



# Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL Held on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr R Baldwin; Mr B Cannell (Chair); Mr R Kent

**In Attendance:** Cllr Mr Nigel Ashton (NSC); Mr Paul Slade (NSC Liaison Officer); PC Tracey Payne; Mr Don Hill (Clerk)

**2047 APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Mrs A Charlesworth; Mrs M Rutley

**2048 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - 13/03/06 - were agreed and signed by Cllr Cannell and the Clerk.

**2049 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none.

**2050 CLERK'S REPORT:** Miscellaneous items received since the last meeting were noted. Other matters were dealt with as under.

### 2051 CRIME AND TRAFFIC

**Robbery at Church Farm:** The police geo base easily located Church Farm; there is no reason why officers had a problem finding it.

**Incident Between a Horse and a Young Boy:** Serious injury occurred recently as a boy strayed close to a horse in a local field. Animals and youngsters can be unpredictable; keeping to footpaths will help to minimise the risk of such accidents occurring.

**Pellets falling at Arodene:** No further action on this incident presumed to relate to a shoot.

**Community Control Vehicle:** Not going to call on smaller villages due to lack of drivers.

**Robbery at Manor Cottages:** A minor incident is being investigated.

**Speed of Police Vehicles Through Village:** Police driving school and firearms training units appreciate the problems their training poses for small villages. Within the boundaries of their national training schemes they are endeavouring to adjust their "in training" modes to take effect outside village boundaries, particularly when children are around at start and close of school.

**Traffic speed on the Coast Road:** Rumble Strips will be set up at a date to be announced to monitor vehicle numbers and speeds.

**Traffic Calming at Walton Bay (Minute 2040):** PC Payne and Cllr Ashton are pursuing ideas set out in a letter from the Clerk in the context of similar concerns from Weston-in-Gordano and Clapton-in-Gordano. Police, NSC, and parishes are working and meeting on the issues. The Council will be kept informed of overall progress and will be involved as appropriate.

### 2052 TRANSPORT

**Walton Bay Bus Stop:** Considerable work was to done to assess ways of improving this stop 4 years ago. A simple move cannot be justified and the making of a fully satisfactory stop cannot be afforded against priorities at other, more used locations.

### 2053 PLANNING

**New Applications:** None

**Decisions Awaited:** 05/P/2136/F Rowles, Walton Bay Ho: Replacement bungalow. 06/P/0420/WT - Myrtle Cottage, Miles Estate: felling of rotten boundary leylandii. 06/P/0467/WT - Home Farm, Miles Estate: Felling of cypress tree. 96/P/0473/WT - Walton Manor, Mr Bryant: Felling of 3 x Cypress, 3 x Thuja, 3 x horse chestnut.

**Permissions Granted Since Last Meeting:** 06/P/0322/WT - Old Rectory Farm, Crowning/felling of various trees.

### Other Planning Matters:

**Severn Leigh Roadside Wall Above 1m High:** There was a discussion with the owners on this matter outside the last meeting. Cllr Ashton and Paul Slade separately discussed the position with NSC Planning. It is understood that a "Planning Conservation Notice" was issued to the owners, based on a photo in the 2002 sales particulars indicating the wall at about 1 m. This notice requires a response detailing how, when, and against what authority the wall achieved its current height.

**Lorraine Field, Walton Bay:** No clearance of this site is evident despite NSC Planning writing to confirm that a 215 notice of enforcement would be issued to the owner on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.

Due to contact difficulties with NSC Planning, the current situation regarding Severn Leigh and Lorraine Field is unclear. Cllr Ashton has undertaken to follow progress via the North Area Committee proceedings to see what really is going on.

### 2053 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES (Parish Liaison Officer - Adam Wood)

**Walton Street Naming:** No objections so Walton Street is now official from Cross Tree to Taggart.

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**Walton Street Numbering:** Under new regulations a decision on numbering, notwithstanding the emergency services being in favour of it, lies with the Parish Council. The meeting agreed to consult residents for their views via the Information Sheet. **Chairman to submit an entry giving information and seeking feedback.**

#### MISCELLANEOUS ON-GOING ITEMS ON ADAM WOOD'S LIST

**Fence at Golf Course:** (Alan Ingersent handling) **Clerk to contact AL in April to get timetable for work.**

**Water/Sewage Leaks Onto Coast Path from Coast Caravan Park (CCP):** (Adrian Leonard handling) **Clerk to follow-up.**

**White Lining:** (David Bailey handling) The line south of Arodene is to be painted together with a missed "stop" on the Clevedon Road outside Crosstree Farm and the lengthening of the Moor Lane junction line - lining contractors have been instructed.

**Moor Lane Verges:** Road deemed of acceptable width and "natural" widening is occurring as traffic increases. Nonetheless the matter has been passed to highways maintenance in the event that they have spare capacity to do the widening work.

**Raised Paving Below Springhead:** This has been reported, noted, but not yet done.

**Potholes:** Reported potholes are being monitored in relation to NSC intervention levels and orders raised accordingly. When the M5 work has finished and traffic levels on the B3124 have dropped, repair and resurfacing work is planned for the B3124.

**Blocked Drains** No work has been done: the jetter hired by NSC is too big use without road closure orders being raised. An order has been placed for the work to be done manually. If this does not achieve the desired result then the road closure option will have to be revisited.

**Dangerous pothole north of Plum Tree Cottage:** 2 x gas fittings - being repaired.

**Harley Hill/Moor Lane signage:** this is confusing - Harley Lane at one end and Moor Lane at the other. Damaged "Harley Lane" sign to be replaced by a sign saying "Harley Hill - Leading to Moor Lane". Missing Norton Wood Lane sign to be replaced.

**Emptying of 2 x public rubbish bins in Walton Street:** With summer and the re-opening of Cross Tree Stores, there is a need for them to be emptied on the regular basis they used to be. Contractors have been asked to ensure this is done.

**Walton Street:** This has now been formally named. A need for signs by telephone box and above Taggart has been noted.

#### 2054 OTHER MATTERS

**CPRE Best Kept Village Competition:** No entry proposed.

**Walton Bay Notice Board:** Clerk has e-mailed details of the fault to suppliers. They expect to supply a new, improved board.

**Bitton Parish Council:** Further to strong support of their concerns re the growing dominance of non-elected bodies (e.g. SW Regional Assembly) in decision processes held to belong to elected bodies, Bitton PC are looking for people to be active in their campaign. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

**ALCA Group AGM And Nominations:** The ALCA AGM is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June in Long Ashton. No nominations for officers were suggested.

**Membership Invitations:** Community Action - Renewal invited but Council are not members. CPRE - cheque for payment due at May meeting.

#### 2055 FINANCE

**Cheques signed:** 468 - £35.40 - to Michael Hollingsworth re Information Sheet expenses; 469 - £5.23 - to EDF Energy for street light; 470 - £5.50 - to Walton in Gordano Village Hall re 1 hrs Hall hire.

**Alternative Deposit Account Arrangements:** Cllr Baldwin asked Clerk to investigate placing the Council's surplus of some £900 high interest deposit; it presently earns 2% on deposit. The most we could get on £900 is 2.4% at 30 days notice (earning an additional sum of about £3-4 per year). The present current account is set up against a deposit account so interest is earned on all monies (except the £50 float on the current account) until a cheque is presented, at which time funds are transferred from deposit to current account to cover payment. Cllr Kent noted that there is a difference between private and business (i.e. The Council's) investments with business funds not attracting headline rates advertised for private funds. **Clerk asked to investigate further and check opportunities via ALCA.**

**Accounts:** Account details for the year to date were circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

**Finance and Audit:** The auditors have contacted us re the annual audit. All relevant forms have been completed in draft. A discrepancy in bookkeeping revealed an unintentional overpayment to the previous clerk of £18 and is the subject of an audit note to accompany the paperwork. The meeting agreed to formalise this payment by including it in the current year accounts.

#### 2056 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

No matters were raised.

#### 2057 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2006 AT 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Clerk to contact Village Hall committee, WI, and St Paul's Church to invite presentation of reports.

To accommodate the Annual Parish Meeting the next meeting of the council will be at 7pm on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr R Kent; Mrs M Rutley

**In Attendance:** Cllr Mr Nigel Ashton (NSC); Mr Paul Slade (NSC Liaison Officer); Mr Don Hill (Clerk)

**2058 APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Baldwin: PC Tracey Payne

### **2059 ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**

Proposed by Cllr Charlesworth, seconded by Cllr Rutley and unanimously re-elected as Chair – Cllr Cannell; who signed a new Declaration of Acceptance of Office as is required for this post only. Proposed by Cllr Rutley, seconded by Cllr Cannell and unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chair – Cllr Charlesworth.

### **2060 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Unanimously agreed that Cllrs Baldwin (who previously consented due to his absence from the meeting) and Charlesworth continue as the Council's representatives on the Village Hall Committee. As previously, any other outside representation would be on an ad-hoc basis.

**2061 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - 10/04/06 - were agreed and signed by Cllr Cannell and the Clerk.

**2062 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none.

**2063 CLERK'S REPORT:** Miscellaneous items received since last meeting were noted. Other matters were dealt with as under.

### **2064 CRIME AND TRAFFIC**

**Traffic speed on the Coast Road:** Rumble Strips dates awaited.

**Traffic Calming at Walton Bay (Minute 2040):** It may be some months before this matter reaches "next stages".

### **2065 PLANNING**

**New Applications:** 06/P/0918/F Ross, Replacement of pair of bungalows by 4 bed single chalet bungalow on same footprint. No objections – Clerk to so notify NSC.

