

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 8th April, 1999.

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 Mr Ashton.

1298 Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 11th March, 1999, were signed as a true record.

1299 Planning:

The Parish Council noted that Planning Consent had been granted for Vehicular Access and Parking at Plum Tree Cottage, to Miss D Abrahams.

1300 Clerk's Report:

a) Bridleway across Walton Common:

N. Somerset Council had acknowledged the Council's continuing objections to a bridleway being established on Walton Common. These objections, with others received, will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, who might decide that a Public Inquiry is required.

b) Request for a Bus Shelter:

Both Badgerline and N. Somerset Council had refused to help in funding a bus shelter on the Coast Road. No information had yet been received from Mr Moss on whether planning permission would be required for such a bus shelter.

c) Moor Lane and Condition of Coast Road:

The Clerk had written to Mr L S Gill, of N. Somerset Engineering Consultancy, with regard to the following highway problems:

- 1) Excessive gravel on Moor Lane
- 2) The 1999 schedule of cuts for grass verges
- 3) Poor surface of the Coast Road, with particular concern at the depth of ruts along the sides of the road, where vehicles have parked in wet weather.
- 4) A particular problem with a patch of verge near Walton Bay Stores, which is now completely churned up by parked cars.
- 5) Replacing a bus stop which was demolished in December, 1997.
- 6) Replacement of two rubbish bins, on the side of the road, near Clevedon Golf Course.

d) Parish Paths Scheme:

A member of the Rights of Way Department, of N. Somerset Council, had agreed to speak to the Annual Parish Meeting, on 8th April, 1999, regarding the Parish Paths Scheme.

e) Community Action Safety Team; The Clerk had written to Weston Parish Council, accepting its invitation to form a joint Community Action Safety Team, together with Clapton in Gordano.

f) Speed limit in Parish:

Mr Ashton had confirmed that the application for a speed limit through the Parish was proceeding through the legal process, prior to work commencing. Notices should be seen in the Parish soon.

g) Flooding in Village:

Mr Ashton reported, in writing, as follows:

“ There will be no objection to steps being put in front of listed buildings to help against flooding but furthermore, Highways are looking at the possibility of incorporating these in some sort of traffic calming measure at their expense. Obviously, any plans will have to be agreed and I will make sure that it does not hold up the implementation of the speed restriction.

The Director of Highways has inspected all the roads with regard to what practical steps are viable to reduce the instances of flooding. I am aware that nothing will stop the worst incidents, but any improvement will be welcome.

Some sandbags will be delivered to the village, to help some of the most frequently affected areas.”

h) General Comments from District Councillor:

Mr Ashton had made the following general comments for the information of the Parish Council:

“ The fight against erosion of the Green Belt continues, with Portishead expanding in all directions and the application for the proposed school site on the Coast Road still with the Appeal Inspector. Portbury Docks are also trying to buy more land but it is vital that we protect the entrance to the Gordano Valley.

Budgets for next year are very tight and I will continue to campaign for all the smaller villages to get their share of the budgets rather than always being at the back of the queue.”

i) Elections to Parish Council:

The final day for nominations to the Parish Council was 8th April, but the Clerk did not yet know whether there would be a contested election or not.

1301 Councillors' Reports:

The following points were made by Councillors:

a) It would be helpful if the Parish Council could be informed by N. Somerset Council of any planning or licence applications made in the future by Mrs Hamilton, of Walton Castle, even though the Castle is outside the parish boundary.

b) No action to clear the excess gravel from Moor Lane had yet been taken, nor on the “No Tipping” signpost which had been pushed over.

c) The poor state of the Coast Road, especially where cars were parking on the verge in wet weather, was commented on. Special concern was expressed on

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the depth of ruts along the road. Two recent accidents had been noted near the shop, both caused by excess speed. The slow sign on the Coast Road needed repainting. A dangerous pothole had appeared near the Old Post Office, opposite Sunnybank, in the centre of the village.

d) Rubbish in the verges in Moor Lane had not been collected.

Each of these points was relatively minor in itself, but the fact that they had been raised by Councillors at meetings over a long period, with little apparent remedial action being taken by N. Somerset Council, was annoying to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Ashton, to enlist his support in obtaining satisfactory action from N. Somerset Council.

1302 Correspondence not yet dealt with:

a) CPRE Avon would be holding a coffee morning to advertise CPRE's work for the countryside at the Theatre Royal, Bath, on 13th April.

b) Weston Quilters were seeking volunteers to make squares, a wall hanging or a quilt, to celebrate the Millennium. More information on 01934-412975.

c) A European Twinning Conference would be held on 30th April, 1999, in Bradley Stoke.

d) CPRE N. Somerset District would hold their AGM at Backwell WI Hall on 24th April, 1999, at 11am.

1303 Finance:

a) The following cheques were agreed and signed:

	<u>£</u>	<u>p</u>
Village Hall	9.00	
Morgan- Westley: Stationery	30.66	
SWEB: Street light	4.54	
W P Weatherhogg: Petty Cash	40.00	
Mrs M Rutley Newsletter	5.20	

b) A letter had been received from Mr Hollingsworth asking for financial help towards the cost of the marquee for the 1999 Village Fete. The full cost of the marquee this year would be £470.

The Council agreed to consider this request at its AGM, to be held in May.

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

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W P Weatherhogg 13/5/99

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Walton in Gordano, held in the Village Hall, on Thursday, 8th April, 1999, 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. 7 other parishioners and visitors were also present.

Apologies for absence had been received from Father John Smart, Sheri and Steve Russell, Mary Blake, Betty Cannell, Renee and Graham Rowles and Councillor Nigel Ashton.

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

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

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May, 1998, were circulated. After the date of the previous Annual Parish Meeting had been corrected to the 8th May, 1997 in these Minutes, they were signed as a true record.

3) **Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council:**

The Chairman, Mr R J Baldwin, gave the following report:

“ For 1998/99, the Parish Council’s total income was £1580, and total payments were £1488, showing a small surplus of £92 for the year. The reserves now stand at £1168. In addition, we have put aside £1050 to commemorate the Millennium. Various suggestions have been made as to how best to celebrate this event, and these will be discussed later in the meeting.

The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of every month, except August, and Minutes of our Meetings are put on the Notice Board for you to read. Here are just a few of the topics which we have discussed in the past year.

Speed Limit: Trying to get a speed limit through the Parish has been high on our list of discussion topics. Hopefully, we think we are nearing success. The present position is that N. Somerset Council has agreed to install a speed limit, of either 30mph or 40mph, through the village and right along the Coast Road. The proposals are currently with the legal department of N. Somerset Council, and Notices should be displayed in the Parish soon.

Coast Path:

A fall of rock closed the Coast Path in February, 1998. The Parish Council has been closely involved in the events leading up to the repair and re-opening of the path early in 1999.

Flooding:

Flooding in the centre of Walton caused severe problems earlier this year. Suggestions for alleviating the worst of the problem in the future are:

- a) To have a readily available supply of sandbags stored in the village
- b) To consider building steps in front of houses where this is possible and helpful.

The Bus Stop near the shop in Walton Bay, which was demolished by a car in December, 1997, has been the subject of a lot of correspondence. Your Council has been trying to get it reinstated in a safer position, with better standing facilities. We will keep pushing on this one.

Under the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998, Parish Councils have an increased responsibility for controlling local problems which previously would have been referred to the police. We have joined with Clapton and Weston in Gordano Councils to form a joint group to discuss mutual problems.

On more local matters, Mrs Maureen Rutley has kindly agreed to produce the monthly information sheet, which Mr Green previously produced so effectively. Our thanks go to them both. My thanks also go to Val Baldwin for looking after the flowers around the tree in the Triangle, my fellow Councillors who have worked unstintingly during the year, and finally to our Clerk, who always keeps us on the right lines.

4) **Reports from other Groups:**

a) **Report from the PCC:**

On behalf of St. Paul's PCC, Jocelyn Davies reported as follows: "To start near the end of the previous twelve months, the day before our patronal festival, St. Paul's was the host venue for the inauguration of the United Benefice Millennium Project. This will be the provision of practical support to our sister parish of St Paul's in Kitwe, Zambia, viz: the building of a house for the parish priest. Because of the world wide recession affecting their product, the copper mining company repossessed the house that the priest had been renting. The address at the service was given by the Rector of Shepton Mallet, Rev. John Woolmer. He gave us a graphic description of the people, a thriving but wide spread Christian community, the country and an economy very dependent on the copper mines. It is hoped that the U.B. fund- raising will provide a third or more of the cost of the new house for the priest.

