



# Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Walton-in-Gordano – Walton Down – Walton Bay

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL held on April 16<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, Mr R Kent, Mrs M Rutley

**In Attendance:** Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison), Mr D Hill (Clerk)

**3056 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Cllr R Baldwin

### **3057 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC**

**Witness evidence:** photographs, the difference between "litter" and "fly tipping"; and "on-the-spot" fines versus court fines. **PC Payne undertook to clarify - Clerk to chase for response.**

**Speed Analysis:** B3124 rumble strips awaited. Church Farm rumble strip report awaited. **Clerk to chase for report re Church farm report and date re B3124.**

**3058 PLANNING:** No planning matters

### **3059 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Golf Course Fence (June 2005):** (Phil Bush) Clevedon Golf Club copied a letter from NSC indicating that NO work will be done on the fence in the foreseeable future. **Clerk to seek clarification of EXACT responsibilities of NSC under Somerset CC/Miles Estate agreement of 1956.**

**Hedge Above & Opposite Taggart (Nov 2006):** Adam Wood investigating with Miles Estate. All councillors are receiving complaints from road users who are damaging their vehicles or swerving to avoid hard and obtrusive obstacles that are protruding into their normal – narrow - line-of-drive. **Clerk to urge NSC performance on this as a matter of the utmost priority – the wait for performance on such an urgent and dangerous matter has been far too long and is this Council's most pressing priority.**

**Springs at Arrodene (July 06):** Footpath gully being looked at. Arrodene wall waiting NSC report.

**Clearance of Blocked Drains (Nov 2006):** Rickyard/Church Farm gate to be done. Date awaited. **Clerk to press for action on this – it has been a long time.**

**Gullies on Coast Road (Jan 07):** Awaiting date for clearance. **Clerk to seek some response on timing.**

**Leaning Signs:** Moor La. horses: 30mph @ Walton Down Farm: Clevedon end Entry sign. The Moor Lane sign will fall into the road if not attended to - **Clerk to seek performance on this one.**

**Damaged slab-work covering Walton Street brook opposite shop:** Adam Wood took note of the damage during site meeting in Spring 2006. Awaiting word from Adam Wood. Again – long silence on a matter that was to be resolved a year ago. **Clerk to press for performance.**

**Litter:** Walton Bay (Cllr Rutley), pavement, Home Farm to Plumtree (Cllr Baldwin). Cllr Kent litter spreading into fields. Health & Safety inhibiting proper litter cleansing. **The Clerk shared these concerns with Adam Wood – awaiting his response.**

**Coast Path 1:** From Walton Bay House Park Homes, turn right onto footpath, towards Portishead; cross two footbridges; at 110 paces path becomes alarmingly narrow and unguarded – at 140 paces the path is very narrow and is collapsing over the cliff. Cllr Rutley reported this to NSC at 12.40pm on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2007 via "Lisa" - NSC reference number 126330. An inspection was promised, but Cllr Rutley does not know if it has been done. As is a potentially dangerous, and positive and urgent action, **Clerk to chase with NSC's Adam Wood and Adrian Leonard.**

**NSC Call-Handling:** Cllrs Rutley – as above – and Charlesworth have concerns about this. Cllr Rutley because time has passed on a critical issue with no feedback. Cllr Charlesworth because she made a failed attempt to enquire on a simple and basic matter – "on what day are the green bags to be collected?". The saga of mis-information on this latter matter has already been the subject of e-

mails and telephone calls between NSC and the Clerk. The actual query was resolved instantly by NSC's Simon Banbury on the evening of April 12<sup>th</sup>, notwithstanding his being on leave, and confirmed by him, to the Clerk before 9am on the following morning – whilst still on leave.

NSC's Streets & Open Spaces Department have a call-handling system in place that relies on office-based staff covering for officers – the decision influencers or makers – who's key value is to be out among the problems. Calls via this system, that are not immediately resolved – (particularly, as in the case of Cllr Charlesworth, where the call-handler seemed to have an incomplete database against which to handle the call – albeit it such a simple one), then get routed (presumably against a reference number) until they find their way to the appropriate officer for further handling. This takes time and may not result in feedback to the original caller. The system therefore leads to a sense of pointlessness and frustration on the part of callers.

Whilst the Clerk told the meeting that, where enquiries were passed via him he, as in the case of Cllr Charlesworth re refuse collection, and Cllr Rutley re the footpath, is able to gain direct and speedy responses. The meeting appreciated this but was also aware that not all parishioners – even of this small parish – were necessarily in a position to contact the Clerk – especially in a culture in which “ringing the Council” is what one does. **Clerk to further impress upon NSC the concerns of this Council on the matter of NSC call-handling.**

### **3060 OTHER MATTERS**

**Calor Village of the Year Competition:** information received and noted.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** As there will be police and ambulance sessions at the APM, it was agreed that sessions should be time-limited so as to better manage the agenda. Each report on village activities should be limited to two minutes and the police and ambulance representatives would be asked to contain their presentations to ten minutes each. This will give 30 minutes of actual presentation time, allowing time for hand-over from topic to topic and for questions and discussion. **Clerk to contact all participants to confirm their contributions and session timings.**

### **3061 FINANCE**

**Cheques:** 498, £5.50 WaIG Village Hall. 499, £50.69 ALCA. 500, £268.80 Allianz-Cornhill.

**Accounts:** Accounts for 2006-7 and for current year to date were circulated prior to the meeting.

**Audit:** Paperwork ready for Internal Auditor – Roy Betts – as soon April bank statements arrive.

### **3062 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Rutley:** The “Those Were the Days” column of the March 29<sup>th</sup> 2007 Mercury contained the following extract from the Mercury of March 30<sup>th</sup> 1957: “Eight Walton-in-Gordano residents attended a special meeting called by the parish council on Friday and decided unanimously that the village should have its first street light. The meeting was called to gain the residents' approval of the additional parish rate which would have to be levied.” This meeting decided that for both interest and reference this piece be included in these minutes.

**Cllr Kent: Coast Path 2:** Cllr Kent referred to possible foul drainage from Coast Caravan Park under the newly constructed bridge (Via Adrian Leonard in 2006). It was presumed that this was storm drainage – but it certainly sometimes smells like much more. He also noted the dumping of garden refuse over the cliff in this area and queried its legality. **Clerk to query both with NSC.**

**Cllr Cannell:** Cllr Bob Baldwin has not put himself forward for re-election on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007. This means that this is the last meeting at which he will be a member of the Council after more than quarter of a century of unstinting service to the parish as a member and many years of energetic and positive leadership as the Council' Chairman. He will be sorely missed. In recognition of Cllr Baldwin's time with and service to the Council and the parish, it was unanimously decided that an engraved glass tankard should be presented to him as a modest but sincere (and hopefully useful!) token of gratitude. **Cllr Rutley undertook to organise the purchase and inscription of the gift.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm



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

**held on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison), Mr D Hill (Clerk)

### **3063 APOLOGIES:**

PC T Payne

### **3064 ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:**

Proposed by Cllr Rutley, seconded by Cllr Charlesworth, and unanimously re-elected Chair - Cllr Cannell; who signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Proposed by Cllr Rutley, seconded by Cllr Kent, and unanimously re-elected Vice-Chair – Cllr Charlesworth.

### **3065 GOVERNANCE PAPERWORK AND ADOPTION OF NEW 2007 CODE OF CONDUCT:**

As this was the first meeting after an election (this council did not have enough candidates to hold one), the Clerk had circulated governance paperwork prior to the meeting. Each Councillor has signed and had witnessed by the Clerk, Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Councillors and has signed, again witnessed by the Clerk, new entries to the Register of Members' Interests. They also received copies of the 'Standing Orders' the 'Financial Regulations' and 'The Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils' arising from the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 No 1159. As legally required, the Model Code of Conduct was formally adopted under this minute and the Standards Board for England will be so notified by e-mailed as requested by them. The NSC Monitoring Officer will also be notified of the adoption of the new code and copied with the new Register of Members' Interest forms. Both these actions have been prepared for execution on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Council have the option of coopting a 5<sup>th</sup> member: if this is done before 22<sup>nd</sup> June it is a straightforward process between the Council and applicants; after that date, the process will come under official scrutiny from NSC. **Clerk to prepare poster for notice boards soliciting applicants. Cllr Cannell to put piece in June Information Sheet.**

### **3066 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:**

Cllrs Charlesworth and Kent agreed to represent the Council of the Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rutley is already on it, representing the Parish Church. Any other outside representation will be on an ad-hoc basis.

### **3067 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

of 16/5/07 – agreed and signed by Chair & Clerk.

### **3068 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:**

None

### **3069 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC:**

**Litter and Witness evidence:** "Litter" tends to be light, casual, and can be dealt with by an on-the-spot fine or reporting for summons. "Fly tipping" tends to be significant, planned, and is dealt with by reporting for summons. Witness evidence must be strong and irrefutable if offenders are to be bought-to-book: it is not easy.

**Speed Analysis:** **B3124 rumble strips awaited. Church Farm rumble strip report awaited.**

**Policing Plan 2007/08:** Summary copies were made available. Full information is at [www.aspol.org.uk](http://www.aspol.org.uk).