**Decisions Awaited:** 05/P/2136/F Rowles, Walton Bay Ho: Replacement bungalow. 96/P/0473/WT – Walton Manor, Mr Bryant: Felling of 3 x Cypress, 3 x Thuja, 3 x horse chestnut.

**Permissions Granted Since Last Meeting:** 06/P/0467/WT - Home Farm, Miles Estate: Felling of cypress tree. 06/P/0420/WT - Myrtle Cottage, Miles Estate: felling of rotten boundary leylandiis.

### **Other Planning Matters:**

**Severn Leigh Roadside Wall Above 1m High:** NSC have required owners to submit a retrospective planning application by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006.

**Lorraine Field, Walton Bay:** The handling officer has left NSC. In view of many months of procrastination over this matter Cllr Ashton undertook to pursue urgently with Ian Esdor, who holds overall responsibility for these matters at NSC. Clerk to provide briefing note to Cllr Ashton.

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## **2066 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

(NSC Parish Liaison via Streets & Open Spaces, Weston Court, Oldmixon Crescent, Weston-s-Mare BS24 9AU. Tel: 01934 888 802)

**Attendance at Meeting:** It was suggested that it would be useful if Adam Wood (and Simon Banbury?) could attend a future meeting to explain first-hand what NSC is doing to ensure ACTION on various outstanding issues within the parish. **Action: Clerk/NA/PS.**

**Walton Street Numbering:** Feedback from Information Sheet awaited: to pursue at June meeting.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ON-GOING STREETS & OPEN SPACES ITEMS**

**Fence at Golf Course:** (Alan Ingersent handling) **Clerk to contact AL to get timetable for work.**

**Water/Sewage Leaks Onto Coast Path from Coast Caravan Park (CCP):** (Adrian Leonard handling) **Clerk to follow-up.**

**White Lining:** (David Bailey handling) Waiting on contractors for fulfilment of the NSC order re line south of Arodene, missed "slow" on Clevedon Road and lengthening of the Moor Lane junction line.

**Raised Paving Below Springhead:** One became two – both have been done.

**Potholes:** Condition of roads – particularly B3124 – being monitored. Cllrs Charlesworth and Kent (who has had uncomfortable experiences there with tractors) are concerned about the road engineering at the Holly Lane junction entering Clevedon on the B3124 – the camber needs re-profiling to improve this potentially dangerous situation.

**Blocked Drains** No work has been done – **Clerk to press AW on this before it is "too late".**

**Harley Hill/Moor Lane signage:** "Harley Hill - Leading to Moor Lane"& "Nortons Wood Lane" sign awaited. **Clerk to verify with Clevedon Town Council the correct name of Harley Hill – it is mapped as Harley Lane.**

**Walton Street Signage:** Signs - by telephone box and above Taggart - awaited.

**White Goods in Rhyne by "Cassie's Gate" in Moor Lane:** Mr Dunn reported this – it started on the verge and if it is a fridge could be dangerous as it now under water. Clerk informed Adam Wood who has confirmed that he will investigate.

## **2067 OTHER MATTERS**

**Walton Bay Notice Board:** Replacement board is at Cllr Baldwin's home. **Clerk & Cllr Baldwin to erect.**

## **2068 FINANCE**

**Cheques signed:** 471 - £11.00 - to WaIG Village Hall re 2 hrs Hall hire. 472 - £268.80 Allianz Cornhill Insurance premium. 473 - £48.19 - ALCA membership renewal.

**Alternative Deposit Account Arrangements:** Finance is outside the ALCA remit so they could not assist with advice. Alliance & Leicester do a "Community Instant Reserve Account" at 4.07%. After discussion, having regard to the work already put in gain the information and the work and time required to conclude new banking arrangements the meeting unanimously agreed that it would not prove cost effective to pursue changes to the Council's present banking arrangements.

**Finance and Audit:** Roy Betts has agreed to act as internal auditor again. Paperwork for 2005-06 will go to him as bank statements to April 30<sup>th</sup> are now to hand indicating clearance of all funds committed during the financial year.

### **Current Year Accounts**

Deposit Opening Balance April 1 <sup>st</sup> :		£973.66
In Interest	£1.84	
Precept – 50%	£1300.00	
Deposit Opening Balance May 1 <sup>st</sup>		£2275.50
Cheques due for signature on May 10 <sup>th</sup> :	-£327.99	
<b>BALANCE as at 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006</b>		<b>£1947.51</b>

**Bank Signatories:** A letter signed by Cllrs Cannell and Charlesworth will be prepared confirming that Cllr Kent is to have signing rights on the bank accounts: **Cllr Cannell undertook to arrange.**

## **2069 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Charlesworth: Walton Street Exit onto Clevedon Road Towards Clevedon** – despite the new format of road painting and its apparent clarity, drivers are still pulling into the right hand – UP – lane to turn to Clevedon. Cllr Kent said that things have improved since the re-painting, but it still does happen. **Clerk to notify NSC of concern to see what else might be done to improve the situation.**

The meeting closed at 8 p.m.

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL Held on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr R Baldwin; Mr B Cannell (Chair); Mrs M Rutley

**In Attendance:** Mr Paul Slade (NSC Liaison Officer); Mr Don Hill (Clerk)

### **2074 APOLOGIES:**

Cllrs Mrs A Charlesworth and Mr R Kent

### **2075 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 08/05/06 - were agreed and signed by Cllr Cannell and the Clerk.

Minutes of the May 2006 Annual Parish Meeting were available. According to the most recent sources of guidance the Council should present the minutes for approval and signature at the earliest opportunity after the meeting is held and not leave it for a year. The Clerk was asked to send a set of Minutes to each attendee for information and approval, with a view to them being signed at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parish Council.

### **2076 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

none.

### **2077: AUDIT - ANNUAL RETURN**

The Meeting approved the Annual Return to the External Auditor which was then signed by the Chairman & Clerk.

### **2078: AUDIT – STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE**

The Meeting approved the Statement of Assurance verifying the veracity of the Annual Return & of the Council's financial procedures; this was then signed by the Chairman & Clerk.

### **2079 CLERK'S REPORT:**

Miscellaneous items received since the last meeting were noted. Other matters were dealt with as under.

### **2080 CRIME AND TRAFFIC**

**Traffic speed on the Coast Road:** Rumble Strips dates awaited.

**Traffic Calming at Walton Bay (Minute 2040):** This is a long-term process.

### **2081 PLANNING**

**New Applications:** 06/P/1267/F Severn Leigh: retrospective application re boundary wall. The Council's understanding is that this is a retrospective application to regularize the present 2 metre height of a highway-facing boundary wall. The Weekly Applications Register circulated by NSC together with a copy of the application, refers to the proposal as being for the reduction in height of the wall. The accompanying drawings indicate that the wall will remain the same 2 metre height. There is confusion about the gates to be added: are they to be 2 metre high wrought iron gates as in the "proposed" drawing of April 06, or "2 metre (?)" high close boarded gates as in the section drawing of May 06? A repeated written complaint was received expressing concern about the visual impact of the wall as it currently stands: this concern was echoed by the meeting and it was decided that this Council would oppose the application as currently presented and express its concern to NSC that the wall as it stands has an adverse visual impact in this sensitive area. **The Clerk was asked to so advise NSC.**

**Decisions Awaited:** 96/P/0473/WT – Walton Manor, Mr Bryant: Tree Felling. 06/P/0918/F Ross, Replacement of pair of bungalows by one 4 bed chalet bungalow.

**Permissions Granted Since Last Meeting:** 05/P/2136/F Rowles, Walton Bay Ho: Replacement bungalow (subject to drainage plan approval).

### **Other Planning Matters:**

**Lorraine Field, Walton Bay:** Cllr Ashton worked on this and involved the NSC Senior Environmental Health Officer.

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The original complaint of February 2004 was resolved by June 2004. The current state of the field may be unsightly but does not pose an environmental hazard. After discussion, consideration of a written complaint, the presentation of pictures indicating its condition, and the revelation that it has at least one resident; it was decided that concerns relating to this privately owned field are not ones that it is within the jurisdiction of this Council to handle.

## **2082 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

(NSC Parish Liaison via Streets & Open Spaces, Weston Court, Oldmixon Crescent, Weston-s-Mare BS24 9AU. Tel: 01934 888 802)

**Attendance at Meeting:** Adam Wood has asked for meeting dates so that he can arrange to attend periodically. Clerk has supplied this Council's meeting dates.

**Walton Street Numbering:** There was no feedback from the entry in the May Information Sheet, ergo no support for house numbering in Walton Street. The meeting agreed to inform NSC that the Council is not in favour of house numbering in Walton Street. **Clerk to so do.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS ON-GOING STREETS & OPEN SPACES ITEMS**

**Fence at Golf Course:** (Alan Ingersent handling) Work expected to start after September – when the undergrowth will be cleared from around the fence – and to be completed by the year end.

**Water/Sewage Leaks Onto Coast Path from Coast Caravan Park (CCP):** (Adrian Leonard handling) Work is expected to start during the next ten days – the Clerk will be informed when it does.

**White Lining:** (David Bailey handling) Waiting on contractors for fulfilment of the NSC order re line south of Arodene, missed "slow" on Clevedon Road and lengthening of the Moor Lane junction line. Still waiting, but expecting the work to be incorporated into refurbishment plans for the B3124 due later in the year.

**Raised Paving Below Springhead:** One was up again, reported, but re-settled before the meeting.

**Potholes/Road Surfaces:** Road camber at Holly Lane junction (Clevedon Town Council) has been inspected and not deemed dangerous or detrimental. Councillors expressed disagreement with this but recognise that it is within Clevedon Town Council jurisdiction.