The Flower Festival, with its theme of "Love, commitment and marriage" drew many visitors and there was a full church for the Songs of Praise when many couples renewed their marriage vows, a beautiful climax to the weekend. Tea in the Village Hall was graced by the cutting of a wedding cake by Amy and Clive, newly wed villagers and by our friends Vera and Douglas Dando, who were celebrating 59 years of marriage.

The Sunday School has unfortunately had to close, in spite of the work and effort that Sheri Russell has put into it over the years. This has been somewhat offset by the fact that there are now two special services where children participate (though they will be welcome to all services), the All Age service on the first Sunday of the month and the Family Communion on the fourth. This last is a slightly shortened Eucharist.

On Remembrance Sunday, a new Roll of Honour was dedicated. The framed scroll, beautifully penned and illustrated by Mr Booth, included three names that, for many years, had been missing from the old scroll, all from WW11.

Although Walter Rawlings' name had been added to the old scroll the previous year by Mr Maurice Phillips, the other two names literally came to light when the head stones of their graves were cleaned by the War Graves Commission. W.O. 11 W A Sands, BSM, died in an air raid in Liverpool in August, 1941; Gunner L J Wooton died in February, 1947. The War Graves Commission, when contacted, could give us no information on the last named, but since his was an official war grave, his name, along with W. O. Sands, was added to the new scroll.

Our accounts for 1998 clearly demonstrated that our income, which is solely from collections and donations, cannot cover our necessary expenses. The levy on each church to cover clergy wages and pensions has increased by 25%, and is nearly £6000 for 1999. We have to use money from our fabric fund to fill this gap; without any repairs to the fabric of the church, this fund will be empty within the next 5 to 7 years. If the church cannot cover its expenditure, it will close. During 1999 we will have to look seriously at this problem, for without a solution, Walton in Gordano will lose its village church.

Charity giving in the last year included donations to the medical mission station that Diana and Philip Bingham help to run, the Woodspring Deposit Guarantee Board, the Royal British Legion, the Children's Society and the Hurricane Mitch Appeal.

To end, I would like to thank all those responsible for the day to day running of the church and the special occasions. Those who provide the flowers, do the cleaning and to all those who have provided refreshments and done the washing-up on many occasions during the year.

b) Report from WI :

Mary Blake had given her apologies for absence, and so the Clerk read the following report on her behalf:

“ The WI has had another varied and interesting year. Our talks have included Chris Sperring from the Hawk & Owl Trust, with his owl Cotley, Reflexology, Winter Hanging Baskets & Tubs, Walking from the Solent to the Severn, Clevedon Cottage Hospital new Outpatients Dept. by Dr Macleod, the Portishead Lifeboat and Underwear, so many different topics have been covered. To raise funds, we had a “Pie and Pound” evening, where you bring a pie and a pound of something to sell.

In July, we spent a lovely evening at Goldney House in Bristol. The weather was good and several hot air balloons flew over. We all enjoyed our Christmas meal at Mon Plaisir and the Carol Service at Tickenham. A team competed in the County Quiz and one member went sand yachting, an event organised by Avon Federation.

Our fund raising events have included Coffee mornings and lunches and a Beetle Drive, with donations given to the Clevedon Cottage Hospital and the Portishead Lifeboat. We are donating a seat for the grounds of the Village Hall to mark the Millennium. The September Produce & Handicraft show entries were of a very high standard again this year and it is marvellous to see what talent there is locally.

c) Report from the Village Hall Committee:

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

“ Despite a slight fall off in hiring and therefore income compared to the previous year, principally brought about by a reduction in the amount of junior table tennis played, we have been able to maintain a cautious programme of maintenance and renewal and also to increase the reserves set aside for such major maintenance as will be required in the future.

The Hall has been used about 150 times during 1998, about 50 of which have been for table tennis, but these are not accurate figures and I suspect the number was greater. What is not in doubt is that the total income from hiring was £1347, of which £255 was for table tennis. The total income was £1973, the fete profits accounting for £626 of the total. After expenditure of £1624, we were left with a net profit for the year of £349. From this profit and accumulated profits from previous years we have been able to set aside a further £2000 for future eventualities so that we now have £3606 on deposit.

During the year, we purchased a new and safer urn, and put a ventilator in the kitchen. The kitchen has been redecorated and thoroughly cleaned and some tiling has been done. Our thanks go to all those who helped with the work.

The Chairman of the Management Committee, Simon Bourge, left the village during the year and so relinquished the Chair. We would like to place on record our appreciation of the work he did for the Hall, not least for his frequent hirings for children's parties! We were fortunate in having Colin Greenhill step into Simon's place as Chairman.

At the end of the year, Renee Rowles and David Harvey stepped down from the Committee, and we would like to thank them for their contribution, which we are sure will not stop just because they are no longer on the Committee. We now have a new member, Ray Redmore, and we welcome him and look forward to working with him. Finally, we want to thank all those who used the Hall during the year for their support, without which the Hall would not survive. Keep up the good work and tell all your friends what excellent value the Hall is!

5) Parish Paths Scheme:

Mr Richard Broadhead, a member of N. Somerset Council's Rights of Way team, addressed the meeting, and outlined the new Parish Paths Scheme. As background, he said that when N. Somerset Council was set up, two Rights of Way staff had transferred from Avon, but both had now retired. An entirely new Rights of Way team had now been appointed. A Consultation Document--- Milestones 2000 had been circulated, seeking information on the area's rights of way. On the whole, the existing condition of paths in North Somerset was not too bad.

One of the first tasks for the new Rights of Way team will be to up-date the Definitive Map for footpaths, which was prepared by Somerset Council in the 1950's. N. Somerset Council was now seeking the help of all Parish Councils, in getting volunteers to walk all paths in their Parish and to report on their condition. This project had the full support of the Countryside Commission, who had provided £9000 to help get the survey underway. Mr Broadhead also said

that under Local Agenda 21, N. Somerset Council would be looking for volunteer Parish Wildlife Wardens in each Parish.

During a questions and answers session, the following points were made:

- 1) N. Somerset Council was congratulated and thanked for its maintenance work on the Coast Path, but the use of bikes on the Coast Path must be prevented,
- 2) In normal circumstances, the provision and maintenance of gates and fences is the responsibility of the landowner, but the help of the Rights of Way Team could be enlisted.
- 3) The making of more paths accessible to disabled people should be a top priority,
- 4) The forthcoming Public Enquiry on Rights of Way over Walton Common, and the existence of Bridleway Rights was raised. Mr Broadhead said that to prove, or otherwise, the existence of footpaths and bridleways was always difficult, but especially so for Walton Common. The Inspector would only consider facts directly relevant to the existence of footpaths or bridleways; views of local parishioners on whether such paths were desirable or not were irrelevant.

The Chairman thanked Mr Broadhead for his interesting talk.

6) Celebrating the Millennium:

A list of suggested ways for the Parish to celebrate the Millennium were considered. After some discussion, a short list was agreed, on which the Parish Council would seek further information, before making a final decision.

The short-listed topics were:

- a) To join the fund set up to support work in St. Pauls, Kitwe, Zambia.
- b) To provide funds to replace an archway at the porchway of St. Paul's Church.
- c) To subsidise current work on an Archive Project covering the parish.

As there was no further business, the Annual Parish Meeting ended at 9.35pm.

- Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Walton in Gordano, on Thursday, 13th May, 1999.

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

1304 Declarations of Acceptance of Office:

Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms were signed by Mr Baldwin, Mr Cannell and Mr Jupp. Mr Rutley submitted a signed form through Mr Jupp. It was agreed that Mrs Charlesworth would sign a form at the next meeting of the Council.

1305. Election of Chairman:

Mr Baldwin was proposed as Chairman by Mr Cannell, and seconded by Mr Jupp, and elected unopposed. Mr Baldwin then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form as Chairman.