### **3070 PLANNING:**

**07/P/0979/PDT** – 12m telecoms pole on Clevedon Rd by playing fields. Main concern related to the mast's proposed exposed position at the side of the main B3124: notwithstanding the applicant's defence on the issue, the mast will provide significant visual amenity loss over the previous proposed siting under the woods on the side of the playing field. From a road safety – and plan accuracy – viewpoint, the B3124 speed at the proposed mast site limit is 60mph, not 50mph as stated on the plan. **Clerk to so comment to NSC.**

Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. in Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in every month **except August.**

Meeting Dates for the rest of 2007 are: Jun 11<sup>th</sup> : Jul 9<sup>th</sup> : Sep 10<sup>th</sup> : Oct 8<sup>th</sup> : Nov 12<sup>th</sup> : Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

**07/P/0857/F** – (WeIG PC) This retrospective application re clay shooting/paintballing/karting was placed on the agenda at Cllr Rutley's request: the Clerk & Cllrs Rutley and Cannell have received complaints about this application, which relates activities centred in Weston-in-Gordano but includes land abutting this parish and affects immediately surrounding residents within the Portishead & North Weston Town Council area. Clerk referred to Item 10 on the agenda of NSC's North Area Committee meeting for 17<sup>th</sup> May. This says a full report will go before the committee at it's 14<sup>th</sup> June meeting, but the current Item 10 sets out the background to the case and invites members to consider a site meeting prior to 14<sup>th</sup> June. Item 10 says noise tests have been carried out and that complainants have been canvassed; but it did not say where the noise tests were, or how many complainants were canvassed. Issues of noise, traffic, ecology, and general nuisance were raised together with significant concerns that this was yet another "back-door" application being retrospective, with the current range and timetabling of activities having been allowed to develop, apparently via a lack of due diligence by North Somerset planners; and also that, against this mode of development – not unlike at least one significant other in the near NSC area – there may be little or no control over how this site develops. **Clerk to communicate these concerns to NSC.**

### **3071 FOOTPATHS (Adrian Leonard):**

**Coast Path 1:** 100-150yds N of Walton Bay House Park Homes. **Renovation estimates awaited.**

**Coast Path 2:** Possible foul drainage from Coast Caravan Park under new bridge - dumping of garden refuse over cliff. **Environmental Health checks to be carried out.**

### **3072 GOLF COURSE FENCE (Phil Bush): (June 05)**

Copy of 1956 Agreement between SCC, Miles Estate, and Golf Club awaited. Missing posts can be replaced in exposed section of fence where cars park. 90' of non-upright fence that is supported by post and barbed wire is not exposed: spend on exposing this and repairing/replacing damaged sections of what is not a "classical park fence" is absolutely beyond what NSC can justify from their limited budget. It simply will not happen. On the Golf Club and road sides of the fence a natural hedge is in the making that of itself totally obscures the fence and provides a boundary barrier. **Further discussion agreed for June on receipt of the Agreement.**

### **3073 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:**

**Gullies (Nov 06 Jan 07):** Rickyard/Church Farm/Coast Road. **Dates awaited.**

**Leaning Signs:** Moor La. Horses sign checked by NSC – it is loose but safe but a works order has been issued for its repair. None of the other loose signs are unsafe and have been noted for future attention.

**Springs at Arrodene (July 06):** Footpath gully being looked at. Arrodene wall waiting NSC report.

**Hedge Above & Opposite Taggart (Nov 2006):** NSC, John Flannigan and Adam Wood have visited the site and written to the Miles Estate with their observations. This letter is advisory; not as a prelude to enforcement. The Clerk, on NSC advice wrote to Miles Estate separately. **Situation to be closely monitored.**

**Damaged slab-work opposite shop:** Done.

**Litter Picking:** Health & safety constrict what can be done on fast or restricted roads. NSC to reinforce the position already outlined to the Council in November, in writing. **Further discussion agreed for June on receipt of the the letter.**

### **3074 OTHER MATTERS:**

**Gordano Sch; Foundation Status:** Portishead & NWTC concern re admissions/community facilities. Noted, no action.

**NSC Standards Committee:** Nomination form for TC/PC representative. Noted, no action.

**Parish Plans:** NSC Toolkit available. Noted. Copy passed to Chairman.

### **3075 FINANCE:**

**Cheques:** 501, £27.00 CPRE Annual Subscription. 502, £13.75 WaIG Village Hall. 503, £30.34 Maureen Rutley re cost of presentation mug for Bob Baldwin.

**Accounts:** Current year accounts to date circulated prior to the meeting.

**Audit:** Paperwork with Internal Auditor, Roy Betts.

### **3076 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Emma Edwards of Cross Tree Cottage complained that their barn entrance in Moor Lane is often blocked by visitors to events in the village – usually at the hall or Church. Perhaps the hall and Church might publicize the need for considerate parking: Cllr Cannell mentioned the possibility of road markings. The road surface has been damaged by recent rains near Holly Lane. Clerk commented that such things were under Adam Wood's constant scrutiny as he toured the area but **the specific incidence will be reported to NSC.**

**The meeting closed at 7.55pm**



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**held on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano**

**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair), Mr R Kent, Mrs M Rutley

**In Attendance:** Cllr Mr N Ashton (NSC Gordano Ward), Mr D Hill (Clerk)

### **3083 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:**

Cllr Mrs A Charlesworth

### **3084 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

### **3085 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:**

None

### **3086 COOPTION OF 5<sup>th</sup> COUNCILLOR:**

Despite much publicity, no enquiries or applications received. A tentative approach was e-mailed to the Chairman from Sue Betts, who lives in Portishead, but it understandably expressed concern that the coopted member should ideally be a resident of the parish. Cllr Kent, who's occupation as a farmer meant that, sometimes at very short notice, he may not be able to attend a meeting, was concerned that it could leave such a meeting without a quorum of three. Cllr Cannell noted that this Parish holds 11 meetings per year against the legal requirement for 4 meetings per year; if, and history bears this out to be uncommonly rare, a meeting were not to be quorate, it's cancellation would not threaten the legal obligation of the Council with respect to meetings. Given the publicity before and since the recent election via the Information Sheet and the notice boards, the meeting accepted with disappointment that the keen, energetic, and committed involvement of new blood was a thing still to be searched for. The seat will thus remain vacant for the time being.

**Cllr Ashton** arrived at the meeting during the above item and the Chairman took the opportunity of congratulating him on his re-election to NSC and on his new role there of Leader of the Council.

### **3087 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC:**

Speed Analysis reports awaited for Walton St, B3124, Walton Bay. Cllr Ashton has, before, indicated a preference for a blanket 30mph speed limit through villages and believes it may be possible to reduce the current Walton Bay speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. He is looking into this in the context of a revised list of outstanding works to be submitted to Cllr Ashton/Simon Banbury by the Clerk.

### **3088 PLANNING:**

**Awaiting Decisions: 07/P/0979/PDT** – 12m telecoms pole on Clevedon Rd. **07/P/0857/F** – (WeIG PC retrospective) re clay shooting/paintballing/karting at Weston Lodge Farm. Site meeting 10am Tues 12<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Ashton felt this retrospective application was likely to be granted under conditions of "robust compromise" given the 17 year history of operations on the site: during his 16 years as a councillor he has only received one complaint – from a couple in Weston-in-Gordano village. Cllr Ashton will be attending the site meeting.

### **3089 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS (Adrian Leonard):**

**Coast Path 1:** 100-150yds N of Walton Bay House Park Homes. Renovation estimates awaited.

**Coast Path 2:** Drainage under new bridge - dumping of refuse. Environmental Health checks to be carried out.

**Bikes on Footpaths:** Enquiry made of NSC re legality of cycles using footpaths. Response awaited. Cllr Rutley said she and others had experience rudeness from cyclists when it was pointed out to them that the way through the churchyard up to the golf course was a footpath, not a cycle track. Cllr Kent referred to noise nuisance arising from the practice of mini-quad-bike riding in Norton's Wood. **The Clerk is to write to Clevedon Court Estate voicing concern on this issue.**

### **3090 GOLF COURSE FENCE (Phil Bush): (June 05)**

1955 Memorandum of a Site-Meeting (Not an Agreement), to hand. 2A says SCC (no reference is made to its successors, of which there have been 3) will erect and maintain the fence in perpetuity – the standard of such maintenance was not specified in contractual terms. WaIG PC were not party to the discussions; Clevedon Golf Course (the immediately affected neighbours), and the Miles Estate, as attendees at the meeting, do not seem too concerned about the boundary now it is secure and the visible parts of the fence have been repaired. Missing spindles have been replaced. A means of strengthening uprights to prevent leaning is being investigated. The exposed wire & post will be removed. Any further work would require that a bio-diversity study be undertaken – at a not cheap cost – and the likely result would forbid the disturbance of the under-bank on the golf course side. Cllr Ashton understands that full reparation of the whole fence would be some £50,000: the currently planned work would represent repair, stabilisation, and maintenance on a more realistic basis than that offered up by Somerset County Council over half a century ago. Matter to be included in the Clerk's revised list of outstanding works to be submitted to Cllr Ashton/Simon Banbury.

