young; the fees were expected to be the same.

2. The Clerk had obtained privately a secondhand Vanilla 486 DX Computer and added an Olivetti Printer. He hoped to be able to produce future minutes on it.

3. The following cheques were agreed and signed

W.P. Weatherhogg Expenses Oct- Dec.	£150.00
Village Hall	4.00

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

*R. Dalk*

*W.P. Weatherhogg*

14/1/99

Note off minutes: "Mr Green" is in fact "Mr Hill" the current clerk.  
Done 10/6/01

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano on Thursday, 14th January, 1999.**

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

**Sgt. Barry Buckland attended for Agenda Item 3.  
There were no apologies for absence.**

**1278. Minutes of the last Meeting.**

**The Minutes of the Meeting of 10th December, 1998, were signed as a true record.**

**1279. Crime and Disorder Act, 1998.**

**Sgt. Barry Buckland, of Avon and Somerset Constabulary, spoke to Councillors on this Act. It required Parish Councils, amongst others, to co-operate with the Police and the District Authority, in setting up Groups to consider, and where possible resolve, local problems which previously would have been referred to the police. After outlining the various Groups to be set up, Sgt. Buckland agreed that Walton in Gordano was so small, that many of the points to be discussed would not be relevant, eg: there was no school or shopping centre in the Parish, both of which had given rise to problems elsewhere.**

**Following a discussion, it was agreed that Sgt. Buckland would talk to Weston in Gordano and Clapton in Gordano Parish Councils, and hopefully these Councils, plus Walton, could form a joint Group to discuss mutually relevant problems, and consider tackling them on a collective basis. Sgt. Buckland would let the Clerk know when he had spoken to the other Parish Councils.**

**Sgt. Buckland referred to the Executive Summary and Draft Community Safety Strategy document circulated to Parish Councils recently. He asked for the enclosed Feedback Form to be completed and returned to N. Somerset Council, and the Clerk was empowered to return it on behalf of Walton.**

**1280. Planning:**

**There were no items to report.**

**1281. Clerk's Report**

**1) Speed Limit through Parish:**

Mr Dennis White, of N. Somerset Highways Dept., had met Councillors and local residents on 15th December, 1998, and a constructive discussion was held. The residents outlined the dangers of speeding traffic and it was agreed that a speed limit of 30 or 40 mph was required. After the meeting, Mr White had written to the Parish Council, enclosing Plan No. NC 631/1, which showed the proposed extent of the 30 and 40 mph speed limits. The Parish Council welcomed the limits as set down in the Plan, and asked the Clerk to write to Mr White, agreeing the Plan and asking that the necessary action be taken to implement the limits as soon as possible.

**2) Coastal Footpath :**

It was reported that repairs had now been made to the footpath, and it was reopen to walkers. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Broadhead, thanking him for the repair work, and asking for the hedges to be cut back at this point.

**3) Hedge on Coast Road:**

The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council but no reply had yet been received.

**1282. Councillors' Reports**

**Councillors made the following points:**

- a) Steps leading up to a stile in Hackswood, near Plumtree Cottage, were unstable and required attention.
- b) Rubbish was still evident in the verges of Moor Lane.
- c) The signposts in Moor Lane needed renovating.
- d) There was a lot of loose gravel in Moor Lane, and a car window had been broken by a flying stone recently.
- e) The condition of the Coast Road was deteriorating. In particular, a large pothole was evident between the Coast Caravan Park and Walton Bay Shop, and surface water was constantly running from an adjoining field on to the road.
- f) Mrs Maureen Rutley had kindly agreed to take over the typing of the Information Sheet but her typewriter required a new daisywheel to cope with the additional work. This was agreed at a cost of £ 19.50, and the Council expressed its thanks to her for her kind help.

**1283. Correspondence not previously dealt with:**

- 1) A poster asking for a Parish Wildlife Warden would be exhibited.
- 2) Details of ALCA's forthcoming meetings were circulated.
- 3) The Minutes of the last Area Liaison Meeting had been received and were circulated.
- 4) Details of the Millennium Festival Fund were circulated; it would be considering requests for financial help in connection with Millennium projects after April, 1999.
- 5) A request for questions for HTV's Gardening World had been received and was circulated.

**1284. Finance:**

1) Three Auditor's Reports had been received, certifying the Accounts for 1995/96, 1996/97 and 1997/98 as audited and found correct. The fee of £ 117.50 was considered acceptable.