1306. Election of Vice Chairman:

In the absence of two Councillors, the election of a Vice Chairman was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

1307 Appointment of Representatives to Committees:

a) Village Hall Committee:

Mr Baldwin agreed to represent the Council on the Village Hall Committee, with Mr Cannell also agreeing to join the Committee if the Council is allowed two representatives.

b) ALCA:

The Chairman and Clerk would represent the Council at meetings of ALCA, as required.

c) Community Action Safety Team:

Mr Jupp agreed to represent the Council when the Safety Team was fully operational.

1308 Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 8th April, 1999, were signed as a true record.

1309 Planning:

There were no items to discuss on Planning.

1310 Clerk's Report:

a) Request for a Bus Shelter:

Mr Moss had not yet advised on whether planning permission might be required for putting up a bus shelter.

b) Moor Lane and Coast Road:

A letter had been received from Mr Gill, replying to queries from the Council concerning Moor Lane and the Coast Road. The points he made were as follows:

Moor Lane:

1) The matter of excess gravel on the road surface has been passed to our Waste Management Officer, at Somerset House, Weston super Mare, Tel> 01934 888888.

2) The verge cutting programme starts at the end of April. Class "A" and "B" roads are the priority routes. At present I am unable to say exactly when the verges will be cut along Moor Lane.

3) I will arrange for the signpost at the Village end of Moor Lane to be cleaned.

4) I was unable to locate the positioning of the "No Tipping" sign that has been knocked over. A more precise location is required.

5) I have arranged for a new "Road Narrows" sign to be installed on the approach to the bridge.

The Coast Road:

6) I will monitor the condition of the road surface and any dangerous areas will be made safe as and when appropriate.

7) The matter of the bus stop is being dealt with by Mr Ray Shields at Somerset House, Weston super Mare, Tel. 01934 888888.

8) I have arranged for the pot hole by the old Post Office to be filled.

The Clerk was asked to copy this letter to Mr Nigel Ashton, for his information.

c) Community Action Safety Team.

Weston Parish Council had acknowledged our acceptance of its invitation to form a joint Community Action Group, and they would be contacting us again when they had heard from Clapton in Gordano PC.

d) Speed Limit in Parish:

Mr Dennis White, Highways Dept., had confirmed that the administrative procedures to set up a speed limit in the Parish were continuing, and no problems were envisaged.

e) Site for Recycling Banks:

N. Somerset Council had written asking whether the Parish Council could identify a suitable site for a set of Recycling Banks within the Parish. After discussion, the Councillors were unable to identify any suitable site, and asked the Clerk to reply accordingly.

f) Millennium Projects:

A letter had been received from Sue Betts setting out a number of charities which the Church supported, and to which the Council might wish to contribute to commemorate the Millennium. Following a discussion, the Council agreed that it wished to fund a specific project for the Millennium, and not have any

contribution simply swallowed up in the normal running costs of the charity concerned. The Chairman had spoken to Father Smart, who thought a specific project to help St. Pauls Church, in N. Zambia, or possibly a hospital bed, might be suitable ways for the Council to mark the Millennium. Further thought would be given to possible projects, and whether grants could be obtained from other sources to help fund a project.

g) Parish Archive:

Another letter from Sue Betts gave details of work already carried out on producing a Parish Archive, and asking for some financial help for the project from the Council. Councillors expressed support for the archive, but wanted more details on what form the finished data would take, and what plans there were for the work to be distributed. The Clerk would write to Sue Betts accordingly.

h) N. Somerset Engineering Consultancy---Open Day:

A N. Somerset Engineering Consultancy Open Day would be held on 17th June. Hopefully the Clerk and Mr Jupp would be able to attend.

1311 Councillors Reports:

The following points were made by Councillors:

- a) Moor Lane had now been swept of loose gravel
- b) The pot hole in the road outside Sunnybank had got bigger.
- c) Paving slabs over the culvert near Spring Head were broken and dislodged.
- d) Two rubbish bins near Clevedon Golf Course had still not been replaced.
- e) Some parishioners were keen for the "Coast Road" to be renamed, but in view of objections from a parishioner to previous efforts by the Council to rename the road, no action was proposed at the moment.
- f) The Parish footpaths were not being cut, and efforts would be made to find a willing volunteer to cut them.
- g) The path along the coast was becoming overgrown and needed cutting.

1312 Correspondence not yet dealt with:

- a) ALCA had notified the Council that the next District Meeting would be held on 20th May.
- b) Community Action would be holding a Conference on Community Routes on Monday, 7th June.
- c) N. Somerset Council was seeking a donation to help disadvantaged children to have a holiday. However, the Council's allocation of funds to subscriptions and donations was already fully spent.

1313 Finance:

- a) Funds for 1999 Village Fete:

A letter from the Fete Committee had been received, indicating that the cost of hiring the marquee for this year's Fete would be £470. The Parish Council were asked for a donation towards this cost. After discussion, the Council authorised a grant of £400 towards the cost, the same amount as donated in 1998. The Clerk would write to Mr Hollingsworth accordingly.

b) Other Donations in 1999:

The subscriptions now made to ALCA, CPRE and the Fete totalled £454, which was 25% of this year's precept. No further donations were envisaged, therefore, for the rest of the financial year.

c) Cheques:

The following cheques were drawn and signed:

		£ p
Cornhill Insurance:	1999 Insurance	85.28
Village Hall	Use by Council	4.50

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

E. Bell

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9/6/99

Minutes of the Meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, on Wednesday, 9th June, 1999.

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

Mr Brian Cannell sent his apologies for absence.

1314 Declarations of Acceptance of Office:

Mrs A Charlesworth signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, as she was absent from the previous meeting.

1315 Election of Vice-Chairman:

Mrs Charlesworth was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Mr Baldwin and seconded by Mr Jupp, and returned unopposed.

1316 Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of 13th May, 1999, were agreed and signed as a true record.

1317 Planning:

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from DA and DP Curzon, of Farley Down, Walton Bay. They were concerned that notices to Harbour House, on the Coast Road, were an intrusion on the landscape, and that the black bags of rubbish being stored by the side of the road constituted a health hazard. The Council noted the letter and asked the Clerk to check that Farley Down was within the Parish boundary. If it was not, then the Clerk would forward the letter to Weston in Gordano PC. N. Somerset Council should also be invited to give their views on the points raised, and asked what action might be appropriate.

1318 Clerk's Report:

a) Speed Limit:

Mr White, of N. Somerset Council, (01275--634535), hoped to advertise the 30mph speed limit through Walton in the next few weeks. They would be sending the Clerk suggested 30mph entry signs to be erected at the entrances to the Parish, for the Council to comment on.

b) Moor Lane:

1) The verges had now been cleared of rubbish.

2) The precise positions of the "No Tipping" signs, which had been pushed over, were discussed, and the Clerk would inform N. Somerset Council accordingly.

c) Village Hall Committee:

Mr Hollingsworth had confirmed that the Parish Council could have two representatives on the Village Hall Committee. These would be Mr Baldwin and Mr Cannell.

d) Mr Moss's Letter:

Mr Moss had sent a letter to the Council replying to points raised at a previous Parish Council meeting. The points made were:

1) Planning Permission is not needed for bus shelters but N. Somerset Council would like to see details of the design proposed. Mr Moss had written to Ray Shields regarding arrangements to move the bus stop on the Coast Road, and asking whether N. Somerset Council might make a 1/3rd contribution towards the cost of a new bus shelter.

2) Safety issues on the Coast Road and rubbish along Moor Lane had been discussed with Diarmuid Mulrenan, who said that these matters were being dealt with.

3) Re Walton Castle—N. Somerset Council will issue a licence for dancing, disco's etc. but a magistrate would issue a licence for alcohol. Colin Love, the Licencing Officer for N. Somerset, was aware of the concerns regarding the use of Walton Castle.

The Parish Council noted these helpful comments.

e) Site for Recycling Banks:

The Clerk had replied to N. Somerset Council, saying that no suitable site could be identified on which to place Recycling Banks within Walton Parish.

f) Hole in bank of Brook:

The Chairman had reported that a hole had appeared in the side of the brook, near Old Rectory Farm. The Clerk had contacted Mrs Harris, of the Internal Drainage Board, and she would establish whether the brook was their responsibility.

g) Millennium Project:

The Clerk had written to Sue Betts, saying that the Council was looking for a one-off project to support for the Millennium, which would be recognisable as such a project well into the next century. This, therefore, discounted the Council putting its funds into a "general donations" pot, or into a project which could be considered to be normal maintenance. A suitable project had not yet been identified.

h) Parish Archive:

The Clerk had written to Sue Betts, saying that the Parish Council supported the work of producing a Parish Archive in principle, but would prefer to help in paying for the completed archive to be printed and circulated, rather than in paying for small pieces of the ongoing work.