**Blocked Drains:** This work was done some three weeks ago.

**Harley Hill/Moor Lane signage:** "Harley Lane - Leading to Moor Lane" sign expected to be in place in a few weeks.

**Walton Street Signage:** Signs - by telephone box and above Taggart - awaited.

**White Goods in Rhyne by "Cassie's Gate" in Moor Lane:** Removed and disposed of (properly!) by Clerk & friends.

**Walton Street Exit onto Clevedon Road Towards Clevedon** – Clerk has notified NSC of the Council's concerns about drivers pulling into the right hand – UP – lane to turn to Clevedon. It was felt that, given recent, clear, re-painting, not much more could be done.

## **2083 OTHER MATTERS**

**Walton Bay Notice Board:** Replaced by Cllr Baldwin & Clerk.

## **2084 FINANCE (other than Audit)**

**Cheques signed:** 474 - £8.25 - to WaIG Village Hall re 1 hr hall hire now and half an hour carried over from May. 475 - £26 CPRE subscription. 476 - £287.50 Clerk's fee Apr/May/June at new rate. 477 - £53.45 to LexisNexis Butterworths re Arnold-Baker's "Local Government Administration 7<sup>th</sup> edition".

**Current Year Accounts:** Accounts for financial year to date circulated and noted.

**Bank Signatories:** A letter confirming Cllr Kent's signing rights is with him, c.c. Lloyds TSB to facilitate Cllr Kent's completion of bank paperwork.

## **2085 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

There were no Councillors reports but a general concern emerged about the state of the roadside edges, and associated potholes on Walton Street / the Coast Road in the area between Springhead Cottage and Highcliffe, on Walton Down. Because the road is so narrow there are reports of drivers experiencing difficulty as they have to leave the body of the road to accommodate on-coming vehicles. **The Clerk will inform NSC of this concern.**

Matters arising from the Clerk's perusal of the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Local Government "Bible" "Local Government Administration" were discussed; in particular the keeping of the Attendance Register and the storage of Minutes. It was decided to retain the practices of keeping a separate Attendance Register and of Storing the Minutes by sticking them into a Minute Book. It was further decided that if anyone arrived late at a meeting the time of their arrival would be recorded by the Clerk and a note made of the minute under discussion at the time. This will make clear what discussion and decisions such latecomers were party to.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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**2086 APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr Paul Slade (NSC Liaison Officer)

**2087 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** held on 12/06/06 - were agreed and signed by Cllr Cannell and the Clerk.

**2088 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none.

**2089 CLERK'S REPORT:** Miscellaneous items received were noted. Other matters were dealt with as under.

### **2090 CRIME AND TRAFFIC**

**Traffic speed on the Coast Road:** Rumble Strips dates awaited.

**Traffic Calming at Walton Bay (Minute 2040):** This is a long-term process.

### **2091 PLANNING**

**New Applications:** 06/P1552/F The Sanctuary, Walton Bay - construction of raised decking to rear and one side elevation; no objections. [Clerk to so inform NSC.](#)

**Decisions Awaited:** None

**Permissions Granted Since Last Meeting:** 06/P/0918/F Ross, Replacement of pair of bungalows by one 4 bed chalet bungalow - subject to approval of landscaping scheme to ensure "fit" with the sensitivities of the surrounding area. 96/P/0473/WT - Walton Manor, Mr Bryant: Tree Felling (decision in April but not notified to us).

**Permissions Declined Since Last Meeting:** 06/P/1267/F Severn Leigh: retrospective, re boundary wall. Application for height reduction to 1.75 metres (per the drawings submitted) refused. The proposal at section 4 of the "Householder's Planning Application" describes the proposal as "rectify front wall to property in accordance with planning requirements" Planning Requirements remain as a wall height not exceeding 1 metre.

### **2092 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES** [\(Clerk updates NSC post each meeting, including items from Cllrs Reports\)](#)

[\(NSC Parish Liaison via Streets & Open Spaces, Weston Court, Oldmixon Crescent, Weston-s-Mare BS24 9AU. Tel: 01934 888 802\)](#)

**Attendance at Meeting:** Waiting AW's dates.

**Walton St Numbering:** Clerk has notified NSC that the Council does not favour house numbering in Walton St.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ON-GOING STREETS & OPEN SPACES ITEMS**

**Fence at Golf Course:** (Alan Ingersent handling) Work starts after September and complete by the year end.

**Water/Sewage Leaks @ Coast Path:** (Adrian Leonard handling) Work started 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**White Lining:** (David Bailey handling) Waiting on contractors for fulfilment of the NSC order re line south of Arodene, missed "slow" on Clevedon Road and lengthening of the Moor Lane junction line. Work to be incorporated into refurbishment plans for the B3124 due now that the major M5 works are complete.

**Harley Hill/Moor Lane signage:** "Harley Lane - Leading to Moor Lane" sign awaited.

**Walton Street Signage:** Signs - by telephone box and above Taggart - awaited.

**State of the roadside edges, and associated potholes on Walton Street / the Coast Road:** The Clerk has informed NSC of the Council's concerns.

**Maintenance of the Parish Brook in Walton Street & Moor Lane:** to be done twice yearly by the Parish Gang. Since this was agreed Richard Talbot has done half the section opposite his house and the Tucker family have done the section in Walton Street. Historically residents have done this brook clearance for fear NSC would not get it done as, hitherto, their promises to perform in relation to the village flood risk have not been exemplary (they once came without wet gear and consequently did not achieve a satisfactory result). Recently the grass verge of the Moor Lane section was "mown" (this year's work was VERY poor) but was, effectively, simply pushed into the brook; it was this that prompted local action to get it cleared.

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Two concerns were raised and follow on from discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting in May:

a) Cllr Baldwin reported that, after doing verge tidying work outside their property, a resident in Walton Bay received a letter from NSC telling them that they were not permitted to do such work and that they should not do so in future due to possible repercussions under Health & Safety legislation. Presumably this has implications for locals working on the brook.

b) The brook constituents consist of i) a roadside verge ii) a bed iii) a far bank. Brook clearance involves working on all three sections to achieve effective management of the water flow. NSC have accepted that they will keep these roadside sections of brook clear: this Council and the effected residents need to be sure that NSC intend to clear all three constituents of the brook. If they can be sure of that, AND be sure that the work will be done twice a year by the Parish Gangs (who spend one day per quarter specifically on projects for this parish), they will rest easy and be only too happy to desist from involvement in the work.

To clarify the legal position vis-a-vis residents working on the brook Cllr Ashton suggested that the Clerk write to NSC Legal Department's Fiona Robertson to seek clarification. With copies to Adam Wood / Simon Banbury at NSC Streets & Open Spaces to seek clarification of the related clearance issues. Once these issues have been clarified, an explanation of the situation will be set out in the Information Sheet. [Clerk to write to NSC.](#)

**Clearance of blocked drains:** two drains, crucial to the flooding issue, were not jetted; they are on either side of the entrance to Cross Tree Farm This is the Clerk's fault for not pointing them out to NSC; they are to be done when the jetter is next hired.  
**Winter Maintenance – Grit Bins:** (via Brendan Stone) The placing grit bags is to be stopped. Instead, NSC will provide the Parish with one free grit bin which will be kept supplied with grit (further bins can be provided at £100 each). The meeting decided to accept a grit bin and to ask for it to be placed on the roadside at the seaside end of Hill Cottage. [Clerk to respond to NSC.](#)

## **2093 OTHER MATTERS**

**Requests for Donations/Grants:** The Clerk has drafted a standard response which the meeting agreed he should use as and when applications come in rather than waiting until the precept meeting each January. The Council will still be able to review its giving policies for future years when preparing budgets/precept applications.

## **2094 FINANCE**

**Fete:** The request has come in for funding; this was budgeted to be £550 for 2006.

**Cheques to sign:** 478 - £5.50 - to WaIG Village Hall re 1 hr hall hire. 479 - £550 to WaIG Village Hall for fete. 480 - £5.23 to EDF Energy for street light.

**Current Year Accounts:** Accounts for financial year to date were distributed to attendees prior to the meeting.

**Audit:** Two minor adjustments relating to audit practice were signed by Chair & Clerk.

## **2095 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Baldwin:** Weeds are growing damagingly out of the inner and outer edges of pavements and Kerbs: in previous years NSC have sprayed to keep this problem under control: this not happened this year - [what is planned to prevent weed infestation?](#)

**Cllr Cannell:** Relating to the above discussion on grit bins Cllr Cannell expressed serious concern about the long-running saga of the spring that runs across the Coast Road between Brighton Cottages and Arodene during wet and winter months. This covers the road on a virtual right-angled bend and every winter motorists, particularly those travelling in the Portishead/Clevedon direction – downhill – experience serious car control problems at this point. There have been a string of unreported accidents here on a regular basis over the years and, with increasing volumes of traffic, a major accident is waiting to happen. Cllr Cannell – and the meeting - regards this as a SERIOUS TRAFFIC RISK and is keen for a response beyond “no-one has been killed there yet” to ensure that the flow of the offending stream is diverted so that it cannot form surface water on the highway. [Clerk to alert NSC to this as an ongoing “pressure” item.](#)

**Cllr Rutley:** Yet again slabs are up on the covered brook section of highway below Spring Head. It is believed that the post van runs up on these during morning deliveries and this could be a cause of what has recently become a regular problem and serious pedestrian hazard. [Clerk to report the slab to NSC and to write to Royal Mail alerting them to this possible cause and asking them to be sure not to drive on these slabs.](#)

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.