### **3091 DRAINAGE (John Inman):**

**Gullies in the Village (Nov 06 Jan 07):** An order (low priority) is in for the Church Farm Gate gully. The one at the Rickyard on the B3124 still awaits an emptying date. When the two above gullies are done then those most immediately associated with keeping the centre of the village flood-free will all have been done during the past few months. Cllr Ashton referred to a possible rebuild of the under-road pipework – in Walton Street between the open stream at the upper side of Church Farm Gate and the culverted section on the opposite side of the road running down to Cross Tree; and – across the B3124 from Cross Tree to Moor Lane. This to be included in the Clerk's revised list of outstanding works to be submitted to Cllr Ashton/Simon Banbury.

**It has long been the understanding of residents and the parish council that this particular set of gullies, the culverted sections of the brook, and the open sections of brook in Walton Street and Moor Lane are to be kept clear on an annual basis to ensure that all steps are taken to minimize the ever-present flood risk.**

**Gullies on the Coast Road:** Only three of these were done last year – by Walton Bay telephone box/notice board. Virtually all other gullies from Springhead Cottage in Walton Street, through Walton Bay to Squires Cottage are completely blocked and give the impression of having been neglected for years. Adam Wood has made reference to having gullies dug out by hand but it is not clear whether he means some, or all of the gullies. Once cleared they would, all things being equal, fall into a two-yearly cycle of emptying.

**Spring at Arrodene (July 06):** This *may* be a BWW water leak and their people are to investigate. It acts like a spring in that it comes and goes with the weather. If it is a spring then arguments for routing its flow away from the highway are as those re the water run off at Brighton Cottages in terms of urgency of action.

**Water Run off from Public Footpath by Brighton Cottages:** A re-build of the gully, to ensure it catches all of the water, seems the only solution. This to be included in the Clerk's revised list of outstanding works to be submitted to Cllr Ashton/Simon Banbury.

Cllr Ashton suggested that effort should be put into the possible coordination of the various drainage works in Walton Street with the work at Dully's Wood (minute 3092), having regard to the need for traffic controls being necessary for the latter.

### **3092 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:**

**Hedge Above & Opposite Taggart (Dully's Wood) (Nov 2006):** 2 dead elms removed. Further dead matter was removed today (11<sup>th</sup> June). The first couple of feet – the bank – is highway's responsibility, the boundary to be confirmed by NSC. Additional work will be done, hopefully before the end of this calendar year, to remove all trees and other growth that present a possible highway hazard. Traffic controls will need to be place for this and NSC will coordinate their work so that the Miles Estate can get their work done at the same time. This involves brutal and expensive surgery that will initially look like butchery, but it must be done.

**Hedge Cutting in General:** Without reference to the special circumstance of the above case, and speaking for farmers and property managers generally, Cllr Kent expressed concern that, whilst most property managers in the Ward tend their roadside hedges properly; there seem to be a few who neglect theirs knowing that NSC will do the work for them when a nuisance to highway users becomes evident. Cllr Ashton thought that cost of such work was charged to the offenders by NSC, but he took a note of this concern. Cllr Cannell felt other farmers in the area probably harboured similar concerns.

**Litter Picking:** The core message remains the same – Health & Safety legislation would require that traffic controls were put in place for every exercise effectively ruling out NSC resuming litter picking rotas.

**Potholes:** Holly Lane - Village done, even before Clerk's report sent in.

### 3093 OTHER MATTERS:

**Free NSC-Dedicated Notice Board:** Outside notice board preferred. Cllr Ashton, now Leader of NSC, was amazed at this proposed expenditure given other NSC priorities. The offer may well not come through!

**NSC Chair's Attendance of Meetings:** David Shopland would like to attend a meeting; dates have been sent.

**Working Together; the Future of the Severn Estuary:** Annual Seminar at Walton Park Hotel – noted.

**Plaque re Tree:** No sign - it was fixed to the guard at the impact site and must be presumed lost in the debris.

**Election to NSC Standards Committee:** Not enough known to enable sensible vote to be offered. No action.

**New Model Mode of Conduct:** NSC Solicitor proposed adoption of clause 12(2) – in opposition to the advice of the Standards Board which this council (and Clapton) adopted. Noted; no action to be taken.

### 3094 FINANCE:

**Cheques:** 504 (inc ½hr re May) £13.75 – Hall Hire. 505 £392.50 – Clerk's Fee. 506 £600 - Fete Donation.

**Accounts:** Current year accounts circulated prior to meeting.

**Audit:** Annual Return – Section 1: Statement of Account (pg2) and Section 2: Annual Governance Statement, plus bank reconciliation, approved and signed by Chairman and Clerk. Clerk to send to auditors. Public notices re appointment of auditors/rules for same to be posted to notice boards on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### 3095 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

**Cllr Rutley:** Expects to move to Clevedon soon but as she will be continuing her present activities in the Parish, will be happy to remain a member of this Council.

**Cllr Kent:** Was concerned that, given known difficulties of speed enforcement in the parish, this Council needs to take active steps to play it's part in such work. He suggested two replacement parish entry signs on the B3124 and a new one below squires Cottage (possibly part funded by that part of the precept originally earmarked for elections that, in the event, did not take place). These signs should be 3' deep (the present ones are 18"deep), be striking in appearance so that they command the notice of road users, and contain a cautionary welcome; say...



Cllr Ashton asked that the idea be included in the Clerk's revised list of outstanding works to be submitted to him/Simon Banbury.

**Cllr Cannell:** Was exasperated at difficulties in accessing planning application histories on the NSC website. Cllr Ashton said work was being done to improve the site and took a note of this particular difficulty.



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*No July meeting*

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

held on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair), Mr R Kent, Mrs M Rutley **In Attendance:** Mr D Hill (Clerk)

**3096 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Cllr Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

**3097 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

**3098 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:** None

### 3099 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC:

**Traffic Speed:** Analysis in the post. **Beat Officer:** Replacement for Tracey Payne not yet made.

### 3100 PLANNING:

**Application:** 07/P/2171/WT-Miles Estate-Dullys Wood. Reduce Hazel, 2 Beech; Fell 1 Ash, 1 Elm.

**Awaiting Decision:** 07/P/0857/F – (WeIG) Clay shooting/paintballing/karting, Weston Lodge Farm.

**Permission Granted:** 07/P/1496/WT The Manor (Bryant) Essential tree management work.

**Refused:** 07/P/0979/PDT-12m telecoms pole, Clevedon Rd. Grounds: visual amenity & road safety.

### 3101 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:

#### **Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):**

**Coast Path 1:** 100-150yds N of Walton Bay House Park Homes. Ground cleared and bridge built

**Coast Path 3:** Cllr Rutley reported - Cliff Path at Walton Bay/Charlcombe Bay overgrown: now cut back.

**Cycles on Footpaths:** Problem is enforcement. Expensive notices and awareness campaigns to a public who by and large choose to ignore/tolerate the situation isn't possible from current resources.

**Mini Quad Bikes in Norton's Wood:** Clevedon Court Estate welcomed support – police involved but offenders persist in gaining entry. Clevedon TC contacted NSC Environmental Protection, who could not help.

**Golf Course Fence (Phil Bush): (June 05)** Additional supports/alignment work done during summer.

**Coast Path 2: Drainage Coast Caravan Park (CCP).** Environmental Health asked CCP to repair their sewage tanks a year ago – they have not. The Clerk discussed the matter with Adrian Leonard by telephone: NSC have had more complaints and are acting urgently to resolve the issue. This Council has just received a further complaint from Mr Paul Cornish of Walton Bay, who originally raised this issue, complaining of continued leakage problems: Cllr Kent, who raised the issue as a complaint at this Council's June meeting, said that a year is too long for such a potential health risk to linger unresolved. **Clerk to write to NSC pressing for repairs to done IMMEDIATELY, even if this needs enforcement action to get the matter resolved.**

#### **Drainage (John Inman): (Awaiting e-mail update – not received at time of meeting)**

**Gullies in the Village (Nov 06 Jan 07):** Order in for the Church Farm Gate gully, but not yet done. Rickyard gully on B3124; date awaited. **Clerk to press for action on these flood risks.**

**Gully opposite Church Farm:** overflows under pressure – the culvert probably blocked. Reported to NSC, but the urgency of the problem may not be understood. **Clerk to press for urgent repairs to be done.**

**Cross-highway brook piping at Church Farm and B3124:** Possible re-build? News awaited via Cllr Ashton.

**Gullies on the Coast Road:** Gullies to be dug out by hand – which, and when? **Detail awaited.**

**Spring at Arrodene (July 06):** **Decision/action awaited.**

**Water Run off - Public Footpath by Brighton Cottages:** **Decision/action awaited.**

#### **Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood): (Awaiting e-mail update - not received at time of meeting)**

**Parish Entry Signs, B3124:** 2 free replacement signs now up.



**Harley Lane mud:** Grip in Norton's Wood blocked so mud flowing down hill. Reported – grip re-made. **Clerk to ensure that this vital grip is kept clear for the coming winter.**