1319 Councillors Reports:

The following points were made:

a) The brook is very overgrown and needs cleaning out, especially opposite Brookside. The Clerk was asked to write to Councillor Ashton, asking what progress had been made following his discussions with N. Somerset Council earlier in the year on limiting future flooding in the village, including keeping the brook well maintained.

b) The pothole in the Coast Road, on the left going towards Portishead, just before the Clevedon Golf Course, is getting worse.

c) It is the intention to combine the annual rounders match on Walton Common with a barbecue.

d) The Millennium Project to help St. Paul's Church, Kitwe, in N. Zambia, is now fully sponsored. One project might be to replace the archway at the entrance to the Parish Church.

e) The Clerk was asked to contact the person who mended the village Notice Board, to ask for a quotation for a wooden bus shelter.

f) N. Somerset Council had not yet contacted the Chairman regarding the delivery of 100 sandbags.

1320 Correspondence not yet dealt with:

a) N. Somerset Council had written to all Parish Councils, setting out the reasons for which objections to Operator Licences could be made. The Parish Council noted the letter.

b) The 1999 Green Apple Awards Scheme had asked for nominations for Britain's Prettiest Village competition. The Council noted the request.

c) The Chairman agreed that he was willing to be the contact with N. Somerset Council in the event of a major emergency; the Clerk would inform N. Somerset Council accordingly.

1321 Finance:

The following cheques were agreed and signed :

	£ . p
Mr Hollingsworth -- Village Fete Donation	400.00
CPRE Subscription for 1999	17.50
W P Weatherhogg Clerk's expenses to 30/6/99	150.00
Village Hall Committee Use of Hall	4.50
Mrs M Rutley: provision of Newsletter	5.20

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

R Webb

W P Weatherhogg
8/7/99.

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Mr Alan Moss also attended; apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nigel Ashton.

1322 Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th June, 1999, were approved subject to the following amendment:

Minute 1321: Finance.....Add "Mrs M Rutley: Provision of Newsletter: £5.20, " to the cheques signed list.

With this amendment, the Minutes were signed as a true record.

1323 Planning:

Harbour House:

The Clerk had received a reply from N. Somerset Council informing the Parish Council that " The Harbour House sign has now been removed from the highway verge, and that the residents/ owners of Harbour House have been told their rubbish may only be taken up to the coast road on the day of collection." The Clerk would communicate this information to the Curzons, of Farley Down, Walton Bay.

1324 Clerk's Report:

a) Speed Limit:

N. Somerset Council had said that a draft Notice had been drawn up by their legal department and should be published shortly. The Parish Council were awaiting sample 30mph signs. The Clerk would keep in contact with Mr White of N. Somerset Council (01934-634535).

b) Highway Matters:

N. Somerset Council had arranged for:

- 1) The missing" No Tipping " signs in Moor Lane to be re-installed.
- 2) The pot-hole by the Clevedon Golf Course to be filled.
- 3) The promised sand bags had now been delivered.

c) Bus Shelter:

Mr D P Jacobs (Tel. 791700) of 22, Fosseyway, Clevedon, had been contacted and would ring the Chairman for further discussions.

d) Hole in Brook:

The Clerk had established that the Internal Drainage Board was not responsible for monitoring the brook. He had contacted N. Somerset Council who would investigate the hole in the side of the brook.

e) Bridleway across Walton Common:

The matter had now been referred to the Planning Inspectorate. If a Public Inquiry is decided upon, N. Somerset Council would take a neutral stance.

f) Community Safety Local Action Group:

The Police have issued some guidance notes as to how such groups might operate. As the Council's representative on the group, Mr Jupp would read the guidance.

g) Recycling and Waste Minimisation Handbook:

N. Somerset Council had published this Handbook for all residents in North Somerset, and wanted to know how best to distribute the Handbook within Walton in Gordano. The Parish Council agreed the Handbooks should be sent to the Clerk initially, and they would then be put at strategic points around the Parish so parishioners could help themselves.

h) Engineering Consultancy Open Day:

Unfortunately neither Mr Jupp nor the Clerk was able to attend, but N. Somerset Council had subsequently sent an Information Pack giving information on the Consultancy.

1325 Councillors Reports:

The following comments were made by Councillors:

a) The untidy condition of the garden adjoining the road near Sunnybank was commented on.

b) The stream opposite Brookside was becoming overgrown and needed cutting back.

c) Rubbish had been deposited near the ash track gate in Moor Lane.

d) The bus stop on the B3124 in the parish had been repositioned to a safer spot.

1326 Correspondence not yet dealt with:

CPRE had informed members that the Avon Branch was being established as a separate charity.

1327 Finance:

The following cheques were agreed and signed:

	£	p
SWEB Electricity for street light	4.58	
Village Hall: Use on 8th July	4.50	
Mrs Rutley: Provision of Newsletter	8.20	

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

K D Ball

W Jupp
9/9/99

Minutes of the Meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, on Thursday, 9th September, 1999.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Rutley.

1328 Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July, 1999, were signed as a true record.

1329 Planning:

a) A Planning Application to build a verandah and replace a shed at Sunnybank, Walton Bay, by Mr Maurice Phillips, was supported by the Council.

b) North Somerset Council had issued revised guidelines for future Planning Applications, together with guidance notes, and these were noted by the Parish Council.

c) Bridleway across Walton Common : Notice had been received that a Planning Inspector would make a decision on this in due course. At the same time, the Parish Council had been informed that its previous objections, viz: the bridleway should not be designated on the Common mainly because of the danger to walkers and the damage caused to flora and fauna were considered to be irrelevant. The Inspector would only be concerned with ascertaining the existence of rights.

d) Developments at Charlcombe Caravan Park: Councillors expressed concern at articles appearing in the local press concerning possible building development at Charlcombe Caravan Park, on the Coast Road. Although the development would be just outside the parish boundary, the Council was concerned that the building of around 100 houses on this site would put additional pressure on the infrastructure of existing services such as sewerage, transport and power requirements. The danger was that these would be overloaded in the future. The Councillors also considered that this development could herald the start of intensive building along the Coast Road, thus spoiling what little open coastline there was left along this stretch of coast. The Clerk was asked to write to Councillor Ashton, setting out these fears, and expressing the hope that they would be fully considered before any development was approved.

1330 Clerk's Report:

a) **Speed Limit:**

Notices informing parishioners of the intended introduction of a speed limit through Walton had been exhibited as required by law. Apparently, there had been one objection, from a person living outside the parish, and N. Somerset Council would debate the significance of this objection at a forthcoming meeting.

The Parish Council expressed concern and annoyance at this hold-up, but would await further information.

The Parish Council had been sent samples of possible speed limit signs by N. Somerset Council, and a meeting had been arranged for the following day to discuss these signs. The Parish Council agreed that similar signs to those on the B3124, going from Walton to Clevedon would be very suitable.

b) Brook through Walton:

N. Somerset Council had cleared the watercourse and downstream outfall drain of debris, and had carried out bank stabilisation works to the watercourse. The Clerk had replied, thanking the Council for their prompt action.

c) Conygar Quarry:

A decision has been made by N. Somerset Council that the submitted scheme for the re-opening of Conygar Quarry, together with its revised proposals, be approved. The Parish Council noted this with regret.

d) Recycling Handbook:

N. Somerset Council had sent several copies of a Recycling and Waste Minimisation Handbook, and these would be handed out to parishioners.

e) Parish Paths Survey:

N. Somerset Council had sent out a letter of thanks to all Councils participating in this scheme. The Chairman had not yet been able to survey all the public paths in Walton.

f) Forests Plan:

N. Somerset Council were now reviewing the long term Forests Plan which had been drawn up in 1995. A copy of this Plan had been obtained and this would be considered by the Council.

g) Street Numbering:

N. Somerset Council had sent a copy of the updated Code of Practice for street name and numbering, which would be very useful if this matter came up in the future.

h) Bus Shelter:

The Clerk had obtained the following information regarding the wooden bus shelter which had been erected in Kenn. It was built and erected by Axbridge Sectional Buildings (01934-732396 contact Mr Beecham). The cost was £471 plus VAT, which included a wood preservative being applied. The existing concrete base was used. The Clerk was asked to write to the firm, to establish the current cost of a similar shelter.

i) Millennium Fund:

The Council had still not identified a suitable Millennium project on which to spend the available funds. The Parish Archive was discussed but the lack of current information on its progress made it impossible to come to any firm

decision. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Skidmore, to seek further information on the project's progress.