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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL held on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr R Baldwin; Mr B Cannell (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr R Kent;

**In Attendance:** Cllr N Ashton (NSC) P C Tracy Payne (Beat Officer) Mr Paul Slade (NSC Liaison); Mr D Hill (Clerk) Mr S Banbury (NSC Streets & Open Spaces)

**3006 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs M Rutley

**3007 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** held on 09/09/06 - were agreed and signed by Cllr Cannell and the Clerk.

**3008 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none.

**3009 CLERK'S REPORT** Miscellaneous items received were noted. Other matters were dealt with as under.

### 3010 CRIME AND TRAFFIC

**Traffic speed & Calming on Coast Road (Apr 2006):** WaIG next on list for rumble strips but no date.

**Neighbourhood Watch Signs (Sept 2006):** P C Payne has supplied one free sign & order form.

### 3011 PLANNING

**Permissions Granted:** 06/P/1974/F The Sanctuary: conservatory. 06/P/100/WT Home Farm – Cypress fell.

### 3012 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Traffic Management (Sept 2006):** I asked what criteria will qualify us for speed monitoring equipment along the Coast Road and through the village.

**Fence at Golf Course (June 2005):** Procrastination prompted Clerk to ask for Cllr Ashton's intervention.

**White Lining (Sept 2005):** (D Bailey handling) Seeking B3124 works timetable & whitelining timetable.

**Harley Hill/Moor Lane signage (April 2006):** New sign should have been erected. AW is investigating.

**Walton Street Signage (May 2006):** Signs - by telephone box and above Taggart – awaited.

**Maintenance of the Parish Brook in Walton Street & Moor Lane (July 2006):** Assurance sought that this will be done by Parish Gang and date established. Response from Fiona Robertson at NSC re parishioners doing work entirely neutral.

**Clearance of Blocked Drains (July 2006):** Two outside Cross Tree Farm still not done. (Sept 2006): Virtually all gullies from Springhead to Squires Cottage need jetting.

**Winter Maintenance – Grit Bins (July 06):** (via B Stone) Grit bin near Hill Cottage. Clerk to follow-up in Oct.

**Weeds on Curbs & Pavements (July 06):** Both sides of B3124 from Manor Drive to Plum Tree Cot; and Walton Street.

**Spring on Coast Road between Brighton Cottages and Arodene (July 06):** NSC response awaited.

**Loose Signage (Sept 06):** The "WaIG" sign entering from Clevedon and 2 x 30mph to be fixed.

**Moor Lane - Build up of Debris: (Sept 2006)** NSC have been asked if anything more can be done to prevent Norton's Wood washdown & to restore width of Moor Lane between the Ash Track and Harley Lane

**Willows in Moor Lane (Sept 2006):** NSC liaising with Landlord/English Nature to make them safe.

**Mounting Stone Opposite Cross Tree (Sept 2006).** Could the responsible body paint it white?

**Slow NSC Action on WaIG Concerns:** Clerk has strongly pressed Council's concern.

### 3013 OTHER MATTERS

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**Permitted Activities Within Gordano Valley (Sept 2006):** The meeting did not feel information to hand was sufficient to inform a discussion. Cllr Ashton asked to brief the next meeting. (BC?) put piece in Information Sheet.  
**Clearance of the viewing ditch on Moor Lane (Sept 2006):** Clerk wrote to Drainage Board; response awaited.  
**Council Membership/Meeting Attendance:** Agenda invitation to the public to attend meetings altered as enclosed – comments welcome! A piece also put in the Information Sheet (by BC?)  
**Possible Closure order on Valley Road, Black Rock:** Clerk responded to notes from Portishead &NW TC & Cllr Ashton expressing concern re increased traffic in Walton Street that would result.

### **3014 FINANCE**

**Cheques:** 483 – £70.50 – to Mazars. 484 - £8.75 - to WaIG Village Hall re 1.5 hrs hall hire. 485 - £5.23 EDF Energy.  
**Current Year Accounts:** Accounts for financial year to date circulated prior to meeting.  
**Audit:** Audited accounts received and posted to notice boards.

### **3015 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**Cllr Cannell:**

**Cllr Charlesworth:**

**Cllr Kent:**

**Cllr Baldwin:**

The meeting closed at 8. pm



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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL held on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr R Baldwin; Mr B Cannell (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr R Kent.

**In Attendance:** Cllr N Ashton (NSC); Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison); Mr S Banbury (NSC Streets & Open Spaces); Mr Don Hill (Clerk).

**3006 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs M Rutley

**3007 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** held on 11/09/06 - were agreed and signed by Cllr Cannell and the Clerk.

**3008 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH BELOW** - none.

**3009 CLERK'S REPORT** Miscellaneous items received were noted. These tend to be regular: in future it was agreed that, as now, where matters touching upon this parish warrant it, they will be included within the Clerk's Report. Otherwise the Miscellaneous Items received sheet will cease to be presented.

### 3010 CRIME AND TRAFFIC

**Traffic Speed & Calming on Coast Road** (Apr 2006): WaIG next on list for rumble strips but no date.

**Neighbourhood Watch** (Sept 2006): Clerk presented paper outlining some basis concerns. Simon Banbury is a NW coordinator and was able to provide comfort on some of these re insurance and sign placement (owner's permission needed to affix but not planning permission), etc. Schemes are the practical responsibility of the scheme coordinator (M Hollingsworth for WaIG Village) under the prime responsibility of the police (for overall coordination, insurance, and provision of signs @ £13.50 each inc. ties). WaIG PC supplied with one free sign (MH not in favour of erecting signs). **The meeting decided i) to consider the Clerk's paper for further discussion at the next meeting ii) the the Clerk will contact the schemes at Walton Bay to see how they operate.**

### 3011 PLANNING

**Permissions Granted:** 06/P/1974/F The Sanctuary: conservatory. 06/P/100/WT Home Farm – Cypress fell.

### 3012 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Traffic Management** (Sept 2006): After discussion Cllr Ashton observed that the key criteria for placement of fixed speed warning equipment tends to be the number of life-threatening incidents. Until there is enough equipment affordably available to move this stark criteria down the line, WaIG chances of acquiring the equipment must remain slim. **Clerk to ensure that Adam Wood communicate our PREVENTION (as opposed to "as-a-result-of") concerns to the appropriate NSC officers in Nailsea.**

**Fence at Golf Course** (June 2005): (Phil Bush now handling) The line of the fence, (rather less that quarter of a mile), includes property borders with Springhead, Taggart, and Clevedon Golf Club: plus wall above the metal gate up to Arrodene). The area was flailed today to clear overgrowth so that the condition of the fence can be assessed. About 35 metres has been post-&-fenced by Clevedon Golf Club as an expedient measure due to dilapidation/break-in onto their property. Cllr Cannell expressed the view of the meeting when he forcefully stressed this Council's anger at being misled over many months about NSC's intention to repair this fence. Responsibility for the work has now passed to a different officer and it is expected that the damaged 35 metres at least will be repaired within this financial year out of contingency funds. For health & safety reasons the current spiked design is considered dangerous and will be modified as sections of the fence are repaired. **Clerk to monitor.**

**White Lining** (Sept 2005): (David Bailey handling) It was understood that major works were to be carried out on the B3124 once the M5 work was finished – this has only happened in North Weston. The Clerk wrote in September asking when work will be done and what the whitelining timetable would be and has received no response. There seems to be no reason why this work has not been done as we have been assured that orders have been issued. **Clerk to seek a response via Adam Wood.**

**Harley Hill/Moor Lane signage** (April 2006): New sign should have been erected. **AW is investigating the delay.**

**Walton Street Signage** (May 2006): Signs - by telephone box and above Taggart – awaited. **AW will follow up.**

**Maintenance of the Parish Brook in Walton Street & Moor Lane** (July 2006): (Paul Smart handles via Parish Gang) Concern has been expressed about health and safety issues arising when residents do work on or adjacent to the highway we expect to be carried out by NSC: whilst the motives for such work are understood it needs to also be clearly understood by all residents that, in relation to any action or activity each person has a general duty of care (including risk assessment and insurance) in relation to that action or activity whether they undertake it themselves or they instruct others to undertake it. Under no circumstances is WaIG PC (nor, indeed NSC) responsible for or liable for a claim against them in respect of any actions or

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activities undertaken by any person (a firm will be expected to have its own insurance cover) unless such actions or activities are carried out under its explicit written authority. **Brook clearance will be done by NSC Parish Gang end Oct/start Nov. AW to stress the need for wet gear (they work has been missed before due to the Parish Gang not having wet gear).**

**Clearance of Blocked Drains (July 2006):** Two outside Cross Tree Farm still not done: the meeting again expressed anger at procrastination over getting these done – their clearance is critical to the village flood prevention strategy – **We need a date FOR work; not a promise Of work.**

(Sept 2006): Gullies from Springhead to Squires Cottage need jetting. Road surfaces and properties will be affected with freezing/flooding problems if this not done – it is supposed to be done every two years but it is not clear when it was last done. Given the state of these gullies work is certainly due NOW: **NSC undertook to assess the situation and report back to this Council.**

**Winter Maintenance – Grit Bins (July 06):** (via Paul Smart) Bin now to be off road below Taggart. Delivery to site expected end Oct subject to all parishes confirming their needs. **Clerk to be contacted by NSC to confirm siting.**

**Weeds on Curbs & Pavements (July 06):** Both sides of B3124 from Manor Drive to Plum Tree Cot; and Walton St. Should be done three times per year – last one under way in District now. We have no evidence as to when or if the work is done unless NSC let us know or someone sees it happening. Simon Banbury told the meeting that weeds have proved a particular problem this year; they grew with unusual vigour, and, due to health & safety concerns, the weedkiller NSC can use is not as strong as they are used to nor as is permissible for domestic use. Another case where current concerns about health & safety appear to be changing - for the worse - the service we are reasonably able to expect from NSC compared to the past.