**Harley Lane Overgrowth:** Clerk met Natural England agent – he has trimmed back to new road line.

**Verge Cutting: Moor Lane & Coast Road:** done 4/9/07. B3124 done during summer.

**Dully's Wood (Nov 2006):** Additional clearance to be done in December.

**Road Narrows signs at either end of central bridge in Moor Lane:** – missing. **Clerk to follow up.**

**Clearance of Open Brook Sections:** Neighbours have asked when this will be done. **Clerk to chase date.**

**Holes on Pavement by Parish Street Light:** 2 potentially dangerous holes in earlier tarmac repairs on this well used pedestrian route between the Hall & Moor Lane; reported by Kevin Edwards of Cross Tree Stores. Cllr Kent investigated and wondered if the summer rains may have undermined the structures of these repairs: if so, there could be the possibility of a significant collapse of the pavement at these points. **Clerk to re-report, the problem, stressing Cllr Kent's concerns.**

### **3102 OTHER MATTERS:**

**Membership of United Bristol Healthcare trust:** Noted.

**NHS Primary Care Trust:** 'Local Delivery Plan' noted. The future of Clevedon Hospital was raised by Cllr Cannell: Clerk said an up-to-date facility, either on the current site, or in the Clevedon/Yatton/Nailsea axis, was being mooted as a way of ensuring the continuance of, and improvement to existing health provision. **Clerk to keep abreast of Clevedon Hospital developments.**

**Partnerships for Older People Projects (POPP):** Noted. As this parish is an "older" community, progress of real contribution from this initiative will be followed with interest. **Clerk will so write to Age Concern.**

**Community Action:** Drop-In information day; Fri 12 Oct, Long Ashton. Noted; poster to notice board.

**Cllr Rutley's Move:** Member's Interests form completed re address change: cc monitoring officer at NSC.

**Review of Bus Services:** Poster up and Information Sheet entry in – for discussion at October meeting. Clerk has received concerns from Mrs Talbot (Moor Lane) that the X service (needed by those who do not qualify for school buses) and the only one to provide "timely" transport, arrives at Clevedon School "just" too late in the morning and "just" too early in the afternoon. Walking is becoming increasingly dangerous and, even for those as close to the school as Walton-in-Gordano, is not always an option. **Full discussion – and report to NSC – at October meeting, pending further input from residents of the parish.**

**North Somerset Life:** Residents do not get this with their Clevedon Mercuries. Most deliveries in the parish are "bulk" rather than house-to-house. This difference as a possible reason for non-receipt has already been shared with NSC. **Clerk to re-confirm the situation with NSC.**

**Application to become a councillor:** Floss Morgan of Walton Bay has applied to join the council. Her application was welcomed. **Clerk asked to invite her to be "In Attendance" at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, where her application will be considered "In Council".**

### **3103 FINANCE:**

**Cheques:** 507 £8.25 – Hall Hire. 509 £392.50 Clerk's fee.

**Accounts:** Current year accounts attached.

### **3104 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Kent:**1. The hazard sign at the B3124 Portishead entry to the Village was overgrown with brambles: Cllr Kent cleared these and noted the face board has a **broken mounting bracket – Clerk to report to NSC.**

2. Adjacent to the huge sign, a 30mph sign has been dislodged and needs re-fixing. **Clerk to notify NSC.**

**Cllr Rutley:** 1. The Holly Lane – Old Inn road resurfacing was well done and well managed; the meeting agreed – **thank you NSC.**

2. Work on Walton Street at Dully's Wood involves traffic lights – will it also involve a road closure? **Clerk to ask NSC.**



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

**held on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison), Mr D Hill (Clerk), Miss C Morgan (Applicant for co-option)

**3105 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** none

**3106 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

**3107 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:** None

### **3108 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC**

**Traffic Speed Reports from NSC/Police:** Summary circulated and to be added as an addendum to minutes. **Clerk to contact police for their feedback on the reports. Clerk to compare figures with available Coast Road report of 1996.**

### **3109 PLANNING**

**Received:** 07/P/2535/F – Barton Homes, Lorraine Field; 14 mobile homes replacing 29 caravans. **No objections.**

**Awaiting Decision:** 07/P/0857/F – (WeIG) Weston Lodge Farm.

**Granted:** 07/P/2171/WT – Miles Estate re Dully's Wood clearance at Walton Street.

### **3110 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:**

**Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):**

**Drainage from Coast Caravan Park (CCP) onto Cliff Path:** Clerk to follow up.

**Drainage (John Inman)**

**Gullies:** Walton St - At Church Farm Gate; opposite Church Farm Gate; Culvert from Church Farm to Cross Tree and under B3124; Coast Road; B3124 At Rickyard opposite Cross Tree Farm. The gully clearing should have been done during the summer and is the subject of complaint to and action by the contractors. The culvert will be cleared, probably when the road is closed for Dully's Wood work.

**Spring at Arrodene/Water Run off from footpath by Brighton Cottages:** This has not been lost site of - summer rains diverted resources towards emergencies. There was an NSC site meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October re drainage.

## **Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)**

**Dully's Wood:** Clearance 2<sup>nd</sup> December; probably 2 days; road will be closed for speed and safety.

**Road Narrows signs, Moor Lane:** – stolen for 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Decisions re replacement pending. **Meeting felt replacement needed.**

**Clearance of Open Brook Sections:** After much complaint from parishes, work-gangs are back. This work has been allocated to the work-gang, a date is awaited.

**Holes on Pavement by Parish Street Light:** 3 holes repaired and to be kept an eye on.

**Hazard sign & 30mph Sign by Hackwood House:** Faults on NSC work list for repair.

**Road Signs:** Repeater 50mph sign at Nightingale Valley (Valley Road/B3124 junction) obscured by hedge. **Clerk to notify Weston-in-Gordano Parish Clerk.**

## **3111 OTHER MATTERS**

**Review of Bus Services:** Concern from Mrs Talbot (Moor Lane) that the X service (needed by those who do not qualify for school buses and the only one to provide “timely” transport), arrives at Clevedon School “just” too late in the morning and “just” too early in the afternoon. Walking is increasingly dangerous and, even for those close to the school walking is not always an option. Letter re X58 service also in from Sherri Russell. **These concerns to be passed to NSC. Clerk has prepared an “all embracing” timetable to go to notice boards. A parish map would be useful and the Walton Bay-Clevedon bus stop is overgrown – Clerk will investigate.**

**Application to be a councillor:** After an informal open session and a formal discussion in closed session, Miss C R (Floss) Morgan was unanimously coopted as a member of the council and formal governance paperwork was completed.

## **3112 FINANCE**

**Cheques:** 510 £8.25 – Hall Hire. 511 £5.23 – EDF re street light.

**Accounts:** Current year accounts attached.

**Lloyds Bank:** Letters re Cllrs Kent and Morgan as bank account signatories were signed.

## **3113 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Kent:** B3124 on the left from Weston-in-Gordano just past Toggert's Style (therefore in WaIG) has severe subsidence – again – due to badgers and needs urgent repair. **Clerk to report to NSC.**

**Cllr Rutley:** Welcomed return of Parish Gangs. Concerned at litter on Coast Road on the open section after Blackstrip - **Clerk to notify WeIG Clerk about this.**

**Cllr Charlesworth:** The popular Vista bus habitually pulls to the wrong side of the road at the Cross Tree junction out of Walton Street on the turn towards Clevedon (as do so many drivers, notwithstanding all the road markings). **Clerk to write to Vista to coax the development of a correct driver habit in negotiating this vexed junction.**

**Cllr Cannell:** Ash tree opposite Becksides in Moor Lane has grown up into overhead cables. **Clerk to report to NSC so that they/the utility company can take appropriate action.**

Deer numbers are becoming excessive and damage plus their overgrazing of hard-pressed grassland is becoming a nuisance. **Clerk to contact gamekeeper/head of shoot/Natural England to see if a cull can be undertaken.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm



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

**held on November 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano**

**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr R Kent, Miss C Morgan

**In Attendance:** Mr D Hill (Clerk)

**3114 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

**3115 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

**3116 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:** None

### **3117 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC**

**Traffic Speed Reports from NSC/Police:** Clerk has contacted police for their feedback. Analysis of earlier figures not pursued as they were too old for current purposes. It was decided that, unless the police had something positively new to offer as a solution, their offered willingness to talk to the Council, extended by Sergeant Scoble, of Portishead, need not be taken up as P C Payne has already spent a lot of time explaining the existing police thinking to both Parish Council and Annual Parish Meetings.

### **3118 PLANNING**

**Awaiting Decision:** 07/P/0857/F (WeIG) Weston Lodge Farm. 07/P/2535/F Lorraine Field.

### **3119 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:**

**Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):**

**Drainage from Coast Caravan Park (CCP) onto Cliff Path:** Repair to pipework effected but it has to be climbed over by walkers. It is presumed that a more satisfactory long-term solution is being worked on. **Clerk to follow up.**

**Drainage (John Inman)**

**Gullies:** All parish gullies/culverts in Walton street/Down Road (The Coast Road) to be cleared during Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> road closure (Note gullies opposite Cross Tree Farm and by Church Farm gate).