1331 Councillors Reports:

The following points were made regarding Moor Lane:

- a) The "No Tipping " signs had not been recovered, as the undergrowth was too long and needed cutting
- b) The verges needed cutting
- c) The brook was becoming overgrown with weeds
- d) Dirt on the road near Harley Lane was becoming dangerous to traffic.

1332 Correspondence not yet dealt with:

- a) The distribution of N. Somerset News was not operating effectively throughout Walton, and this would be taken up with N. Somerset Council.
- b) A brochure on Cutting Crime in Rural Areas had been received from Avon and Somerset Police and would be studied.
- c) A poster outlining properties open to the public under the Civic Trust Heritage Open Day would be exhibited.
- d) Courses held by ALCA for Clerks and Councillors were noted.
- e) Copies of a Guide to Council Services, issued by N. Somerset Council, were distributed.
- f) Timetable changes to local bus services would be posted on the Notice Board.

1333 Finance

a) 1999 Audit:

Under the Triennial Audit Scheme, Robson Rhodes had asked for summary Accounts for the Parish for the year to 31st March, 1999. The Clerk had prepared these, and they were signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

b) Cheques:

The following cheques were authorised and signed: £ p

W P Weatherhogg -- expenses to 30th Sept. 1999	150.00
WP Weatherhogg---- Petty Cash	40.00
Village Hall Committee----Use of Hall on 9th Sept.	4.50

There being no further relevant business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

R. Bell

W. P. Weatherhogg 14/10/99

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

Present: Mr 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 B Cannell.

WPC Jayne James and Mr Alan Moss also attended.

The Chairman welcomed WPC James to her first meeting of this Council. She had taken over from PC Charlie Burt as the Parish's Community Policeman.

1334 Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 1999, were signed as a true record.

1335 Planning :

The Planning Application by Mr Maurice Phillips for a verandah and new shed at Sunnybank, Walton Bay, had been approved.

1336 Developments at Charlcombe Park Caravan Site:

The Clerk had written to Councillor Ashton, expressing the Council's concern at the anticipated planning application to build on the Charlcombe Park Caravan Site. The Council was worried about the extra pressure which would be put on the existing infrastructure of the area, especially transport.

1337 Clerk's Report:

a) Bridleway across Walton Common:

A Public Local Enquiry was now to be held on Tuesday, 16th November, 1999, at Portishead Methodist Church, beginning at 10.00am. Any relevant objections had to be lodged before 31st October.

b) Speed Limit through Parish:

Mr Jupp and the Clerk had met Geoff Bunting, N. Somerset Council, to discuss the signs proposed for the entrances to the Parish when the speed limit was finally approved. The general agreement was that signs similar to those on the B3124 going from Walton to Clevedon would be very satisfactory. The speed limit was likely to be ratified at the end of October.

c) Flooding in Walton:

The centre of the Village near the Triangle had been badly flooded during late September and early October. A survey of the drainage system had been made in January by N. Somerset Council, and some work to clear the culverts had been carried out. But clearly, when rain was particularly heavy, flooding was an on-going problem. The general feeling amongst local inhabitants was that the culverts, in places, were simply not big enough to carry a heavy flow of water. Mr Roy Murray, N. Somerset Council, (Tel. 01275--882090) had been notified, and he had outlined the work already done. Further major work to the drains depended on funds becoming available, which was unlikely in the shortterm.

The sandbags provided by N. Somerset recently had already been very useful. Mr Moss agreed to enquire within N. Somerset Council on what further action might be possible to alleviate the risk of flooding in the future.

d) **Bus Shelter:**

A quotation from Axbridge Sectional Buildings had been received; a shelter similar to that provided for Kenn Parish Council would cost £471.36 plus VAT. However, Councillors had studied the shelter in Kenn, and felt that the roof structure would not withstand the winds which it would sustain along the Coast Road. This quotation would not be taken up.

e) **Millennium Fund:**

The Clerk had written to Mrs Skidmore, asking for more details of work already undertaken on the Parish Archive project. Mr Jupp and Mr Rutley had attended a meeting of the Parish Archive Committee, and both reported very favourably on the work already done and the proposals for finishing the archive. The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Betts which gave details of a proposed booklet of village history and a group photograph of all parishioners. After discussion, the Parish Council agreed in principle to sponsor the project as follows:

A 40 page booklet of village history:	£ 52
A group photograph of parishioners	<u>£750</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>£802</u>

A final decision on the sponsorship would be made at the November meeting of the Parish Council, when, hopefully, all Councillors would be present. The Clerk would advise Sue Betts of this decision.

f) **Distribution of N. Somerset News:**

The Clerk had written to N. Somerset Council pointing out that the distribution of N. Somerset News was very inconsistent throughout the parish; no reply had yet been received.

g) **Bus Services:**

N. Somerset Council had asked the Council to comment on the bus services which went through the Parish. Parishioners would be asked for comments through the Newsletter.

h) **Police Contacts:**

Sgt. Barry Buckland, who had introduced the Parish to the Community Action Plan earlier in the year had now retired. WPC James proposed to call a meeting of the joint Community Action Plan teams of Clapton, Weston and Walton in Gordano on 24th November, 1999, at Weston in Gordano Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Mr Jupp agreed to attend on behalf of Walton. WPC James also recommended that local Neighbourhood Watch groups should be formed, and this would be followed up by Councillors.

I) Parish Paths Survey:

Mr A Leonard, Maintenance Officer, N. Somerset Council (Tel. 01275-888526) had arranged a meeting to demonstrate some computerised survey results on the Parish Paths Survey. The meeting would be held on Thursday, 25th November, at 8.00pm in the Woolpack Inn, St. Georges, Weston-Super-Mare.

j) General Purpose Maintenance Gangs:

N. Somerset Council had informed Parish Councils of their General Purpose Maintenance Gangs, which consisted of 2 men, a lorry and a few basic tools, and who carried out simple maintenance tasks on highways. Parish Councils were now invited to contact N. Somerset Council with suggested maintenance jobs which could be fed into the system for the gangs to carry out. The Parish Council welcomed this initiative.

1338 Councillors Reports:

The following points were made:

a) The Parish Archive Group were seeking information on the parish during the period 1938 to the 1960's. The Clerk was not in possession of archive material covering this period, but County Hall, Taunton, might hold these records.

b) It was reported that there were rumours that holiday caravans were being moved from sites along the Coast Road to make way for more substantial residential Parkhomes. The likely increase in traffic was commented on and Mr Moss would enquire whether planning permission would be required for such a change. Any increase in usage of this road would make improvements to it more urgent.

1339 Correspondence not yet Dealt With:

a) Remembrance Day Service:

The PCC had decided that the last Remembrance Sunday of the Millennium would be marked with a special wreath-laying ceremony to which members of the Parish Council were invited.

b) A poster to advertise the Carer Contact Scheme would be exhibited on the Notice Board.

c) A meeting of the Avon Transport Forum had been scheduled for the 19th October, 1999.

1340 Finance:

The following cheques were approved and signed:

	£. p
Mrs M Rutley: Production of Newsletter	15.60
SWEB: Use of electricity	4.62
Village Hall: Use on 14th October	4.50

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

K J Ballin

[Signature]

11/11/99.

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

Present: Mr 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 and WPC Jayne James.

1341 Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October, 1999, were signed as a true record.

1342 Planning:

There were no items to discuss under this heading.