**Spring on Coast Road between Brighton Cottages and Arrodene (July 06):** This is on the NSC "wet spot" chart for "ice" or "flood" warning signs to be put out. Whilst signs would help, they have not been a noticed feature in the past. A workable drainage solution is still the effective one given that this is not a "straight-line" situation but one incorporating an almost right angle curve on a hill which leads to consistent, albeit unreported, accidents.

**Loose Signage (Sept 06):** The "WaIG" sign entering from Clevedon and 1 x 30mph fixed. **Village sign to be done.**

**Moor Lane - Build up of Debris (Sept 2006):** Need to prevent Norton's Wood washdown & restore width of Moor Lane between the Ash Track and Harley Lane. It was pointed out that a restoration of width would increase traffic speeds: possibly passing spaces would work and retain the effect of inhibiting traffic speed. Washed-down mud kept clear of gateways helps (this has been done periodically). The bend between the parish boundary bridge and the bottom of Harley Lane needs the line-of-vision improved. **Thought will be given to this and a site meeting with the Clerk arranged to follow up will possible solutions.**

**Willows in Moor Lane (Sept 2006):** NSC liaising with Landlord/English Nature to make them safe.

**Mounting Stone Opposite Cross Tree (Sept 2006):** Consensus to leave as is – the idea of painting this piece of village heritage white was viewed somewhat with despair as an absolute last option. Perhaps illumination could be erected to provide a discreet down-light onto the stone without urbanising the village with undue bright light. **Clerk to contact Miles Estate re ownership.**

**Slow NSC Action on WaIG Concerns:** NSC registered strength of concern - where things can be improved, they will be.

### 3013 OTHER MATTERS

**Permitted Activities Within Gordano Valley (Sept 2006):** Cllr Ashton explained that, perhaps as a result of proposed development of model aeroplane club use at Weston Moor, a move was afoot to review public access to and use of the floor of Gordano Valley at its southerly end with a view to making it more restrictive. It was felt that the existing levels of use for rural pursuits and quiet enjoyment represented part of the real fabric of rural reality. – If somebody is appointed to "review" something they will find the urge to "recommend something" irresistible! - on the basis of "if it ain't broke don't fix it" the meeting supported Cllr Ashton in his recommendation to leave well alone

**Clearance of the viewing ditch on Moor Lane (Sept 2006):** Clerk wrote to Drainage Board; response awaited.

**Interest in Council:** Agenda invitation to the public to attend meetings altered; piece put in the Information Sheet. There has been no election for parish councillors for MANY years - with elections due in May 2007 and with maximum council membership at 7, ideas for generating wider interest in Council business and membership will be welcome.

**Valley Rd Closure:** Clerk responded to notes from Portishead & NW TC & Cllr Ashton re resulting increased traffic in Walton St.

### 3014 FINANCE

**Cheques:** 483 – £70.50 – to Mazars. 484 - £8.75 - to WaIG Village Hall re 1.5 hrs hall hire. 485 - £5.23 EDF Energy.

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### 3015 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

**Cllr Kent:** Having regard to current publicity re the switching off of street lighting could not the village lights be switched off at, say, midnight? Simon Banbury explained that the cost of converting lights to able to be do this would probably not be cost-effective as against their present switching mechanisms – especially given the efficiency of the modern bulb units.

**The meeting closed at 9.00 pm**

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**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr R Kent; Mrs R Rutley

**In Attendance:** Cllr N Ashton (NSC); Mr Don Hill (Clerk).

**3016 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mr R Baldwin

**3017 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** held on 09/10/06 - were agreed and signed by Cllr Cannell and the Clerk.

**3018 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH BELOW** - none.

### 3019 CRIME AND TRAFFIC

**Traffic Speed & Calming on Coast Road** (Apr 2006): WaIG next on list for rumble strips but no date.

**Neighbourhood Watch** (Sept 2006): There are 3 schemes at Walton Bay (Barton/Rowles coordinated by Barbara Palmer, who is resigning); Two Acres coordinated by (?); Down Road coordinated by Peter Jupp; the "Village" also runs a scheme coordinated by Michael Hollingsworth. The police carry the appropriate public liability insurance policy (copy on website). Peter Jupp suggested that signs go up at the four entry points to the parish – Blackstrip; Moor Lane; Manor Drive; Hackswood House/Underwood. The meeting agreed and asked the **Clerk to order 3 further signs**.

**Community Safety & Drug Action Team:** This is the unit that funds the Neighbourhood Watch Administrator: they are seeking a donation to the funding of that post. In the past £6.30 has been paid (not paid in 2005 and not budgeted in 2006). Agreed to review during budget discussions in January 2007; and £10 to be paid now (see minute 3023 below).

### 3020 PLANNING

**Permission Granted (6<sup>th</sup> November):** 06/P/2374/WT Russell – Manor Cottages – 1 x Silver Birch to fell; overhanging house & drains. Comments due by 31/10/06; Clerk consulted Chairman & responded "no problem" 16/10/06.

### 3021 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Vehicle Activated Speed Signs via NSC** (Sept 2006): These have been erected by the Safety Camera Partnership and NSC where there is a speed related accident problem (reported accidents), not just a speeding problem. Accident statistics for the Parish do not support the installation of signs. Involvement with the Local Action Team has been tried and found wanting – the SPEEDWATCH initiative has been suggested and the Council is closely following its effects in neighbouring parishes. Speed bumps (for Walton Street) may cause an ice-related danger in winter and traffic lights tend to introduce congestion and noise problems.

**Golf Course Fence** (June 2005): (Phil Bush) Temporary section to be repaired. **Clerk to monitor**.

**White Lining** (Sept 2005): (David Bailey) Other areas of road marking now fading! Orders were issued – the work has now been invoiced to NSC without having been done! **DB/AW investigating**.

**Harley Hill & Walton St signs** (April/May 2006): **Awaited**

**Brook Maintenance Walton St/Moor Lane** (July 2006): (Paul Smart) **To be done by NSC Parish Gang mid Nov.**

**Clearance of Blocked Drains** (July 2006): Cross Tree Farm gullies & critical ones above Springhead done. Others need road restrictions to complete safely and will be done next time the machinery available. One immediately below the Church Farm gate in Walton Street also needs doing and has been reported.

**Winter Maintenance – Grit Bins** (July 06): (Paul Smart) **Clerk to be contacted by NSC to confirm siting**.

**Spring on Coast Road - Brighton Cottages/Arrodene** (July 06): Still seeking a workable drainage solution.

**Loose Signage** (Sept 06): The "WaIG" & 30mph signs fixed.

**Loose Signage** (Nov 2006): Coast Road – 40mph sign (Clevedon to Portishead) "hanging" - 30mph sign opposite Brighton Cottages loose at base.

**Moor Lane** (Sept 2006): Nortons Wood bridleway grip re-dug; Lane widened tip road to top; willow pollarding done.

**Mounting Stone Opposite Cross Tree** (Sept 2006): Miles Estate investigating ownership. New complaint via Cllr Baldwin.

**Kerbside Above Taggart** (Nov 2006): More incidents of drivers "caught" in the ridge between the tarmac and the "parking area" (this includes the Clerk and also two reportedly lost tyres). A distinct ridge is growing worse due to parking at this site and also due to a rivulet of water running during rainy weather. **Clerk to report to NSC for comment/action**.

**Paving Slab up on Culvert Below Springhead**: Re-seated before minutes typed.

### 3022 OTHER MATTERS

**Clearance of the viewing ditch on Moor Lane** (Sept 2006): Done.

**Black Rock Tip:** Work started. Road closure not happening due to strength of opposition. Partial opening planned for December.

**NSC Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2007-17:** Consultation draft reviewed by Clerk..

**ALCA Survey:** Detailed information request re our use of & view of ALCA completed and returned by Chairman & Clerk.

**Local Government White Paper "Strong & Prosperous Communities":** Summary via ALCA. Argues for devolvement of power from central government to district/Unitary authorities and thence down to "community councils" by whatever name, and thereby to the community. In sacrificing central control government will require evidence of "bottom up" input to policy and action from the community to replace the more usual "top down" strategic influence via central government and accountability back down to the community. The Lyons Inquiry is to report imminently on local Government funding it's recommendations may form part of a subsequent Bill. Cllr Ashton raised a note of caution – the reality of this sort of legislation results in central governments, of whatever political persuasion, tending to end up passing more responsibilities to local government without a commensurate increase in funding to cover the increased responsibilities.

**NSC 2007-8 Budget Consultation:** Council tax cap is 5%. Given the known level of central government funding; cost inflation; the increasingly above average age of the North Somerset population; and some nationally critical deprivation statistics for areas of Weston-super-Mare; attempts have to made to increase end-user satisfactions, improve efficiency, push forward developments in transport infrastructure, alcohol drugs and crime, anti-social behaviour, and funding the May 2007 local elections, while finding saving of some £4 (at a 5% council tax increase).

**Easter Monday:** This falls on April 9<sup>th</sup> – a Council meeting day. An alternative date or meeting cancellation will be considered in the new year depending on circumstances vis-a-vis the Annual Parish Meeting and possible Parish Council elections.