2) 1999/2000 Precept :

The estimated cost of a contested Parish Council election in 1999 was £350. The probable normal running costs of the Council were forecast to be around £ 1500, so a Precept for 1999/2000 of £ 1800 was agreed.

3) Clapton-in -Gordano Millennium Wood:

A request for financial help for a Millennium Wood, to be established in Clapton in Gordano, had been received, but the Council were unable to help.

4) Cheques to be signed:

The following cheques were approved and signed:

	£. p
Ernst & Young	117.50
SWEB	4.62
Village Hall	4.00
Petty Cash	40.00

**There being no further relevant business to consider, the meeting closed  
at 9.00pm.**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 11th February, 1999.**

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

Councillor Nigel Ashton also attended.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Charlesworth and Mr Moss.

**1285 Minutes of the last Meeting.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of 14th January, 1999, were signed as a true record.

**1286 Flooding in Walton in Gordano.**

Councillor Ashton outlined action taken during, and following, the recent severe flooding which had occurred in Walton, in the centre of the 'village'. He had attended the flooding area on several occasions, once accompanied by Mr Roy Murray, an engineer with N. Somerset Council. Mr Murray had subsequently written to Mr Ashton, with proposed action to help alleviate flooding in the future, the main points being as follows:

- a) Clean the stream and ditches out as required. This would involve approaching land owners where necessary to carry out the work.
- b) Inspect all relevant pipes for condition and adequacy.
- c) Where the brook is a viewed Rhyne, the Gordano Valley Internal Drainage Board will be approached to clear the ditch.
- d) Investigate water coming off the fields to the north of Dully's Wood and next to Plumtree Cottage.

Mr Ashton was thanked for this initiative, and any work which might help to avoid, or reduce, flooding in the future was welcomed by the Parish Council. Steps in front of doors might be helpful, but difficulties might be encountered as some of the houses were listed buildings.

The Councillors living in the worst affected areas made the following points:

- a) Attempts to obtain sandbags from N. Somerset Council at the height of the flooding were unsuccessful. Subsequent attempts were made, but N. Somerset Council then wished to charge £1 per sandbag for providing them.
- b) More regular inspection of the condition of the ditches, rhyes and pipes was required. Currently, inspections and cleaning only seem to occur at irregular intervals, often only after the Parish Council had raised the issue with N. Somerset.

c) The constant raising of the level of the road each time it is repaired has now made the flooding of houses far more likely, which means sandbags are more vital than ever before. The Parish Council suggested that a stock of sandbags might be held in a safe place in the village, to be distributed immediately the danger of flooding occurs.

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

#### 1287 Planning :

##### a) Trees at the School House:

Permission had been granted for the felling of an Acer and a Leylandii at The Old School, Walton. The Parish Council had no comments on this Planning Consent.

##### b) Amendment of Definitive Map of Walton Common:

North Somerset Council had sent an amended Definitive Map of Walton Common indicating the bridleways LA 17/3 & LA/8 which had been redesignated from footpaths. The Parish Council noted this change with regret, as the move had been opposed by the majority of users of Walton Common.

##### c) Milestones 2000 Statement for Public Rights of Way -- Consultation Draft:

A copy of the consultation draft had been received from N. Somerset Council. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to reply, pointing out that the Council considered that the interests of walkers should generally be put above those of horse riders and cyclists, where a conflict existed.

##### d) Development at Charlcombe Park:

Following details of the possible application to N. Somerset Council for Charlcombe Caravan Park to be used for property development, the Clerk was asked to write to N. Somerset Council, asking whether the Parish Council could be sent any information on the property development, including outline plans, even though the site was just outside the Parish boundary.

#### 1288 Clerk's Report:

##### a) Speed limit through Walton:

Mr Dennis White, of N. Somerset Council's Highway Management Team, had now written to all local emergency services, asking for their comments on a speed limit through Walton. Support for a speed limit had been received from the Ambulance Service, First Bus and Walton and Weston Parish Councils. Comments from the police were awaited before further action could be taken.



Mr Gill, Senior Engineer in N. Somerset Council, had arranged for the obstructing hedge to be cut back off the highway. He pointed out, however, that future maintenance of the hedge would be the responsibility of the property owner.