1343 Developments at Charlcombe Park Caravan Site:

Mr Moss had indicated that the Committee Clerk for N. Somerset Council's North Area Planning Committee would forward relevant papers concerning Charlcombe Park to the Parish Council. In answer to a further query he had replied " The Planning Department state there are no definite rules about planning permission for caravans without wheels. It depends on the original planning application of the site and permission granted at the time. Some sites ask for permission to have mobile caravans on site (with or without wheels). "

1344 Clerk's Report:

a) Bridleway across Walton Common:

N. Somerset Council had sent a copy of their Written Statement, which would be presented to the local enquiry on Tuesday, 16th November, 1999. N Somerset Council was taking a neutral stance at the enquiry.

b) Speed Limit through Walton:

N. Somerset Council had discussed the proposed speed limit at a meeting at the end of October, 1999. In spite of one objection, the speed limit was ratified and should be in operation in the next few weeks.

c) Flooding in Walton:

No further information on this problem was available.

d) Bus Shelter:

Mr Moss had approached Mr Shields, N. Somerset Council Transport Policy Officer, who would contact the Parish Council directly regarding a contribution towards a bus shelter.

e) Bus Services:

Following the request for comments from parishioners on local bus services, inserted in the Newsletter, the Clerk had received two letters, one from Jocelyn Davies and one from Avis Lane- Willan. These would be passed to Mr Shields at N. Somerset Council.

f) Community Action Plan:

A meeting of Community Action was to be held at Weston in Gordano Village Hall on 24th November.

1345 Project to Commemorate Millennium:

Sue Betts had provided the Council with copies of the minutes of the last two Parish Archive Project group meetings. The Parish Council were impressed with the work already carried out and in hand. Following a discussion, the Council sanctioned a payment of £1050 to the Archive Project to help in subsidising a booklet, to be given to each household in the Parish, and a group photograph of all parishioners. The Clerk was asked to write to Sue betts accordingly.

1346 Councillors Reports:

The following points were made:

- a) A pot-hole had appeared near Clevedon Golf Course, on the left of the road going from Walton towards Portishead.
- b) There had been flooding on the Coast Road, due to the gullies in the side of the road being blocked.
- c) Mr Wilyman and Mr Talbot should be thanked for their efforts to clear the brook during the recent flooding.
- d) The bottom of Harley Hill, where it joins Moor Lane, is badly silted up with loose sand and gravel.
- e) The mechanical sweeper continues to ignore the Coast Road; it stops working at the Clevedon Golf Course, and does not start up again until it gets near Valley Road.

1347 Correspondence not yet dealt with:

a) The Council noted a further report from the Joint Strategic Planning and Transportation Unit of N. Somerset Council, giving the latest proposed modifications to the original report. This latest report was noted by the Council.

b) Travelsaver Scheme:

Posters advertising N. Somerset Council's Travelsaver Scheme would be exhibited on the Notice Board.

c) Database of Newsletters:

N. Somerset Council had asked for details of local papers and newsletters; the Clerk would forward details of Walton in Gordano's Newsletter.

d) Best Value Reviews:

N. Somerset Council had asked Parish Councils to comment on the service being provided by their Highways Section; the Clerk would reply to the questionnaire received.

e) CPRE:

A leaflet advertising CPRE's campaign against excessive housing being built in the former Avon would be exhibited on the Notice Board.

1348 Finance:

The following cheques were approved and signed:

	£	p
Mrs M Rutley; Production of Newsletter	5.20	
Village Hall : Use by Council	4.50	

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

R. J. Baller

W. Deery 16/12/99

Minutes of the Meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council, held on Thursday, 16th December, 1999, in the Village Hall.

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

Mrs Sarah Talbot was also present, having been invited to attend as an observer.

1348 Minutes of last Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November, 1999, were signed as a true record.

1349 Planning:

- 1) There were three Consents to Fell etc:
 - a) Mr G Rowles--to reduce a Yew tree in the churchyard.
 - b) Mr A G Barrow---to fell a Leylandii.
 - c) Mr M Bryant---to reduce 3 Ash trees and a Weeping Willow.

These consents were noted, with the comment that Mr Bryant did not live in the Parish.

2) N. Somerset Council had called a meeting for Wednesday, 12th January, 2000, at 5.30pm, in the Town Hall, Weston super Mare, to discuss various planning issues with Town and Parish Councils. This meeting was noted.

3) N. Somerset Council has objected to the Regional Planning Guidance on the grounds that the proposed housing figures for the former Avon are excessive. The Council is concerned that their views are not going to be given sufficient weight, and they asked all interested parties to write to the RPG Secretariat, asking for N. Somerset to be included on the Public Participation List. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should write a supporting letter.

4) The Clerk reported that the introduction of the Speed Limit through Walton was proceeding, albeit slowly, and official notification that the one objection had been noted by N. Somerset Council, but had been over-ruled, had been received.

1350 Clerk's Report:

a) Bridleway across Walton Common:

A letter had been received from P Nethercot, 140, Kenn Road, Clevedon, supporting a bridleway across Walton Common. Mr Rutley had attended the recent Public Inquiry, but no decision had been reached, and the meeting was adjourned for a month.

b) Bus Services and Bus Shelter:

Mr Shields, N. Somerset Council, had replied as follows:

1) He will investigate why no reply had been received from the Council's Engineering Consultancy regarding hard standing at the bus-stop near Walton Stores, on the Coast Road.

2) N. Somerset Council will not provide any funding for a bus shelter on the Coast Road.

c) Project to commemorate the Millennium:

The Clerk had written to Sue Betts, to tell the Archive Group that the Parish Council would subsidise the archive project up to a limit of £1,050, so that one copy of the archive booklet on Walton Village History can be provided for every household in the Parish, together with a Group Photo of all the villagers. The subsidy from the Council would enable these to be provided either free, or below cost, to those living in the parish.

d) Highways Matters/ General Purpose Maintenance Gangs:

The Clerk had written to Mr Meddick, N. Somerset Council, on various Highways problems, and had received a reply from Mr L S Gill, as follows:

- 1) The pot-hole on the Coast road, by the Clevedon Golf Course, will be filled in shortly.
- 2) Road gullies in North Somerset are emptied once a year. For short periods of time we are able to hire in a powerful jetting unit to clear gullies and connections in known problem areas. Unfortunately, this time of year is always a difficult time because of the leaves falling and blocking gullies. We are unable to prevent this from happening and are also unable to constantly circulate the district removing the leaves. We rely mainly on the Council's road sweeper doing it's rounds but it is also a great help if members of the public are able to sweep leaves away from a gully that may be situated outside their property.
- 3) the sweeping of roads is a duty that is carried out by North Somerset Council's Waste Management team. I have forwarded on a copy of your letter to Mr Terry Riley at Somerset House, Weston super Mare, who will reply to you direct.
- 4) I will investigate the problem of mud and gravel on the road at the bottom of Harley Hill. However I am concerned that this problem may be difficult to avoid at this time of year.

e) Best Value Reviews:

The Clerk had returned the completed questionnaire to N. Somerset Council, and also made the point that the verges in Walton are cut usually twice a year at the beginning and end of the growing season. More regular cuttings are required if the verges are not to get out of control in mid-season.

f) Flooding of Brook:

The Clerk had written to Mr Wilyman and Mr Talbot, thanking them for their work in clearing a stretch of the brook during the recent flooding.

g) Distribution of N. Somerset News:

N. Somerset Council had asked for details of Local Newsletters so that they can inform residents of any issues that may be of interest to them. Mr Baldwin would be given as a contact for the Newsletter.

1351 Councillors Reports:

a) Appointment of Clerk:

Mr Baldwin proposed, and Mrs Charlesworth seconded, that Mrs Sarah Talbot should be appointed Parish Clerk. This was agreed unanimously, and a starting date of 1st January, 2000, was also agreed. Mr W P Weatherhogg, the outgoing Clerk, was thanked for his work over the past 5 years.

b) The following points were made by Councillors:

1) The "Road Narrows" sign in Moor Lane needed replacing.

2) The tree in the Triangle was looking untidy. It was not clear who was responsible for its upkeep.

3) Car parking outside the village hall is made worse by regular parking by local residents. However, the Council was not clear as to who could and could not park regularly on the lay by, but there appeared to be an unwritten law that local residents parked on the lay by and used it as their open garage. The matter would be looked at again.

4) A paving stone over the stream in Walton Street was unstable, and a danger to both traffic and pedestrians. Also, edges of drains were beginning to collapse near the Old Post Office and Rosebank, and were causing a hazard to traffic.

5) The generally poor state of Moor Lane was again raised. In particular, the verges were overgrown and the bottom of Harley Hill was covered in mud and gravel. As the state of Moor Lane has been a problem since time began, it was agreed that it would be useful if Mr Bob McWilliams, Head of Consultancy at N. Somerset Engineering Consultancy, (012754--882083), could attend either a meeting on-site in Moor Lane or a Parish Council Meeting, so that the Councillors, who lived in Moor Lane, and who felt so strongly about Moor Lane, could put their point of view.