**Spring at Arrodene/Water Run off from footpath by Brighton Cottages:** ongoing.

**Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)**

**Dully's Wood:** Clearance due 2<sup>nd</sup> December; road will be closed.

**Road Narrows signs, Moor Lane:** Situation to monitored until April no funds for replacement now. Since it was deemed necessary to have these signs it must be necessary to keep them in place; especially as the volume and the axle weight of traffic on Moor Lane is increasing. It is presumed that NSC are cognizant of possible claims upon them in the event of an accident at this point. **Clerk to let NSC know that this will remain a minuted matter of concern.**

**Open Brook Sections:** Order with Parish Gang – illness has delayed the start of works.

**Hazard sign & 30mph Sign by Hackwood House:** Faults on NSC work list for repair.

**Ash tree opposite Becksid, Moor Lane** has grown up into overhead cables – being investigated.

**B3124 Severe Badger Subsidence:** ½mile on the left from WeIG 30 mph sign. Reported.

### 3120 OTHER MATTERS

**Deer Culling (Andy Waygood):** has fallen behind – he is aware of this and trying to catch up.

**Litter past Blackstrip/ Hidden 50mph sign at Valley Rd** - Clerk notified WeIG PC.

**Vista Coast Road bus:** pulling to wrong side of road at Cross Tree. NSC has contacted Vista; also getting travel line web site to alter timetable reference from Walton Drove to Moor Lane. They also confirmed that the 60+ bus pass can be used on the Vista 660, and similar services: **Clerk to send this information for inclusion in the December Information Sheet.**

**Review of Bus Services:** Concern from Mrs Talbot and Mrs Russell passed to NSC.

**Parish Map:** Notice board parish map not feasible from current data. Most complications are on the park-homes/caravan parks for which owners are responsible. Cllr Cannell thinks there may be two pieces of white land (land that can be developed) - both off Walton Street; one between Old Rectory House and Sunnybank and the other behind the Churchyard and 1 Manor Cottages. **Clerk to seek from NSC map indicating limits of conservation area, and areas of white land.**

**Walton Bay-Clevedon bus stop overgrown** – Clerk cut back that and junction board from Portishead. Cllr Morgan noted the the Clevedon-side sign is parallel to the road and the Portishead-side sign is hidden by the telephone box and leaves; neither can therefore be clearly seen. It was a suspicion of the meeting that First Bus, with it's history of obduracy, will not act on these concerns, but **Clerk will clear leaves and report the visibility concerns to NSC.**

**Bus timetables** – these exist already but are not adequate. **Clerk to prepare version for notice boards.**

**Hedgerow Management and Biodiversity:** Information from NSC Biodiversity team. Noted.

**NSC Chairman's Visit:** Cllr Shopland to attend April 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 meeting and address it beforehand.

### 3121 FINANCE

**Cheques:** 514 £8.25 – Hall Hire. 513 £58.75 Mazars re Audit 06/07 (approved as presented).

**Accounts:** Current year accounts attached.

**Bank Mandates:** **Clerk to prepare and arrange identity proofing and signatures with Lloyds.**

### 3122 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

**Cllr Kent:** 1. Dumping of verge cuttings in Moor Lane. Whilst having happened before, it has happened recently, with a vengeance. **Clerk to have a word with the suspected offending party.** 2. New reflectors were put around the Cross Tree today – they do not all face the right way. **Clerk to so inform NSC.** 3. Cyclists continue to be a nuisance on the public footpath through the Churchyard/Manor Drive area. Preventative measures would tend to penalize other users, such as those with prams. Whilst it is appreciated that NSC, as recently minuted, cannot police this problem, it was felt appropriate that the **Clerk should report this to NSC.**

**Cllr Morgan:** 1. Of significant concern to residents on the Walton Bay park home sites are the dangerous exits they have to make onto Down Road (the Coast Road). Although this is a perennial worry that has been discussed in the context of speed limits and road signage, it is ever worrying for residents in the light of traffic speed and aggression around the area of the bus stops/telephone box. **Clerk to relay this minute to NSC – to “keep the pressure on”.** 2. There is what appears to be a defunct grit box by the Walton Bay telephone box; it should be removed or replaced. **Clerk to contact NSC to see what can be done.**

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**



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

held on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr R Kent, Miss C Morgan, Mrs M Rutley

**In Attendance:** Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison), Mr D Hill (Clerk),

**3123 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** - None

**3124 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

**3125 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:**

**Minute 3119 (part) read:**

**Road Narrows signs, Moor Lane:** Situation to be monitored until April no funds for replacement now. Since it was deemed necessary to have these signs it must be necessary to keep them in place; especially as the volume and the axle weight of traffic on Moor Lane is increasing. It is presumed that NSC are cognizant of possible claims upon them in the event of an accident at this point. Clerk to let NSC know that this will remain a minuted matter of concern.

The Clerk did inform NSC, via Adam Wood, by copy of this minute; however, Cllr Cannell did not feel that this expressed how very strongly the Council felt that these signs must be replaced. NSC must be contacted and left in NO doubt that these signs need to be replaced as a matter of urgency. **Paul Slade agreed to communicate this Council's concern to Adam Wood and David Bailey at NSC.**

**3126 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC**

PCSO Penelope McTaggart and PCs Sue Davey and Mark Cornish - under Sergeant Terry Scoble, out of Portishead - are our contacts. Sue Davey telephoned Clerk on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Having visited the roads here, she supported concerns PC Tracey Payne raised re the practicalities of operating Speedwatch. Several speed checks have been done during the month and the plan is to continue these on a regular but random basis - representing continuing and visible police activity on the speed issue. Such is the layout of roads, that operatives were unable to stop offending vehicles and had to contact them (some rather local) by mail. They hope to have someone attending PC meetings once per quarter. Clerk will be in touch with Sue Davey via e-mail re on-going matters.

**3127 PLANNING**

**New Application: 07/P/3096/F & 07/P/3097/LB** – Old Rectory House – Miles Estate - Planning and Listed Building applications to convert existing barns inside and to right of front gate to self-contained residential annexe. Full papers not yet available, but, with comments due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, it was brought to the meeting's attention. Declarations of Interest were made by Cllr Cannell (as a friend of Phillip Miles) and by Cllr Kent (as a tenant farmer in Church Farm, owned by the Miles Estate and with barns capable of possible conversion – ergo, affecting his tenure position). Specific concerns at this stage were as to whether the proposal was for a single story conversion, and also that, however described, the proposal was in reality a barn development to create a new residential property. **Cllrs Charlesworth, Morgan, and Rutley agreed that the Clerk will share the paperwork with them as soon as it arrives so that a reasoned reaction can be formalised as representing this Council's view before the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for comments.**

**Awaiting Decision: 07/P/0857/F** (WeIG) Weston Lodge Farm. **07/P/2535/F** Lorraine Field Former Cllr Peter Jupp queried with Cllr Cannell whether this field had existing vehicular access rights; the Clerk confirmed that it did and that the access was the subject of comment from NSC officers as being too widely splayed within the context of the site ([www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk) refers).

Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. in Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in every month **except August**.  
Meeting Dates for 2008 are: Jan 14<sup>th</sup> : Feb 11<sup>th</sup> : Mar 10<sup>th</sup> : Apr 14<sup>th</sup> : May 12<sup>th</sup> (7pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm)  
Jun 19<sup>th</sup> : Jul 14<sup>th</sup> : Sep 8<sup>th</sup> : Oct 13<sup>th</sup> : Nov 10<sup>th</sup> : Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

## 3128 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:

### **Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):**

**Coast Caravan Park leak onto Cliff Path:** Interim repair done. A more satisfactory solution is being worked on? Clarification sought from NSC. [Clerk to pursue a response.](#)

**Cyclists nuisance on footpath - Churchyard/Manor Drive:** Reported to NSC.

### **Drainage (John Inman)**

**Gullies:** Walton St/Down Rd done. Contractors missed Rickyard gully and have to come back to do it; they will also do the one opposite the back of Home Farm Cottage on the Home Farm side of the B3124.

**Walton Street – Moor Lane Culvert:** On Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Clerk and farmer John Flowers of Home Farm (a member of the Internal Drainage Board) understood this work would not be done until water flow was at a minimum in 2008 so that chemicals (which need a minimum flow) could be used to eradicate the lime build-up (apparently chemicals were to have been a last resort option, which begs the question why jetting was not planned for during the road closure). Mr Flowers, as did Cllr Kent during the meeting, pointed out that, with farm stock across the bed of the Gordano Valley using the brook for drinking, the use of chemicals is not an option, and that NSC should have been aware of this. This Council has held off in pressing for this culvert to be cleared in the "certain" knowledge that site meetings, investigations, and appropriate planning was in progress towards the work being done during the road closure – December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. It is understood that if the current NSC contractors, Ringway, do not have a jetter capable of doing the work, a competitor company, Brent, do. The documented and evident history of this matter leave NO grounds for the work not having being satisfactorily completed during the December 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> slot that had been allocated for it for many weeks (first minuted by this Council at it's June 2007 meeting). The Council and the Parish have been badly let down. [The Clerk was asked to convey the tenor of anger and concern at the outcome of this project as at date. If the jetting solution is not completed urgently - by Christmas 2007 was suggested by Cllr Cannell - this Council is resolved to pursue it's grievances via whatever appropriate means, in it's attempts to get the work done urgently and to get the management of the culvert onto a reliably managed maintenance timetable.](#)

**Spring at Arrodene/Water Run off from footpath by Brighton Cottages:** ongoing.

**Flooding by Golf Course between Dully's Wood and Arrodene:** The Golf Club appear to have blocked of the drainage route with corrugated iron. The cleared gully doesn't cope with heavy rains off the fields form Walton Down and NSC were to issue an enforcement order to get the original flow onto the golf course site re-instated. This appears not to have happened. [Clerk to follow up.](#)

**Flooding down the Walton Bay House/Two Acres Access Road:** Cllr Morgan expressed concern about this and queried the responsibility/ownership of the road. Clerk explained that the road was private and it's use and access rights were a matter between the owners and residents of the user properties rather than the Parish or District Councils. To the extent that flooding comes off the highway, this has been a subject of complaint over the years from W G Way Ltd who regularly ask NSC to jet the three roadside gullies adjacent to the road when they get blocked.