**c) Steps to stile in Hackswood :**

Mr Richard Broadhead, Rights of Way Officer, had agreed to look at the problem to see what might be done to make the steps safer.

**d) Condition of Coast Road :**

The poor condition of the Coast Road had been reported to N. Somerset Council. The large pothole had been filled in.

**e) Moor Lane :**

The condition of Moor Lane and the verges had been reported to N. Somerset Council, as were the poor condition of the signposts. The road had been swept following the report of an excess of gravel on the road.

**f) Request for a Bus Shelter :**

Miss Lisa Trickett, of The Haven, Walton Bay, had written to N. Somerset Council, asking for a bus shelter to be erected near Walton Bay Shop, on the Coast Road. The request had been passed to the Parish Council, as the organisation responsible for providing bus shelters within the Parish. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge Miss Trickett's letter, to establish the probable cost of a bus shelter, and to contact First Bus, to see whether they would be prepared to pay for, or contribute towards the cost of, a bus shelter.

**1289 Councillors' Reports :**

The following points were made by Councillors :

a) A schedule of the cutting of verges along Moor Lane by N. Somerset Council in 1999 would be helpful.

b) The condition of the Coast Road was not good, and a pothole near Brighton Cottages needed attention.

c) Two rubbish bins near Clevedon Golf Course had been removed and needed replacing.

d) Mrs Rutley would not now replace the daisywheel on her typewriter to cope with the additional work of the Information Sheet.

e) The times for the collection of refuse along the Coast Road tended to vary, but the collecting company were helpful when problems arose.

**1290 Correspondence not previously dealt with :**

a) Phase 2 of the Severn Estuary Shoreline Management Plan had been received and would be considered.

b) A list of possible events in N. Somerset to mark the Millennium had been received.

c) A report setting out current responsibilities for drainage issues in the area had been received from N. Somerset Council.

d) Consultants had been appointed to draw up Stage 1 of the Portishead to Bristol Transport Corridor Study.

e) An official launch evening of The Parish Paths Scheme, on Thursday, 25th February, had been announced by N. Somerset Council.

**1291 Finance :**

1) A Precept of £ 1800 had been requested for 1999/2000.

2) Cheques :

The following payments were agreed and the cheques signed :

	£	p
Local Council Review ---- Subscription	9.99	
Use of Village Hall	4.00	
Mrs Rutley : Printing of Information Sheet	5.20	

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

*R J Ball*

*W J Deery*

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 11th March, 1999.**

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

Mr Alan Moss, N. Somerset Council, also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Nigel Ashton.

**1292 Minutes of the last Meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of 11th February, 1999, were signed as a true record, after the following amendments had been made:

a) Minute 1288---Clerk's Report--Para (e)--the inclusion of "not" after "the road had..."

b) Minute 1291---Finance-- the inclusion of "Mrs Rutley----£5.20" under cheques signed.

**1293 Planning:**

There were no items to discuss under this heading. However, the Clerk reported that he had written to N. Somerset Council, asking that we be kept informed of any proposed developments at Charlcombe Park, even though the site was outside the Parish boundary.

**1294 Clerk's Report:**

**a) Flooding in Walton:**

The Clerk had written to Nigel Ashton, thanking him for his efforts during the recent flooding in the centre of the village. Mr Ashton had later spoken to the Clerk, explaining that he was negotiating with N. Somerset Council with a view to obtaining permission to build steps to protect households from future floods where this is practical and desirable. He was also hoping to obtain agreement for the supply of 100 sandbags, to be situated in the Parish, for speedy emergency use in future floods. Councillors welcomed these initiatives, and discussed possible sites for the storage of the sandbags.

**b) Bridleway across the Common:**

The Clerk has written to N. Somerset Council, objecting to the granting of a bridleway across Walton Common, and asking for walkers to be given more consideration where the conflicts of walkers and horseriders clashed, as on the Common.

**c) Speed Limit through Walton:**

Mr Dennis White, N. Somerset Council, has now heard from the police, who do not oppose a speed limit as proposed, but again emphasise that enforcement in parts of Walton will be impractical. Mr White will now progress the technical and legal sides of the speed order; notices should be issued in around 3 weeks.