6) Community Action Group:

Mr Jupp reported on a meeting he had attended of the Joint Community Action Group at Weston in Gordano Village Hall. Two representatives of Weston in Gordano Parish Council, one from Clapton in Gordano, the Clerk of Weston and WPC Jayne James also attended. The general feeling of the meeting was that none of the parishes had serious problems with crime, but that a joint approach could be useful in the future. This meeting would reconvene again in 3 to 6 months time. Both Weston and Clapton had Neighbourhood Watch Groups in their parishes, and it was suggested that Walton would benefit from setting one up. A note would be put in the next Newsletter for volunteers to try and set up Neighborhood Watch Groups in Walton, although previous experience of setting up these groups had been dispiritingly negative. It was agreed that future meetings of the Community Action Group would be hosted by Weston, as they had kindly offered their facilities.

1352 Correspondence not yet dealt with:

a) Millennium Snapshot--17/24 June 2000.

N. Somerset Council were seeking environmental recording projects that were taking place in N. Somerset during 2000, which would be exhibited at a festival, to be held between 17--24 June, 2000. The Parish Council noted this.

b) A meeting of N. Somerset Council's Public Rights of Way Open Forum would be held at the Winter Gardens, Weston super Mare at 8.00pm in the Grove Suite, on Tuesday, 1st, February, 2000.

c) A meeting to strengthen links between Local Councils and Local Agenda 21 would be held on Wednesday, 26th January, 2000, in Congresbury Village Hall.

1353 Finance:

a) Requests for donations had been received from Victim Support and Citizens Advice Bureau. Requests for donations would be considered at the first meeting of the new Parish Council in 2000/01.

b) Cheques were agreed and signed for: £ .p

W P Weatherhogg:	Expenses to 31/12/99	150.00
Village Hall:	Use on 16/12/99	4.50
Mrs M Rutley	Newsletter	8.30

c) Mrs McCloughlin had shown an interest in buying the old electric typewriter, which the Council owned. It was agreed to sell it to Mrs McCloughlin for £5.

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Thursday, ~~13th~~ 13th January, 2000. There being no further relevant business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

K J Ballin

J.C. Talbot

Minutes of the meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council held on Thursday, January 13th 2000 at 7.30pm.

Present; Councillors R J Baldwin, Chairman, Mrs M A Charlesworth, Mr B Cannell, Mr P Jupp , Mr G Rutley, WPC Jayne James and the clerk.

1349 Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December , 1999, were signed as a true record.

1350 Planning:

There were two planning matters:-

1A planning application to build a new dwelling at "The Sanctuary". No objections were raised.

2 A revised planning application for the proposed development at Charlcombe Park. The Parish Council's views were asked for . The Clerk will send a letter with these to the planning officer concerned.

1351 Precept:

It was agreed to apply for the same precept as in 1999/2000 , that is the sum of £1,800. 00p

1352 Clerks Report:

a) Bridleway across Walton Common:

The Inspectors Report has been received and says "NO" to a bridleway across the Common. This information will be included in the next village newsheet.

b) Bus services and Bus Shelters:

A letter had been received from Mr R Shields regarding provision of hardstanding at the Walton Stores bus stop. He remains in consultation with the engineering consultancy and the issue is "ongoing". He also asked if it were possible to site a bus timetable on the Parish Noticeboard, where it would have more relevance to both bus routes through the village . This was agreed. It was also agreed to ask for an extra timetable to be displayed in Walton Stores. The Clerk will write to Mr Shields regarding these matters.

c) Project to commemorate the Millennium

A letter of thanks had been received from the Archive Group .

d) Highways Matters / General Purpose Maintenance Gangs :

The Clerk had spoken to Mr R McWilliams who had outlined a new initiative to help deal with minor problems within the parishes. The plan is to provide one day a quarter where the General Purpose Maintenance Gang is "lent" to each parish , to carry out a list of jobs as provided by the parish council. A meeting between the Clerk and any Parish Councillors able to attend was suggested for Monday 24th of January 2000 to explain the new system and to inspect any ongoing problem areas .

e) Speed Limit:

The speed limit post markings should be in place by the end of this month.

f) ALCA Meeting:

The Clerk would like to attend an ALCA meeting on Thursday 10th February , therefore it was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Friday 11th February.

1353 Councillors Reports:

The following points were made by Councillors :-

a) There is a large collection of rubbish in the third gateway along Moor Lane , on the left after the bend.

b) The "No Tipping " signs in Moor Lane still haven't been replaced.

c)The " Road Narrows " sign is still missing from the bridge in Moor Lane.

d) The collection of mud and gravel at the bottom of Harley Hill remains a danger .

It was agreed that all of the above issues would be raised at the meeting with the Highways representatives on 24th January , 2000 .

e) Mr Rutley mentoioned that the salt and sand bin by the telephone box at the top of Walton Down was empty and needed to be reported to Highways as an urgent matter.

f) WPC James mentioned that the one way system through "the narrows" in Weston in Gordano was due to be reversed at the end of the month , leading to roadworks and potential hold ups on the B3124.

g) The potholes reported along the Coast Road have been filled.

B1354 Correspondence not yet dealt with :

- a) A letter had been received from Pill and District Action Group , in cooperation with Portbury and Easton in Gordano Parish Council , regarding their campaign against the proposed increased housing figures for the region . The letter invited other Parish and Town Councils in North Somerset to join in their campaign. It was agreed that Walton in Gordano Parish Council would send their own letter , rather than the model one provided.
- b) The minutes of the Area Liaison Meeting held on 13th October 1999 at the Folk Hall , Portishead , had been received.
- c) The Rural Training Project Community Action courses booklet had arrived . The Clerk has the copy if anyone is interested.
- d) An information / newsheet regarding the North Somerset web site had been received. The web site "address" is [www..n-somerset . gov. uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk)
- e) The DETR's response to a recent proposal to introduce a premium scale of charges for people who deliberately flout planning regulations had been received . The Parish Council noted this.
- f) The CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England) Avon has been renamed the CPRE Avonside.
- g) The minutes of the Avon Local Councils Association , North Somerset Group had been received.
- h) The minutes of the Joint Community Safety Action Team had been received and were passed on to Mr P Jupp .
- h) A workshop on the North Somerset Provisional Transport Plan is to be held in Portishead on Thursday 2nd March 2000 .
- i) A letter had been received from Puxton Parish Council regarding the high cost of their most recent audit fees . They were asking other parish councils to join them in protesting over the great cost imposed , particularly in those parishes with small precepts. Their comments were noted by the Parish Council and it was agreed to send a letter in return stating that this Parish Council was happy with their last audit bill.

1355 Finance:

- a) Requests for donations from Victim Support and the Citizens Advice Bureau will be considered at the next meeting.
- b) Cheques were agreed and signed for:

Mrs M Rutley	Newsletter	£5. 20p
Village Hall	Use on 13/01/2000	£4. 50p
Mr W P Weatherhogg	Petty Cash	£2 . 27p
Mrs S C Talbott	Petty Cash	£40 . 00p
NSC Election Payment		£56 . 76p
- c) The notification of the Avon Local Councils Association affiliation fees had been received . They will be £37 . 38p , payable in March 2000 .
- d) A cheque for the sum of £5 . 00p had been received from Mrs D McCloughlin for the old electric type writer.

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Friday 11th February , 2000 . There being no further relevant business , the meeting closed at 9-15pm.

A J Reddie
S. C. Talbott

**Minutes of the meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council held on Friday 11th February , 2000
at 7.30pm**

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

1356: Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday , January 13th , 2000 were signed as a true record.

1357 : Planning:

a) Mr P J upp had attended the site meeting regarding the proposed Charlcombe Park development. He reported that the meeting was well attended , with about 100 residents and approximately 6 North Somerset planning officers and local Portishead Town Councillors.

Everyone local was against the proposed development on every issue . However the proposal will probably go to appeal in London and is likely to get through due to the high figure for provision of new housing set for North Somerset by central government.