### **Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)**

**Fly-tipping in Moor Lane:** Going away from village, on right: two lots in rhyne 100 paces this side of main bridge – one lot 100 paces the other side of bridge (subject of several complaints to Clerk & to NSC Environmental Protection (Lindsay Howe)). Clerk cleared the offending roadside material. As to what is in the rhyne, that is the responsibility of the landowner. In view of the complexity of responsibilities relating to Miles Estate land tenures, NSC suggested the Clerk write to the Miles Estate pointing out the three offending sites: if they choose to, they will hopefully arrange for clearance, if they don't... that is their option. [Clerk prepared letter for approval of meeting and was asked to send it to Miles Estate.](#)

**Willow Trees in Moor Lane:** 1. Going away from village, this side of 30mph sign, on right – Clerk reported to NSC who are to pollard. 2. Just past 30mph sign on left – seems to be ok; responsibility as between NSC/Miles Estate unclear, NSC's John Flannigan to investigate.

**Potholes:** on B3124 – all noted and logged for repair. By Brook Cottage, noted by Adam Wood as we were on site. [A series of potholes on the left of the B3124 past "Underwood" travelling towards Portishead noted by Cllr Kent: Clerk to report to NSC.](#)

**Dully's Wood:** Clearance done, but was severely hampered by road users ignoring the road closure signs. Members were concerned that the lack of signs for residents between Charlcombe and Dully's Wood was a problem for some residents unaware of the closure. Cllr Kent was concerned that further overhanging material and some trees should have been removed. The Clerk reported that the work has been reviewed by NSC and this further work was to be done to complete the project.

**Road Narrows signs, Moor Lane:** See minute 3125, MATTERS ARISING, above.

**Open Brook Sections:** Order with Parish Gang. [Clerk to chase.](#)

**Hazard sign & 30mph Sign by Hackwood House:** Done 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Ash Tree at Backside Moor Lane** grown into overhead cables; NSC investigating. [Clerk to chase.](#)

**B3124 Badger Subsidence:** ½mile on the left from WeIG 30 mph sign. Reported. [Clerk to chase.](#)

**Reflectors at Cross Tree:** do not all face right way. Clerk to seek response to his query about this.  
**Dangerous exits to Down Rd at Walton Bay:** Clerk relayed continuing concern to NSC.  
**Defunct grit box; Walton Bay tel box:** Clerk in touch with NSC – would a new one be appropriate?

### 3129 OTHER MATTERS

**Vista Coast Road bus:** 60+ bus pass can be used on the Vista 660, and similar services: Clerk sent this information for inclusion in December Information Sheet.

**Parish Map:** White land, Old Rectory House - Sunnybank and behind the Churchyard and 1 Manor Cottages? Clerk understands that, with the removal of village fences, white land permissions became defunct. Clerk to clarify position with Nina Paternoster of NSC.

**Walton Bay-Clevedon bus stops** – Visibility, condition, and position – NSC to visit site with Clerk.

**Walton Bay Telephone Box:** Cllr Rutley asked if it was working (it has been out of action). Cllr Morgan undertook to check and report back.

**Bus timetables** – Clerk printed official timetables from Internet for notice boards.

**Verge cuttings in Moor Lane.** Clerk sent note to believed offending party.

**Avon Wildlife Trust:** Info on activities and invitation to membership and involvement. Noted.

**The Village Green:** The Clerk raised three matters that might be deemed the province of this Council: 1. Dog "Poo" Bins (Permission would have to be sought, bins erected, and arrangements made to empty, maintain and insure. They would have to be on a route that NSC could service). 2. A footpath on the B3124 between Manor Drive and Holly Lane (at some quarter of a million pounds NSC deem this a non-starter). 3. The provision of green bins at Walton Bay. (They are available to homes to place on the coast road. Site owners/ residents have tended to opt for their own arrangements via contract or use of the Black Rock facility). The meeting noted these issues and the results of the Clerk's research. Should residents raise these, or other matters, with their Councillors they will, of course, be fully considered and progressed as possible.

### 3130 FINANCE

**Cheques:** 515 £11.00 – Hall Hire. 516 £392.50 – Clerk's fee Oct/Nov/Dec.

**Accounts:** Current year accounts circulated prior to meeting.

**Bank Mandates:** Clerk prepared mandate for signatures after the meeting. Clerk to then take it to Lloyds Bank and Cllrs Kent and Morgan will visit bank to complete formalities.

### 3131 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Loose Bristol Waterworks trap on verge opposite "Beckside" in Moor Lane. Clerk to report.

**Cllr Cannell:** 1. Reminded the meeting that the January meeting will prepare the 2008/2009 precept request to NSC: asked members to review the accounts sheet information with this in mind.

2. Fujitsu, on behalf of BT, have approached Cllrs Charlesworth and Cannell as residents in Moor Lane indicating that, because the overhead cables into their properties were under 5 metres above road level, they would be dismantling them and placing access cables to their properties underground. When Cllr Cannell questioned the representative about the legal implications, responsibility issues and consultation processes Fujitsu would go through to ensure that residents could cooperate with them in confidence, he was effectively told that these were not concerns of moment to Fujitsu and they simply intended to proceed with whatever work they deemed appropriate. As this will presumably be the case with other properties in the parish, Cllr Cannell pressed the wisdom of perhaps contacting the Clerk so that concerned residents might be brought into an effective consultation loop rather than feeling they were being ridden over roughshod. Clerk to look out for a communication from Fujitsu and raise the matter for further consideration at the January meeting.

The meeting Closed at 9pm





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held on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Miss C Morgan, Mrs M Rutley

**In Attendance:** Mr D Hill (Clerk)

**3132 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Cllr R Kent, Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

**3133 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

**3134 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:** None

**3135 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC -** No new developments.

### 3136 PLANNING

**New Applications requiring comment (as under) before Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and commented on as follows:**

**07/P/3131/F & 07/P/3132/LB** – Provision of parking space at School House, Walton Street:

"Your decision date is 1 week before our meeting so, given Christmas, time has been tight. However, 3 Councillors unreservedly support the application; 1 Councillor lives opposite, declares an interest and, given that you have sent details to him as a neighbour, he will respond to you separately. Our 5th Councillor makes 5 observations - in no particular order: 1. Is the proposed size adequate for purpose. 2. Proposed right angle in wall at Northern end will give appearance of a wall sticking out into the path of Portishead bound cars and may adversely effect driving site lines. 3. The proposal will have significant visual impact on the centre of the village in a conservation area. 4. Presumably the wall be be appropriately braced to prevent subsidence into the highway. 5. The proposed size, shape and location would entail hazardous manoeuvring directly into and out of existing traffic flows whilst concentrating on avoiding hitting the walls with the car. DON HILL, WaIG PC Clerk"

**07/P/3159/F (Retrospective – East Clevedon)** – Firework store, Norton's Wood Lane (E Clevedon):

"This RETROSPECTIVE application seems nicely timed to minimize opportunities for comment before the January 7th deadline. However, I contacted our Chairman who commented as follows: ""As you can guess, I'm not happy with the application from Firemagic in Norton's Wood Lane (mainly due to the retrospective aspect of the application) although I cannot see any substantive reason for us to object. I would be very surprised if the local householders in Norton's Wood Lane and Conyger Close don't raise objections due to the nature of the proposed use. The only reason for objection that I can see from our point of view is that of fire containment away from Court Woods. Firework storage is normally well away from habitation or flammable surroundings, not in the middle of low woodland and adjacent to mature woodland!" I note that a new access has been made to the site opposite Charlbray house. This access does not appear on the submitted documents. Maybe it will become the subject of RETROSPECTIVE application in the future! DON HILL 28th December 2007"

### Awaiting Decisions:

**07/P/3096/F & 07/P/3097/LB** – Old Rectory House – Miles Estate - Planning and Listed Building applications to convert barns inside and to right of front gate to self-contained residential annexe.