**Black Rock Quarry Application 06/P/2060/F (left hand side going up Valley Road just past civic amenity site) (via Cllr Ashton):** The waste fill of the quarry floor to 2 metres deep to provide a growing medium for Christmas trees. Full details can be found at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk). This proposal is at a "draft" approval stage. Three critical issues effect this Parish: possible brook pollution due to underground water feed into the village brook at Walton Down; Traffic flows to the development (20-30 round trips per day for 2-3 years): Traffic hold-ups to the civic amenity site. The draft approval contained significant provisions to answer these concerns except that the meeting suggested a revision to the proposed operating times be made (to be from 9am to 4pm) to avoid rush hours. **Cllr Ashton to present these concerns to the responsible NSC planning officer.**

### 3023 FINANCE

**Cheques:** 486 - £8.25 - to WaIG Village Hall re 1.5 hrs hall hire. 487 - £10 - Community Safety & Drug Action Team

**Current Year Accounts to Date:** were circulated prior to the meeting.

### 3024 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

**Cllr Baldwin** (via Clerk): Mounting Stone (see above). A report from Tony Barrow that Brian Tucker was "almost run off the road by traffic and into the brook" outside his home at Church Farm, Walton Street: TB reported this incident to David Bailey at NSC, who was somewhat vexed as to what NSC might be expected to do (this was a *third party* report about an *alleged* incident).

**Cllr Rutley:** Wording on Agenda should be adjusted to refer to "parish" rather than "village". **Clerk to do.**

Mrs Pam Cornish of Walton Bay complained to NSC re speed on the Coast Road. David Bailey of NSC responded with what the meeting felt to be a carefully reasoned letter explaining the well rehearsed NSC arguments of serious accidents as the justification for highway investment in traffic control measures. Given the busy circumstances of highways within the Parish and the "known" number of unreported accidents that provide the fabric of daily life here, the meeting remained frustrated by the criteria of "serious accidents" as the basis of traffic control measures being introduced. In the final analysis it is not NSC, but DRIVERS, who are to blame for our problems; by their driving conduct in such patently constricted driving environments as those presented within the Parish. **Clerk & Cllr Ashton to contact DB separately re this topic and Cllr Baldwin's (re Brian Tucker) above, to relay concerns re NSC's "after the event" approach to traffic control; whilst appreciating that it is drivers, (given their responsibility to drive within the constraints of their immediate environment – whatever they may be), rather than NSC, who are ultimately responsible for what happens on the highways.**

**Cllr Cannell:** The fine line between information and advertising poses a interesting dilemma for the Information Sheet, which has been run by the Council purely as an information mouthpiece for the Parish (Cllr Kent declared an interest at this point as the operator of a farm shop – potential advertiser). The idea of re-casting the Information Sheet at some time in the future such that it could appropriately support advertisements was mooted but the meeting did not propose to move on this matter at the moment.

The meeting closed at 9pm



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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

held on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr R Baldwin: Mr B Cannell (Chair): Mrs A Charlesworth: Mrs R Rutley

**In Attendance:** Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC, Gordano Councillor): Mr Paul Slade (NSC Liaison): Mr Don Hill (Clerk)

**3025 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mr R Kent: P C Tracey Payne

**3026 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** of 13/11/06 - agreed and signed by Cllr Cannell and Clerk.

**3027 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW** - none.

### 3028 CRIME AND TRAFFIC

**Traffic Speed & Calming on Coast Road (Apr 2006):** Rumble strips awaited - no date.

**Neighbourhood Watch (Sept 2006):** Signs to go up at the 4 parish entry points – Blackstrip; Moor Lane; Manor Drive; Hackswood House/Underwood. Siting and permissions needed to accompany order for 4 signs.  
Clerk to contact NSC highways & BT to seek permission to place signs on speed sign posts/telephone poles.

### 3029 PLANNING

**Application: 06/P/2671/P** - 1 Brighton Cottages - 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear extension. Cllrs consulted prior to meeting. An objection was sent as under: (Cllr Kent knows the applicant as a customer and did not seek to comment).

1. The Scale of the building in relation to the original and to the attached number 2 Brighton Cottages seems excessive, despite the 50% rule.
2. Perhaps more subjective: the concepts of "elderly relatives" and "spiral staircases" do not sound to be obviously compatible.
3. The proposed new extension will block view and light from the upper rear window of number 2 Brighton Cottages and of its immediately surrounding rear aspect.
4. At 27<sup>th</sup> November the owners (The Miles Estate) had not been contacted re this proposal; the occupant of number 2 is a tenant.
5. The red line is wrongly drawn on the site plan – the boundary is much closer to the rear wall of no 2.
6. Presumably drainage plans for the new en-suite will be presented separately.

**06/P/2911/WT** - Manor House: Tree felling; 4 x Thuja & 14 x Cypress. No objections – Clerk to inform NSC.

### 3030 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Golf Course Fence (June 2005):** (Phil Bush) Temporary section to be repaired. Date awaited.

**Winter Maintenance – Grit Bins (July 06):** (Paul Smart) Adam Wood meeting with Clerk to agree sighting.

**Kerbside Above Taggart (Nov 2006):** Clerk reported to NSC. Being looked at; but fear is that simple remedial solutions will simply be washed out by running water. Adam Wood meeting on site with Clerk to discuss.

**Flooding By the Golf Course:** This was very severe when the golf club blocked off the natural flow of water from Walton Down from running off the highway onto their ground. NSC seeking an enforcement order so that their drainage people to clear the obstruction. Surrounding kerb has been cleared to expose gully.

**Coast Road Spring Arrodene (July 06):** Seeking workable drainage solution.

**White Lining (Sept 2005):** (David Bailey) Orders were issued – work has been invoiced to NSC but not done! DB/AW investigating.

**Harley Hill & Walton St signs (April/May 2006):** Awaited

**Clearance of Blocked Drains (Nov 2006):** Gullies between Cross Tree Farm and Manor Drive / opposite Cross Tree Farm / below the Church Farm gate in Walton Street reported and to be dealt with when equipment available and necessary road restriction orders in place. Accumulation of leaves has been particularly severe the autumn. Clerk to seek a date for this to be done.

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**Mounting Stone Opposite Cross Tree (Sept 2006):** Miles Estate investigating ownership. New complaint via Cllr Baldwin. [Clerk to see if English Heritage has a view on this as it is in a conservation area.](#)

**Speed on Coast Road:** Clerk wrote to David Bailey at NSC :

"The issue of traffic speed through the parish cropped up twice during the last Parish Council meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Firstly, in relation to a report to you from Tony Barrow of Walton Street that a neighbour of his, Brian Tucker was "almost run off the road by traffic and into the brook" outside his home at Church Farm, Walton Street: in your response you appeared, perhaps understandably, somewhat vexed as to what NSC might be expected to do in relation to the specific incident.

Mrs Pam Cornish of Walton Bay complained to you about speed on the Coast Road. You responded explaining the (well rehearsed) NSC arguments as to why actual (severe) accidents were the key prompt for investment in traffic control measures.

The meeting felt these responses to be carefully reasoned given the restricted but busy circumstances of highways within the Parish; but were also frustrated by the repeat of the always given "excuse" that reported (very) serious accidents were, under current NSC financial constraints the only criteria against which significantly effective traffic control measures could be taken.

We appreciate that, in the final analysis it is not NSC, but DRIVERS, who are to blame for their conduct in such patently constricted driving environments as those presented within the Parish: however, accidents and near accidents, be they reported or not, seem to be an ever increasing part of the fabric of village life here. The problems of traffic speed (and in the case of Walton Street, verbal abuse from and between drivers) is becoming an intolerable burden to the residents here as, year by year, matters get significantly worse. Notwithstanding all the warning and 30mph signage that has been erected, there is a perception among residents that nothing is being done that seems to be effective. This problem has now become the single most vocalised cause of complaint in the Parish and we are not being allowed to rest from pressing NSC with our complaints.

I appreciate that we are complaining rather than coming up with solutions – but we will be very happy to cooperate in any way possible in developing workable solutions if we know that our energies will be of real benefit rather than simple gesture politics."

Response to this letter awaited – [Cllr Ashton following up.](#)

**Brook Maintenance Moor Lane (July 2006):** (Paul Smart) Done. The widening job was thorough and members were pleased.

**Loose Signage (Nov 2006):** Done.

### 3031 FINANCE

**Cheques:** 488 - £5.50 - to WaIG Hall re 1hr hall hire. 489 - £287.50 – Clerk's Fee Oct/Nov/Dec 06.

**Current Year Accounts to Date:** circulated prior to meeting. Balance - £1635.74.

**Budget 2007-08:** To be prepared at January meeting, having regard to election expenses in May.

### 3032 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

**Cllr Rutley:** Why can the current 40mph speed limit through Walton Bay not be 30mph? This change was agreed by all present to be desirable. Cllr Ashton suggested that such a change would only come about from an NSC strategic decision to make all settlement areas 30mph as a matter of course. [Clerk to write to David Turner at NSC expressing the concern of this Council on this point.](#)

Kerbside above Taggart (see above): problems here would be assisted by the re-instatement of the white line above this point that would prompt drivers to less willingly "cut" through the bend and thus "squeeze" uphill traffic "off the road". Cllr Ashton mentioned that NSC are requiring that the overhanging hedge (with its oft protusion of thick branches) be cut back to clear the road edge. [Clerk will register this with Adam Wood when discussing this and white-lining issues refered to above.](#)

**Cllr Baldwin:** Village Hall Committee is looking into moving the Village Hall entrance to the bus-stop end of their property. NSC planning are being consulted to see what might be possible within planning regulations.

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Potholes appearing again on the B3124. Rubbish in Moor Lane (Clerk suggested that as this is litter, rather than fly-tipping, it would not be a priority for NSC action.

**Cllr Cannell:** Whilst declaring an interest (as did Cllr Charlesworth), as a resident affected by potential flooding of the brook at this point, Cllr Cannell voiced a concern that has been raised by other immediately involved residents of Moor Lane, that after the pollarding of willows by the Miles Estate during the month, at the section of the brook open to the highway in Moor Lane, a considerable amount of debris was left IN the brook. This has been the subject of considerable complaint and, at the height of the recent rains, forced one resident to clear the offending debris from the brook to effect its proper flow. The Clerk has discussed this with the Estate, in the presence of the contractor, who did not regard the compaint as valid. [The Clerk was asked to reinforce the concern of residents and other compainants by putting this concern IN WRITING to the Miles Estate.](#)

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**In Attendance:** Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC Gordano): Mr Don Hill (Clerk)

**3033 APOLOGIES RECIEVED:** Cllr Brian Cannell: Cllr Richard Kent: P C Tracey Payne: Mr Paul Slade (NSC)

### 3034 CRIME AND TRAFFIC

**Traffic Speed (Apr 2006):** Rumble strips proposed: B3124 towards Clevedon – Outside Sandstone Cottages: towards Portishead – outside Village Hall. Walton Street at Church Farm and above Taggart. Coast Road: Outside Walton Bay Caravan Park – monitoring in both directions. Timings to follow. Clerk to inform PC Payne of Council's agreement. Strategic issue of all settlement speed limits being 30mph to be addressed to David Turner, NSC Director of Development & Environment cc David Bailey.

**Exiting from Walton St to Clevedon (via Tracey Payne Jan 07):** Cars sometime turn right into the slip road from Walton Street to get to Clevedon. This is a blind bend and the consequences of an accident could be severe. Might a No Entry sign be erected at this location? A sign was felt to be difficult to place and unsightly. A review of road markings – already very prominent to the observant motorist – was proposed with, perhaps, a "Do not enter" road marking to deter motorists from passing the wrong side of the Cross Tree as they approach the junction from Walton Street. Clerk to share the problem with NSC's David Bailey, copied to PC Payne.

**Neighbourhood Watch (Sept 2006):** Advice on permissible fixing points for signs was given by NSC. There are no obvious satisfactory fixing points at entrances to the village. There have been many reservations as to the effectiveness of signs. Given that Walton Bay schemes have their own signs, and households can exhibit signs in their windows, it was decided not to pursue, for now, the erecting of signs at the village entry points.

### 3035 PLANNING

**New Applications: 06/P/3029/WT** – The Old PO; Coppice Bay. **06/P/3052/F** Windy Ridge, Coast Road – single-story side extension to bungalow, widening of garage. No objection to either: Clerk to inform NSC.

**Decisions Due:** 06/P/2911/WT - Manor House: Tree felling

**Application withdrawn:** 06/P/2671/P - 1 Brighton Cots – extension.

**Enforcement Notices:** 05/0509/E Lorraine Field; issued 25/9/06 compliance by 07/02/07. Work commenced.

### 3036 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Golf Course Fence (June 2005):** (Phil Bush) Temporary section to be repaired. Date awaited.

**Kerbside/Hedges Above Taggart (Nov 2006):** Adam Wood & Clerk to discuss.

**Flooding By the Golf Course:** Clearance work revealed gully which is handling water.

**Coast Road Spring Arrodene (July 06):** Flows off footpath - missing gully. Clerk to discuss with Adam Wood.

**Clearance of Blocked Drains (Nov 2006):** Rickyard/Church Farm gate to be done. Clerk to seek date.

**Other items:** Kerbsie pothole below Down Farm - Leaning 30mph pole above Highcliffe - Gullies on Coast Road re **Walton Bay floods (Jan 07):** Clerk to report to Adam Wood.

**Mounting Stone (Sept 2006):** English Heritage not involved. Clerk to contact NSC Conservation/David Bailey.

### 3037 OTHER MATTERS

**Community Meals** – the current NSC service was not felt to be strong enough to be of value.

**Election Publicity** – Clerk presented information drawn from an ALCA information pack to go to notice boards. The maximum number of Councillors is believed to be 7. Clerk to check with Mike Jones at NSC.

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### 3038 FINANCE

**Cheques:** 490 - £5.50 - to WaIG Hall re 1hr hall hire. 491 - £5.23 - EDF Energy re street light.

**Current Year Accounts to Date:** Circulated prior to meeting.

**Budget 2007-08:** Precept request prepared as under (all figure to nearest £) **Clerk to submit to NSC.**

BUDGET HEAD	2007-08 Budget	2006-07 Budget	2006-07 Estimate	2005-06 Actual
Clerks Fee	1570	1150	1150	1118
Hall Hire	100	90	88	88
Public Light	30	30	22	26
Insurance	300	300	269	260
Cllrs Expenses	30	45	0	35
Subscriptions	80	75	75	72
Donations	600	550	560	500
Information Sheet	110	100	100	108
Purchases	100	200	54	725
Audit	75	60	71	71
Election Costs	600			
TOTAL PRECEPT	3595	2600	2389	3003

Notes: Clerk's fee: computed at national rate for first time – it is inclusive of clerical expenses.

Subscriptions: to ALCA and (after discussion) CPRE.

Donations: Fete raised to £600 as part of agreed progressive increase. Donation to NSC's Community Safety & Drug Action Team towards cost of Neighbourhood Watch District Manager not agreed as funding and responsibility for this activity seems blurred. Citizen's Advice Bureau donation considered; not approved as they get large funding from NSC.

Election costs: NSC advise as £880. £280 to come from reserves - £600 via 2007-08 precept.

Cllr Baldwin, whilst agreeing the budget; wished it to be minuted that the carrying forward of some £1000 from this year to next was something he strongly disapproved of. The Clerk, who researched this concern last year, advised that, based upon discussions with the head of finance at NSC and normal financial prudence, such a reserve was not unreasonable. Cllr Ashton suggested getting a legal, as opposed to a financial, view of what was required legally. **Clerk to contact Fiona Robinson, an NSC lawyer.**

### 3039 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

**Cllr Kent (via Cllr Rutley):** For the second time recently, the police have claimed not to have properties on Walton Street showing on their computer: **Clerk to take up with PC Payne.**

**Cllr Rutley:** Walton Bay telephone box has a broken glass panel. It was reported by Cllr Rutley and the debris cleared by her husband. BT's handling of Cllr Rutley's report was shabby in the extreme. Thanks have been received from several quarters for the arrival of the "Walton Street" signs. A Walton street resident had, on two occasions in December, to wait 6 hours for an ambulance – quite unacceptable under any circumstances. **Clerk to contact Susie ? In the PALS section of the North Somerset PCT in Clevedon to complain.**

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Potholes at Manor Drive and The Ship (WeIG). **Clerk to report to AW and to WeIG Clerk.**

The meeting noted that former Cllr Graham Rowles and Information Sheet Coordinator Micheal Hollingsworth were both hospitalised recently. The Council offer their best wishes to them for speedy recoveries.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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held on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair): Mrs A Charlesworth: Mrs R Rutley

**In Attendance:** Cllr N Ashton (NSC Gordano): Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison): Mr D Bailey (NSC Traffic Engineer): Mr A Wood (NSC Streets & Open Spaces): Mr D Hill (Clerk)

**3040 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Cllr Mr R Baldwin

### 3041 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

**Highways and Traffic Speed:** The Clerk has corresponded with NSC; David Bailey in particular, about each of the key highway problems faced within the parish. David talked around the issues below:

**Mandatory Speed Limits** – 48 page Department of Transport guidance supplied. Key points are annexed to these minutes. All speed limits to be reviewed by 2011.

**Speed Analysis** – B3124 - Police to provide rumble strips between Village Hall and Sandstone Cottages. Walton Street - NSC to provide rumble strips at Church Farm the the section through to Springhead. NSC will let us know the results and any proposed actions arising from them.

**Exiting Walton Street onto the Clevedon Road** – Stop signs need authorization from the Secretary of State and have to meet strict criteria that do not apply here. The most possible and immediate solution is to re-paint with explicit arrows directing down traffic to the correct lane on the correct side of the tree.

**Exiting Moor Lane onto the Clevedon Road** – This was the subject of correspondence (Minute 2040 Feb 2006). NSC is littered with such difficult exits that long pre-date the advent of the car. Without appropriate speed and accident data (to be collected via the planned rumble strips) to provide the criteria for re-engineering the site (in a conservation area surrounded by listed buildings) the most positive solution will be enforcement of existing speed limits and new signage.

**The Coast Road through Walton Bay** – Minute 2040 (February 2006 refers). This road passes through a "hidden" residential area that many motorists are not aware of: it is unlikely to meet criteria for revision down from 40mph to 30mph, at least until C roads are reviewed towards 2011 (see "Mandatory Speed Limits" above). To make motorists more aware that they are entering a residential area, village entry signs were suggested at Blackstrip and the Signal Station (Coast Caravan Park). NSC would pay for one if WaIG PC would pay for the other. This option, together with siting, wording, and funding, will be discussed at the next meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2007.

**Citizen Policing** – Priority does seem to flow towards those communities who involve themselves with the available community action groups – in this context, "SPEEDWATCH". Getting enough people to commit to organising and running Speedwatch in the parish has proved a problem to date. Clerk to ask P C Payne if she would speak at (or brief members to speak at) the Annual Parish Meeting on the subject, as a means of gauging interest among parish residents.

**Police Computer:** Despite recent concerns reported to WaIG PC, PC Payne investigated and discovered all properties on Walton Street are easily available on the police computer, with or without the street name.