**d) Hedge on the Coast Road:**

This has now been cut back, and the Council was grateful to N. Somerset Council for their help in this matter.

e) **Request for a bus shelter:**

The Clerk has acknowledged the letter from a parishioner, and has written to both Badgerline and N. Somerset Council, suggesting that the cost of the bus shelter should be split three ways. The lowest cost for a 2.5m by 1.3m Cantilever type shelter with a flat roof, delivered and installed, was £1089 plus VAT, from Commutaports. Mr Moss would enquire whether planning permission would be required for the erection of a bus shelter.

f) **Moor Lane:**

The Clerk had spoken to N. Somerset Council about the general condition of Moor Lane, including the poor state of the signposts and the excess gravel on the road.

g) **Condition of Coast Road:**

The Clerk had spoken to N. Somerset Council on the generally poor state of the Coast Road.

h) **Severn Estuary Shoreline Management Plan:**

The consultants had issued the early draft of their current negotiations with interested parties. Walton wished to emphasise, again, the importance of maintaining the coastal path in good condition as an amenity.

i) **Parish Paths Scheme:**

The Rights of Way Team at N. Somerset Council had offered to attend a Parish Council meeting, to explain their Parish Paths Scheme. The Clerk would invite them to the Parish Meeting, to be held on 8th April, 1999.

j) **Community Action Safety Team:**

A letter had been received from Weston in Gordano Parish Council, inviting Walton to join with them, and Clapton in Gordano, in forming a combined Community Action Safety Team. The Council agreed with this proposal in principle, and the Clerk would write to Weston accordingly.

k) **Advertising of CPRE:**

CPRE has asked for a list of Parish events which they might attend to publicise the work of CPRE, and to attract new members. The details of this request would be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

l) **Transportation and Highways Works:**

N. Somerset Council was updating its list of outstanding Transport and Highways works, and was asking Parish Councils for their latest priority jobs. Walton's top priority was still implementing a speed limit through the Parish.

m) **Register of Electors:**

The final Register of Electors had been received and would be exhibited in the Parish.

**n) Future Meetings:**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday, 8th April, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. Councillors were reminded that the Council Elections would be held on 6th May, and nomination papers must be with the Electoral Registration Officer by noon on 8th April. The Annual General Meeting would either be held on Thursday, 13th May, or Thursday, 20th May, depending on whether the election was contested or not.

**o) New Notepaper:**

The Clerk had run out of headed notepaper, and was given permission to order a further batch.

**1295 Councillors Reports:**

The following points, not covered elsewhere, were made:

a) Attempts to contact Mr Iain Reid, Environmental Services at N. Somerset Council in respect to litter in the verges of Moor Lane, had not succeeded. Mr Moss would make enquiries.

b) Mrs Hamilton, of Walton Castle, was rumoured to be seeking an extension to the number of functions held at the Castle. Councillors queried whether any planning permission was involved, and Mr Moss agreed to make some enquiries.

c) The schedule of grass cutting along the verges was required for future reference.

d) Moor Lane needed cleaning of loose gravel brought down by the recent floods.

e) The bus stop near Walton Bay Stores, which was destroyed by a car over a year ago, has not yet been replaced, as agreed. Mr Moss agreed to follow this up. Another accident had recently occurred at this spot.

f) Mrs Rutley was organising a petition, objecting to the use of Walton Common as a bridleway.

g) The use of the verge near the broken bus stop on the Coast Road, as a parking bay for cars, was turning the area into a mud bath, and was causing a danger to traffic. Mr Moss would liaise with the Highways Department of N. Somerset Council, and would try and organise an inspection of the area, which Councillors would like to attend.

h) Revised charges for the Hall from 1st April had been drawn up. The cost to the Parish Council would now be £4.50 per meeting.

**1296 Correspondence not previously dealt with:**

a) A Millennium Beacon is available to be purchased at a cost of £ 1500. The Council did not wish to follow this up.

b) The Volunteer Agency wanted an event in Walton at which its work could be advertised. This request would be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

c) A meeting of the Carer Contact Scheme would be held on 29th April in Weston. This was noted.

d) A poster advertising help for Dyslexics would be put on the Notice Board.

e) A Workshop to discuss the future of Transport in N. Somerset would be held in Clevedon on 30th March.

1297 Finance:

The following cheques were agreed and signed:

	£.p
Village Hall	4.00
W P Weatherhogg ---- expenses	150.00
ALCA Sub. for 1999	36.04
Mrs Rutley----Production of Info. Sheet	5.20

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

*R J Ballin*

*W P Weatherhogg*  
8/4/99