Full paperwork not available from NSC at time of December meeting. Post meeting Cllrs Charlesworth, Morgan, and Rutley considered the full paperwork and responded to NSC as follows:

"Cllrs Cannell (Friend of Miles family) and Kent (Tenant Farmer of Miles Estate) declared interests and did not participate in consideration of the application. None of the other councillors had a problem with the application: it is presumed that the project will be too small, and too integrated to the curtilage of host property, to be sold as a separate residence and it is expected that, as an annexe, it will remain part of the application address and community charge location."

**07/P/0857/F** (WeIG) Weston Lodge Farm – decision due by March. **07/P/2535/F** Lorraine Field awaiting responses from developer.

### 3137 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:

**Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):**

**Coast Caravan Park leak onto Cliff Path:** Clarification sought from NSC re permanent solution.

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### Drainage (John Inman)

**Gullies:** Rickyard gully/one opposite back of Home Farm Cottage on Home Farm side of the B3124.

**Walton Street–Moor Lane Culvert:** Booking of special jetter in hand – date awaited.

**Spring at Arrodene/Water Run off from footpath by Brighton Cottages:** ongoing.

**Flooding above Walton Street by Golf Course:** Golf Club have blocked drainage route with corrugated iron. NSC were to issue an enforcement order **Clerk to follow up.**

### Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)

**Fly-tipping in Moor Lane:** Clerk sent letter to Miles Estate informing them of the problem.

**Willow Trees in Moor Lane:** Going away from village, this side of 30mph sign: NSC to pollard.

**Potholes:** on B3124 – on left of the B3124 past "Underwood" travelling towards Portishead reported to NSC.

**Dully's Wood:** Further work to be done to complete the project.

**Road Narrows signs, Moor Lane:** Re minute 3125, response via Paul Slade as that to Clerk. Cllr Cannell to seek replacement by contacting our NSC Ward Cllr, Nigel Ashton.

**Open Brook Sections:** Order with Parish Gang. **Clerk to chase.**

**Ash Tree at Beckside Moor Lane** grown into overhead cables; NSC investigating. **Clerk to chase.**

**B3124 Badger Subsidence:** ½mile on the left from WeIG 30 mph sign. Reported. **Clerk to chase.**

**Reflectors at Cross Tree:** do not all face right way. **Clerk to seek response to his query about this.**

**Defunct grit box; Walton Bay tel box:** Clerk in touch with NSC – **would a new one be appropriate?**

### 3138 OTHER MATTERS

**Parish Map:** Clerk supplied with conservation area map. Village was never within a village fence so there never was "white land". Village fences, and with them white land, were abolished some years ago.

**Walton Bay-Clevedon bus stops:** Visibility, condition, and position – **NSC to visit site with Clerk.**

**Walton Bay Telephone Box:** Now working.

**Loose Water trap on verge opposite "Beckside" in Moor Lane:** Bristol Water repairing.

**Fujitsu Re-location of Telephone Cables:** No feedback from Fujitsu or from other residents.

**Street Naming - Walton Bay Residential Park:** No objection raised to the name Kingfisher Way.

### 3139 FINANCE

**Cheques:** 517 £8.25 – Hall Hire. 518 - £5.23 – EDF for street light.

**Accounts:** Current year accounts circulated prior to meeting.

**Budget 2008-08 and Precept:** Estimates and proposals circulated prior to meeting. 2008-09 budget discussed and agreed as below: **Clerk to pass precept request of £2560 to NSC.**

Clerk's Fee & Expenses	£1630	Hall Hire	£120
Public Street Light	£30	Insurance	£300
Cllrs Expenses	£30	Subscriptions	£85
Donations	£650	Information Sheet	£130
Purchases	£100	Audit	£75

TOTAL: £3150  
Less adjustment to reserves due to no parish council election being held (£590)

**AMOUNT OF PRECEPT REQUEST TO NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL £2560**

**Bank Mandates:** Process completed; Cllrs Kent and Morgan now bank signatories.

### 3140 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

#### Cllr Charlesworth:

Complaint received re branches in stream in Moor Lane. These have since been removed and **will be disposed of by Clerk to Cllr Charlesworth/Cannell green bag.**

Road surface at Myrtle Cottage, Walton Street – potholes general: Clerk to report to NSC

Sandbags: Clerk reminded the meeting that we were informed last year that NSC do not provide these.

#### Cllr Rutley:

Walton Street sign at Dully's Wood - perhaps too close to edge now undergrowth cut back. Clerk has reported to NSC. Details of 60's bus passes and use on 660 service to Information Sheet & reminder re new system from April 2008 – inc passport photo. **Clerk to put piece in February Information Sheet.**

#### Cllr Cannell:

Meeting agreed that Information Sheet data form PC to go, in future, via e-mail from Clerk, rather than Cllr Cannell.

The meeting Closed at 8.40pm



# Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL held on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Walton In Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair), Mr R Kent, Miss C Morgan, Mrs M Rutley

**In Attendance:** Mr D Hill (Clerk), Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

**3141 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Cllr Mrs A Charlesworth

**3142 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

**3143 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:** None

**3144 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC** - No new developments.

### 3145 PLANNING

**New Applications: 08/P/0140/WT** – The Manor; Ash 30% crown reduction, 4 Alder & 1 lime fell. No objections: **Clerk to so inform NSC.**

**Awaiting Decisions: 07/P/3131/F** – School House parking: **07/P/3159/F** – Fireworks, Norton's Wood: **7/P/3096/F** – Old Rectory House annexe: **07/P/2535/F** Lorraine Field. **07/P/0857/F**

**Weston Lodge Farm.** The meeting discussed, the Planning Officer report to NSC North Area committee meeting of February 7<sup>th</sup> which included a recommendation to refuse: the outcome of the NSC meeting was not available. Cllr Kent reported that recently, in fields opposite the Avon Police HQ, above the quarry, he witnessed apparently illegal clay pigeon shooting taking place. This might, albeit unfairly, be attributed to the applicant and harm the public perception of his application.

### 3146 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:

**Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):**

**Coast Caravan leak to Cliff Path:** Waiting update from NSC. Cllr Morgan continues to monitor.

**Drainage (John Inman)**

**Gullies:** Rickyard gully/one opposite Home Farm Cottage on Home Farm side of the B3124.

**Walton Street–Moor Lane Culvert:** This was planned for resolution on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007, but the appropriate equipment was not hired in by the NSC drainage officer. The work now has to take its place among the flooding problems in the district thrown up by the exceptional January weather conditions.

**Coast Road Gullies:** Cllr Morgan reported that several gullies appear not to have been cleared. The Clerk said that he had been on the Coast Road on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and witnessed gullies being dug out by hand and some even being uncovered from verge undergrowth. **Clerk undertook to re-check gullies, to report back to the March meeting, and to seek a view from NSC.**

**Spring at Arrodene:** Resolved

**Water Run-off from footpath by Brighton Cottages:** Cllr Morgan said that this morning there this run-off formed ice on the road surface. For the exclusion of doubt, the Clerk re-expounded the problem. Spring-water run off flowing down the footpath between Arrodene and Brighton Cottages, arrives at the highway and meets a small gully: 50% of the water enters the gully; 50% passes to the right of the gully (as one faces the road); this latter 50% needs collecting via a re-engineering of the gully to ensure collection of water to the drainage pipe, which is clearly visible. NSC, consistently maintain that there is no easy solution. Study of solutions adopted by the caravan and mobile home parks at Walton Bay indicate that a solution is possible. Resolved: **Clerk to re-pursue NSC for a resolution of this problem.**

**Flooding by Golf Course:** Recent heavy rains demonstrated how vital unfettered flow is to keeping the highway clear of water flooding off Walton down and seeking a path to the golf course pond. This path has been blocked by corrugated iron. NSC intended to issue an enforcement notice for the removal of the corrugated iron; this has not happened. **Clerk to ask NSC to pursue the removal of the corrugated iron.**

**Tree-work (John Flannigan)**

**Willow in Moor Lane:** To be pollarded, probably about August 2008.

**Dully's Wood:** The planned work to clear the highway of obstruction has been completed. Cllr Cannell is concerned that the size of the remaining stumps may mean the area cannot be flailed. The Clerk has a verbal

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assurance from NSC that flailing will be possible, but this is contrary to advice received by Cllr Cannell, who felt it may be wise to seek a written assurance from NSC that flailing will be possible: as a prelude to this, **Cllr Kent undertook to look at the site and report his assessment to the March meeting.**

**Ash Tree opposite Becksid Moor Lane:** Passed to Western Power – they handle this type of problem as and when they deem necessary, but NSC do not do such work where power cables are involved.

**Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)**

**Open Brook Sections/Removal of WB Grit Bin:** Parish Gang will handle in about two weeks.

**B3124 Badger Subsidence:** Engineer to do a site visit, probably 14<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Kent reported that more soil was coming away from the site into his field.

**Potholes:** on B3124 – on left of the B3124 past "Underwood". Done.

**Myrtle Cottage, Walton Street:** Done.

**Down Road by signal station:** 30/40 sign and 40mph sign at CCP Rectified by Adam Wood.

**2 Reflectors at Cross Tree:** Whichever way they face will be wrong in one direction: the two reflectors to be removed from their posts.