With the concerns expressed over highways issues and the impact of the extra traffic generated if the proposal goes ahead , the high ways department replied that the only question of concern was regarding access! This conclusion had been reached following an independent impact study carried out regarding the outline development. According to this study the access issue abides by national guidelines and all the access roads into and out of Portishead can cope with the extra traffic! Councillor Daws , from Portishead , strongly queried this and asked what criteria the impact study had used ? The reply was that , according to the impact study , extra traffic movements produced would be equivalent to one and a third cars per hour based on a twenty four hour day! It was pointed out that this was fundamentally flawed on two counts , firstly that in using a twenty four hour day no account was taken of the effects in the rush hours and secondly that the study was done against the level of movements from present dwellings .

No compensation is being offered to present owners but they cannot legally be "pushed off" the site.

b) The minutes of the ALCA meeting with North Somerset Council Planners had been received . These included guidelines for the new procedure for dealing with amended plans pre and post decision. If Parish Councils are concerned about the definition of a "minor amendment" then they can refer back to Mr M Edwards, the assistant director of the environmental management department.

1358: Clerks Report:

a) A letter had been received from ALCA with regard to a Regional Planning Campaign in response to the high figures for provision of new housing in North Somerset , as laid out by central government. The letter was asking for the support of local parish councils in opposing these figures. It was agreed that a letter of support would be sent.

b) **Highways Matters:** On Monday , 24th January , Mr Liam Gill and Mr Gary Meddick met with the Parish Clerk to explain the new system of each parish using the General Purpose Maintenance Gang to carry out a list of work as provided by the Parish Council on one day each quarter. The weeks in which Walton in Gordano 's allocation falls are :- third week April , first week July , 4th week September. Any small highways matters can be included on the list and should be mentioned to the Parish Council in time for it to be prepared for the week prior to allocation.

Mr Gill and Mr Meddick walked up Moor Lane to Norton's Wood Lane and noted the large amount of litter in the ditches and the problem of mud on the road caused by run off from the hill . They also noted that some of the verges/hedges needed cutting back. The broken paving slab , on the footpath covering the stream along the Coast Road , was also mentioned. They were due to go and see this on their way back. The loss of the road narrows sign and the "No Tipping " signs were pointed out on Moor Lane.

Forms and maps have been provided to use to indicate any large highways problems and each Parish Councillor now has some of these. The Parish Council had asked Highways who was responsible in the event of injury or accident occurring when associated with an outstanding highways problem eg mud on Harley Hill. Providing the North Somerset Council have been informed of the problem , either by telephone or in writing then it is their responsibility. Regarding the paving slab over the stream, they will try to make it safe, but repair will take some time as it is not a standard size and a special slab will have to be ordered. Regarding the road signs in Moor Lane, the post and the brackets for the road narrows sign were still at the site, indicating that someone had deliberately unscrewed the triangular part!

As the post was still in situ the sign could be replaced fairly quickly, but for the "No Tipping" signs the entire post etc will have to be re-ordered and will therefore take more time. As for the on-going problem of the mud on the road down Harley Hill, that requires a JCB with a scraper to remove it and there is some discussion over which department should pay for this. As the run off comes mainly from the public right of way, then the highways department feel they should pay for removal of the mud. This matter will obviously take some time to resolve. Long term Mr Gill felt that fairly major works were going to be necessary to prevent the problem and being able to provide those works is again dependent on budgets. The Parish Council agreed that they will continue to push these matters with the Highways Department.

Since the meeting a team of litter collectors have removed the litter from Moor Lane.

c) **Speed Limits:** the speed limit markings are now in place and the Police were in the village enforcing the speed limit soon after it was set up. Whilst Mr Meddick was walking down Moor Lane he noticed that one of the speed limit posts was not securely cemented into the ground. This is due to be corrected.

d) **Street Cleansing:** A reply to a letter sent by the Parish Council querying why part of the Coast Road was not swept had been received. The reply was as follows :-

"The mechanical sweeper does not sweep the section of the coast road from approximately the Ship Inn to the Golf course due to lack of kerbing along this section. To drop the wire channel brushes where there is grass verging would obviously cause damage to the verge and leave earth/mud along the edge of the carriageway." The letter goes on to say that incidents of fly tipping and litter accumulation can be reported on 01934 - 634868.

1359: Councillors Reports :

The following points were made by Councillors:-

a) There had been a thick black sediment deposited across the width of the stream in Moor Lane. The cause of this was questioned. The Clerk is to contact the appropriate department of North Somerset Council regarding this.

b) A bungalow has been broken into on the Walton Bay Caravan Site. Following this the Clerk has been asked to check with the police as to what is a legitimate call on the 999 service.

c) A request for information regarding the Parish boundaries has been received from Mrs Betts in relation with to the possibility of "beating the bounds" on this year's parish walk. The Clerk will try to locate a map.

d) Mr Jupp reported that the footpath by Squires Cottage is being washed away and becoming very dangerous. The two steel tubular fences, alongside the two wooden bridges in Walton Bay, are slipping towards the sea. Mr Richard Broadhead of the North Somerset Council's footpaths department has been contacted and is coming out to see the site.

1360: Correspondence not yet dealt with :-

a) A letter regarding the Directory of Community Meeting Places (North Somerset) had been received. Walton in Gordano Village Hall is on it.

b) Mr W Weatherhogg, the previous Parish Clerk had written expressing his thanks for the Parish Council's good wishes on his retirement and wished the new Clerk every success for the future.

c) The Clerk had written to the Archive Society confirming the arrangements regarding payments in respect of the Village History Booklet and Village Photograph later in the year.

d) Two letters had been received in respect of the recording of orchards or remnants of orchards and the recording of publicly accessible woodlands. It was suggested that the information required re the orchards be included in the Village Newsletter. Both letters are to be passed onto Mrs S. Betts as both the Parish footpaths representative and the Parish Wildlife representative.

e) Letters and or questionnaires had been received regarding the North Somerset Safety Strategy and the Crime and Disorder Audit. These were dealt with during the meeting.

1361 : Finance :

a) A request for the Parish Council to consider a contribution, no matter how small, to the bill for the pruning of the Yew tree in the Churchyard has been received via the Rector and Church Wardens. The work had to be carried out due to the threat of damage to the churchyard walls and to the Church itself. The Rector and the Church Wardens pointed out that there is a public footpath through the Churchyard and that the Church is a parish amenity. The Clerk is to check the records to see if there is

any responsibility upon the Parais Council to help maintain the Churchyard and is to also try and ascertain what neighbouring Parishes do in these instances .

b) Cheques were agreed and signed for :-

Mrs M Rutley	Newsletter	£5.20p
Mrs M Rutley	New typewriter ribbon	£3.85p
Village Hall	Use on 11/02/2000	£4.50p
SWEB		£4.62p

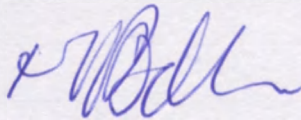
c) Confirmation of the Precept at £1,800.00p has been received .

d) **Clerks Remuneration :**

According to ALCA the Clerks remuneration for a Parish of the size of Walton in Gordano should be £6.28p per hour and the expected number of hours of work are approximately 16 to 20 hours per month. The precept as set for the coming year plus the approximately £1,000.00p put aside means that the Parish Council has access to approximately £2,800.00p. Therrefore it was deciced that the Clerk should keep a record of her hours. If it became obvious that she was doing more hours than the Parish Council could afford to pay for at the correct rate then she would have to limit her hours and the service to the Parish Council accordingly. This raised the question of whether or not the parish precept was set too low ? The Clerk is to check what the average precept is for a parish of the size of Walton in Gordano with ALCA. It was agreed that the Clerks remuneration for the year should be £1,000.00p , paid in arrears in quarterly installments of £250.00p. R ecords of hours, any expenses incurred and telephone calls will be kept and compared at the end of the year to try and establish the time and costs involved in the post.

e) **Bank Statements :** It was decided to ask for monthly rather than six monthly bank statements, since the Parish Council meets monthly. The Clerk is to arrange this with Lloyds Bank in Clevedon.

The next meetingof the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th March, 2000. There being no further relevant business the meeting closed at 9-00pm.



A.C. Talbot

March 2, 000.

The Parish Council of Walton-in-Gordano were unable to meet in March of 2,000 as 3 parish councillors were unable to attend ∴ leaving only 2 parish councillors and the Clerk ∴ not enough parish councillors to form a quorum.

J.C. Labott. Clerk to the Council.