**Ambulance Service:** Clerk contacted PCT/Great Western Ambulance Service (GWAS) pressing the core concern re ambulance waiting times/congestion at A&E leading to response delays. They are developing a presentation re recent changes from Avon to GWAS and will be happy to attend a meeting to explain these. Clerk to suggest this happen at Annual Parish Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 3042 PLANNING

**New Applications:** Miles Estate 07/P/129/TPO Branch reduction to Lime at footpath by Manor: 07/P/0144/WT Fell 8 trees (ash & cherry) to rear & north of Whispering Chimneys. No objections.

**Decisions Due:** 06/P/3052/F Windy Ridge, Coast Road; extension.

**Granted:** 06/P/2911/WT - Manor House: Tree felling. 06/P/3029/WT - The Old PO; Coppice Bay.

### 3043 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Golf Course Fence (June 2005):** (Phil Bush) Effective repair will be very expensive and there is now no money available even for interim repairs. Cllr Cannell expressed concern that the current state of the fence is entirely due to Somerset CC/Woodspring/NSC neglect which, despite odd repairs over the past 50 years since they became responsible for it, has been largely neglected. Post-and-rail alternative being investigated but it is suspected that replacement by iron railings (to current health & safety standards) may be a covenanted requirement. As the aggrieved neighbours, Clevedon Golf Club may consider re-raising their complaint against NSC in the matter. **Clerk to update them on this Council's efforts.**

**Kerbside Above Taggart (Nov 2006):** There is no problem with the road edge, it could be edged with a white line. The problem will be kept under review.

**Hedge Above & Opposite Taggart (Nov 2006):** Adam Wood will visit the site with an arbourist with a view to issuing a notice to the Miles Estate for appropriate works to be carried out.

**Flooding By the Golf Course:** Clearance work revealed gully which is handling water.

**Coast Road Springs at Arroden (July 06):** One flows off the public footpath into an NSC maintained gully, but half the flow misses the gully. Adam Wood will investigate a solution. The other rises from under the Arroden boundary wall and may be deemed the responsibility of the property owner to remedy. An officer within NSC has recently been appointed to assess NSC wet road problems and this is on his list. In the meantime, this is a recognised NSC wet road spot and is salted - (maybe by hand rather than by gritter) as a matter of routine if there is a threat of icy weather.

**Clearance of Blocked Drains (Nov 2006):** Rickyard/Church Farm gate to be done. Date awaited.

**Potholes:** The various reported potholes have been filled. More have appeared. Patching will continue until road surfacing is undertaken - no date for this is available.

**Gullies on Coast Road (Jan 07):** Awaiting date for clearance.

**Mounting Stone (Sept 2006):** Consensus is that, as the stone is on the pavement, responsibility for safety (and insurance claims) lies with highways - they accept this. If pressed, NSC would simply remove the mounting stone; they know this would not be a popular move and propose to hold the matter in abeyance.

**Leaning Signage:** Moor Lane - at head of open brook section, opposite Brookside - "horses" sign leaning into road - reported. Coast Road - leaning 30mph pole above Highcliffe

### 3044 OTHER MATTERS

**Election:** Mike Jones of NSC confirms that the maximum number of Councillors is 5, NOT 7.

**Open Spaces Society:** Information re open access to commons, paths, greens, and spaces.

### 3045 FINANCE

**Cheques:** 492, £11.00 - WaIG Hall re hall hire. 493, £14.84 - Sue Betts re February information sheet.

**Current Year Accounts to Date:** Circulated prior to meeting.

**Budget 2007-08:** Precept request £3595 acknowledged by NSC.

**Bank Balance Carried Forward:** Is £1000 too high? Awaiting response from NSC's Fiona Robertson.

### 3046 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**Cllr Rutley** noted that the priority signage in Walton Street is often ignored; it is a sad reflection of driving manners that make the lives of residents there, and of other, more considerate road users, stressful.

**Cllrs Rutley and Charlesworth**, remain concerned about the ever present potholes that keep appearing along the B3124 through and around the village - particularly between Holly Lane Clevedon, Cross Tree.

**Cllr Cannell** thanked Adam Wood, of NSC Streets and Open Spaces for the work done, after many years of pressing by the Parish Council, in Moor Lane.

The meeting unanimously added their thanks to Adam Wood and asked the Clerk to minute that thanks.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm



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**In Attendance:** Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC T Payne, Mr D Hill (Clerk)

**3047 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Cllr B Cannell, Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

### 3048 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

**Speed Analysis** – B3124 - Police rumble strips between Village Hall and Sandstone Cottages - awaited. Walton Street - NSC rumble strips at Church Farm – done, report awaited.

**Exiting Walton Street onto the Clevedon Road** – Re-painting work done as proposed.

**Village Signs at Walton Bay** – Village entry signs at Blackstrip and the Signal Station (NSC to pay for one and WaIG PC the other); or one sign at Blackstrip (Walton-in-Gordano (Walton Bay)?) were discussed. There was ambivalence as to the value of such signs in alerting motorists to their entry to a settlement in the context of them affecting driving speeds: and in terms of cost versus spending on, for example, potholes. The meeting agreed by 3 to 1 (Cllr Kent against) that the matter should be added as an agenda item to the Annual Parish Meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> and that members would canvass for the opinions of parishioners in the meantime.

**Citizen Policing** – “Speedwatch” is not advised by police as our road layouts do not provide “clear views” for teams to operate equipment safely. PC Payne agreed to attend May's Annual Parish Meeting to explain this and to explain what can be done positively by rumble strip data etc.

**Ambulance Service:** It is hoped they will do a presentation to the May Annual Parish Meeting.

**Policing Update:** See Minute 3054 below.

### 3049 PLANNING

**Granted:** 06/P/3052/F Windy Ridge. 07/P/129/TPO Lime reduction: 07/P/0144/WT Fell trees.

### 3050 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Golf Course Fence** (June 2005): (Phil Bush) Clerk has written to update Clevedon Golf Club.

**Kerbside Above Taggart** (Nov 2006): Road edged with a white line. Centre line replaced below Arrodenne.

**Hedge Above & Opposite Taggart** (Nov 2006): Adam Wood investigating and taking up with Miles Estate.

**Coast Road Springs at Arrodenne** (July 06): Flow into gully re footpath spring being looked at. Arrodenne spring awaiting outcome of NSC wet spot report from John Inman – no timescale as yet.

**Clearance of Blocked Drains** (Nov 2006): Rickyard/Church Farm gate to be done. Date awaited.

**Gullies on Coast Road** (Jan 07): Awaiting date for clearance.

**Leaning Signage:** Moor Lane horses sign. Coast Road 30mph pole below Walton Down Farm.

### 3051 OTHER MATTERS

Apology received from Miles Estate re debris left in Brook at Moor Lane. Noted

NSC Replacement Local Plan will be adopted on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Noted

### **3052 FINANCE**

**Cheques:** 494, £5.50 - WaIG Village Hall re hall hire. 495, £287.50 – Clerk's Fee Jan to March 07. 496, £91.20 - M Hollingsworth re Information Sheets April 06 – March 07 (excl Feb 07). 497, EDF Energy – Street Light: **cheque to be prepared by the Clerk and signed when bill comes it so that it clears within this financial year.**

**Current Year Accounts to Date:** Circulated prior to the meeting.

**Bank Balance Carried Forward:** NSC's Fiona Robertson confirmed that legally, and financially (via Peter Sloman) this Council's strategy "is perfectly in accordance with accountancy practice... and I am unaware of any legislative provision which prevents you from doing as you propose".

### **3053 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Members expressed concern about litter; particularly through Walton Bay (Cllr Rutley), and on the pavement between Home Farm and Plumtree Cottage (Cllr Baldwin). Cllr Kent said he was forever picking up litter to prevent it spreading into his fields. The Clerk said he understood that health and safety legislation was a serious deterrent to NSC carrying out litter picking in rural areas without pavements. It was noted that Moor Lane – a relatively quiet road - has been cleared of litter recently. Cllr Ashton said he has seen this operation being carried out in the much more dangerous environs of Weston-super-Mare dual carriageways. **Cllr Ashton undertook to investigate as to why roads in this parish are not being litter-picked.**

Witness evidence, including photographs, was asked about, as was the difference between "litter" and "fly tipping"; and "on-the-spot" fines versus court fines. **PC Payne undertook to provide clarification on these points.**

The possibility of Parish Gangs doing litter picking was raised. In view of the clear value of the Streets and Open Spaces Liaison Officer system (Adam Wood for this parish), Cllr Ashton thought the parish gang system would be discontinued. **Resolved: The Clerk will share litter concerns with Adam Wood and see what can be done about the specific instances mentioned.**

Cllr Charlesworth mentioned the damaged slab-work covering the brook opposite the Chapel (the building attached to and above the shop) in Walton Street. This came about some years ago after trench work and has been reported over the years but nothing has been done. The Clerk mentioned that Adam Wood had taken a note of the damage during a site meeting in Spring 2006. **Resolved: In view of the worsening state of the slabs, the Clerk to prompt Adam Wood to get them repaired before there is a pedestrian accident.**

**3054 POLICING UPDATE:** PC Payne reported on the "Horse Watch" scheme being run by the police; it is similar to the neighbourhood watch scheme but is specially geared to address the current prevalence of crime around stables. She also reported that there has been a spate of "diversion" burglaries recently, although nothing has been reported so far within this parish. Both these things are ones parishioners should be alert to.

PC Payne also told the meeting that she will be moving to a new post within the police service at some time before September 2007. She was congratulated on her new post, but it was noted that the parish would miss her presence when she finally left the area.

### **3055 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next due meeting date is a bank holiday. **APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7.30 was agreed as the next meeting date.**

The meeting closed at 8.17pm