**Road Narrows signs, Moor Lane:** Cllr Cannell to seek replacements.

**Harley Hill Sign (E Clevedon):** Tied back to fence. Cannot be replaced/re-sited until After April.

**Culvert slab below Spring Head:** One is "up": **Clerk to report to Adam Wood.**

**3147 OTHER MATTERS**

**Mains Drainage:** Bob Baldwin contacted Wessex Water to ask if mains drainage in the Parish would ease the flooding risks in the Village. Wessex replied that "A mains drainage system (for foul and/or public storm water) would not resolve the current watercourse overflow problems you have been experiencing. This problem is being caused by the land drainage arrangements and needs to be dealt with by North Somerset Council in conjunction with the Internal Drainage Board for your area. The owners of the land through which the watercourse passes are responsible for its satisfactory condition, maintenance and performance." The meeting discussed whether mains drainage would be an option for the Parish (it would have to be applied for via NSC). The Clerk produced the Wessex Water Application form for the provision of first time sewerage. The principal criteria demands that "There is an environmental or amenity problem associated with the absence of public sewage which is sufficiently serious to justify the provision of public sewage." The meeting felt that neither development plans for the Parish, nor problems in relation to existing private drainage schemes, were such as to make an application to NSC for the installation of mains drainage currently feasible.

**Walton Bay-Clevedon bus stops:** Visibility, condition, and position. Site visit still proposed by NSC.

**Walton Bay Bus Service:** New contractor, ACL Transport, of Worle, will run the 660 service from April.

**Bus Pass Details:** new passes and use on 660 service - Clerk put piece in Information Sheet.

**Cross Tree:** Branch damage rectified by John Flower.

**Branches in stream in Moor Lane:** Debris removed to Cllr Charlesworth green bag by Clerk.

**Cross Tree Stores:** The Chairman has received, in a personal capacity, an undated letter and one dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008 from Cross Tree Stores in relation to matters as at Minute 3129 (The Village Green) of the meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2007. After discussion, **the meeting resolved to, a) ask the Clerk to clarify ownership – Church or NSC - and emptying responsibilities in relation to the waste bin by the Church. (The Clerk owned not to have known of this bin's existence and suspected the same was true of NSC; he confirmed that he had already reminded NSC to ensure regular emptying of the two bins at the Cross Tree): b) To ask the Chairman, as personal recipient of the letters, to respond as representing the Council since it seems clear that it is to the Council that they were directed by Cross Tree Stores.**

**3148 FINANCE**

**Cheques:** 519 £8.25 – Hall Hire. 520 £72.13 - NSC re election costs.

**Accounts:** Current year accounts circulated prior to the meeting.

**Note:** Election costs of £72.13 and additional Information Sheet costs (due to illness of usual cheap printing source at All Saints) of £30 are additional to estimate provided for 2008-09 budget preparation.

**3149 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Morgan:** Rt Junction sign at Walton Bay, opposite "Highly Sprung" leans into road. **Clerk to report.**

The meeting closed at 20.50



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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL held on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Walton-in-Gordano

**Present:** Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr R Kent, Miss C Morgan, Mrs M Rutley

**In Attendance:** Mr D Hill (Clerk), NSC Cllr Mr N Ashton (Gordano Ward: Leader, NSC)

**3150 APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

**3151 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

**3152 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW:** None

### 3153 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC:

**A North Somerset Crime & Drugs Reduction Partnership Survey:** was completed by each member before the meeting. Clerk to assemble the results and forward them to the Partnership.

**Walton Bay bus stops:** Visibility, condition, and position. Site visit still proposed by NSC.

### 3154 PLANNING

**New Applications:** **08/P/0536/F** – Woodbine Cottage, Walton Bay; conservatory. **08/P/0422/F** – Holme View, Walton Bay; Replacement of existing dwelling. **08/P/0434/F** – The Manor; Heated outdoor covered pool. No objections; Clerk to so inform NSC.

**Awaiting Decisions:** **07/P/3131/F** – School House Parking: Cllr Ashton explained progress to date. This is still under consideration at NSC, with a way-forward being sought that will be positive for the applicant but sensitive to the conservation needs of this area of the village.

**07/P/2535/F** Lorraine Field. Clerk produced correspondence between NSC and the owners agent disputing the existence of long-standing permissions against which this application has been made. A decision will be delayed pending evidence/application revision from the agents.

**07/P/0857/F** Weston Lodge Farm. Cllr Ashton updated the meeting on the continuing consultation re this application and explained the possible benefits of a negotiated solution over a refusal. A refusal will almost certainly be appealed, with a far from clear prospect of the refusal being upheld.

**Decisions Granted:** **7/P/3096/F** – Old Rectory House, annexe. **08/P/0140/WT** – The Manor, felling.

### 3155 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES:

#### **Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):**

**Coast Caravan Pipe Across Cliff Path:** Clerk has inspected after Cllr Morgan's concerns that continuing exposure of this flexible 6" pipe will damage the pipe and, more particularly, over time render that section of the Cliff Path dangerous. Clerk to follow up with NSC.

#### **Drainage (John Inman)**

**Gullies:** Rickyard gully/one opposite Home Farm Cottage on Home Farm side of the B3124.

**Walton Street–Moor Lane Culvert:** Date awaited.

**Coast Road Gullies:** The Clerk inspected these after Cllr Morgan's concerns expressed last month. They are all done up to Signal Station. From Lemada to Barton entrance – not done. Above Woodbine Cottage – not done.

**Water Run-off to road by Brighton Cottages:** Clerk proposed an enlarged gully grill as a solution.

**Highway Flooding by Golf Course:** Highway flooding has been dangerously deep of late. The Golf Club's right to block water flow at this point with corrugated iron is disputed: NSC were going to get it removed but nothing has been done.

**All the above drainage issues were discussed and member's frustrations expressed: Cllr Ashton expressed concern. It was agreed that Cllr Ashton would arrange a village walk with himself, Adam Wood (NSC area engineer), and the Clerk to assess the problems and seek a**

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**timetabled resolution of them, and of other outstanding Streets and Open Spaces issues minuted here.**

**Tree-work (John Flannigan)**

**Willow in Moor Lane:** To be pollarded, probably about August 2008.

**Dully's Wood:** Cllr Kent reported that, whilst the nature of the flailing NSC would expect to carry out on the verge at this point would be possible for most of that verge; there are some 6 stumps directly opposite Taggart that will need reducing to ground level for flailing to be done there. **Clerk to contact NSC about this.**

**Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)**

**B3124 Badger Subsidence:** Site visit report awaited.

**Reflectors at Cross Tree:** two reflectors to be removed from their posts.

**Road Narrows signs, Moor Lane:** Cllr Cannell explained, to Cllr Ashton, the difficulties in getting these stolen signs replaced. **Cllr Ashton undertook to investigate.**

**Right Junction sign at Walton Bay, opposite "Highly Sprung":** leans into road. **Reported.**

**Church Rubbish Bin:** Clerk has asked NSC to confirm ownership & emptying responsibilities.

**Caution sign at Clevedon end of B3124:** Replaced.

**Open Brook Sections/Removal of WB Grit Bin:** Both done.

**Culvert slab below Spring Head:** Done.

**Collapsed Wall opposite Brighton Cottages – Walton Down:** Chairman received an enquiry of concern. **NSC are arranging to clear the site: Clerk to also contact Miles Estate.**

**3156 OTHER MATTERS**

**Dog Bin Provision:** The Chairman has responded to Emma Edwards' two letters to him relating to the provision of dog bins and the public/private status of the "Ash Track" off Moor Lane.

**Moor Lane Fly Tipping:** Natural England cleared this on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> (except builder's rubble).

**Borough Status for NSC:** Cllr Ashton explained the background to the idea. After discussion among members, the anachronism and confusion of having a Mayor of Weston, a NSC Chairman and a NSC Leader was accepted and the chance that a single Mayor as civic head head of North Somerset and in a role that most people understand, may raise the sense of community cohesion within the North Somerset District was appreciated. Council unanimously agreed to support the proposal to move North Somerset Council to Borough status. **Clerk to so inform NSC.**

**3157 FINANCE**

**Cheques:** 521 £11.00 – Hall Hire. 522 £392.50 – Clerk's fee Jan-Mar 08.

**Accounts:** Current year accounts to date were circulated before the meeting.

**Audit:** Roy Betts has kindly agreed to act as external auditor again this year. **Clerk to convey the Council's thanks to Roy for the continuing contribution he makes to the legally required financial rigour that forms part of the annual audit.**

**3158 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Kent:** Expressed concern at the state of the B3124; other members concurred that much of the stretch between Holly Lane (the boundary between Clevedon and Walton-in-Gordano) and Weston-in-Gordano was in a lamentable state. **Cllr Ashton agreed to look at this with the other matters to be considered on the village walk referred to at minute 3155 above.**

**Cllr Rutley:** Cllr Rutley reminded the Clerk of a letter he received from her husband, Gordon Rutley on a point raised at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> (Clerk apologised for not raising it under Other Matters, above). There was felt to be a lack of signage directing people to the hard-to-find St Paul's Church. The Clerk reported that he has initiated enquiries as to permissions, funding, and location of such a sign, or signs and is **waiting to hear back from NSC.**

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm**