



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 14th 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

In Attendance: Mr D Hill (Clerk), NSC Cllr Mr D Shopland (Chairman, NSC), Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

3159 APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Cllr Mr N Ashton (Gordano Ward & Leader of NSC), Cllr Mrs M Rutley

3160 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk

3161 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH BELOW: None

3162 CLLR SHOPLAND was welcomed to the meeting and invited to address members. He thanked them for their on-the-ground work for the community and pointed to the real significance that parish work has in enabling effective functioning of NSC as a whole. As ward councillor for our immediate southerly neighbour, East Clevedon, he exhibited a huge and real fund of local knowledge and history about the people and happenings of this parish. Cllr Shopland was asked for his views on the proposed conversion of NSC to Borough Status. His personal view was that Weston-super-Mare, which already has a mayor, would not want to be subsumed within a larger NSC borough, in which case the existence of two mayors would add to rather than detract from a public confusion professed by supporters of the idea but not witnessed so far by Cllr Shopland; he was also concerned that, above the simple expense of converting, there would be legal requirements that would carry significant expenses of change to systems, publicity, stationary, etc.

3163 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC:

NS Crime & Drugs Reduction Partnership Survey: Completed and returned.

Walton Bay bus stops: Visibility, condition, and position. [Site visit still proposed by NSC.](#)

3164 PLANNING

New Applications: **08/P/0737/T2** – Cross Tree Farm, urgent fell of rotten tree at main gate. Granted under 5 day notice.

08/P/0779/PDA – Church Farm extension to hay barn. Agricultural – for PC information only; no further information available. Cllr Kent runs Church Farm and declared his interest.

The Chairman suspended standing orders and asked Cllr Kent to explain the nature of his application against the lack of information available and his awareness of it being fairly adjacent to the highway in a conservation area. Cllr Kent said that this was the point planners had under consideration in assessing whether the application could go forward as permitted agricultural development, or if it would require a full planning application. The meeting then resumed under standing orders.

Awaiting Decisions: **07/P/3131/F** – School House Parking (to NSC NAC in May) **07/P/2535/F** Lorraine Field (Awaiting information from the applicant. **07/P/0857/F** Weston Lodge Farm (to NSC NAC in May). **08/P/0536/F** – Woodbine Cottage conservatory. **08/P/0422/F** – Holme View, Walton Bay; Rebuild. **08/P/0434/F** – The Manor; Heated outdoor pool.

3165 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES (S&OS):

On Friday 11th April ward councillor and NSC Leader, Nigel Ashton, spent 2 hours walking through the parish studying the problems under this minute with Adam Wood, (area NSC Officer) and the Clerk. Cllr Ashton is keenly aware of the problems and is pressing, not for assurances that things will be done, but for dates by which they will be done.

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Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):

Coast Caravan Pipe across Cliff Path: AL to contact Clerk re proposed remedy.

Drainage (John Inman)

Gullies: Rickyard gully has been cleared.

Gullies & Pipes on both sides of B3124 Plumtree to Home Farm to be jetted. Date awaited

Walton St–Moor Ln Culvert: Cost of re-piping being investigated. Jetting date awaited.

Coast Rd Gullies: From Lemada to bus stop & above Woodbine: jetting date awaited.

Water Run-off to road by Brighton Cottages: Cllr Shopland suggested that an enlarged grill is the safest, simplest solution. NSC are checking to see if the gully is theirs, or the responsibility of the Miles Estate. Needed work must then be done by the responsible party. This is a major, long-running, and dangerous concern and, said Cllr Cannell, needs to be done before the next spell of sub-zero temperatures. AW chasing NSC Drainage Officer John Inman and Ian Esdor, NSC Group Manager, S&OS for solution and performance date.

Highway Flooding by Golf Course: Highway flooding has recently been dangerously deep. The Golf Club's right to block water flow with corrugated iron to be checked by NSC. Meantime, NSC will clear area around the gully to provide overflow drainage to alleviate the dangerous flooding that occurs on this busy highway during heavy rains.

Flooding at Cross Tree: Miles Estate's agent has contacted NSC demanding appropriate maintenance and will seek compensation for damage consequent on NSC's neglect.

Tree-work (John Flannigan)

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

Dully's Wood: Cllr Kent met Cllr Ashton's village walk at Church Farm and discussed Dully's Wood. He reported that, felling would be done on most of the verge, but that opposite Taggart will be done by hand via the work gangs. The exposed stumps on the verge are needed to re-establish sapling growth and stabilise the verge as it slopes steeply to the highway.

Fallen Treelet Opposite Dully's Wood: Clerk made safe. NSC to clear away.

Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)

B3124 condition through parish/Badger subsidence: Wildlife survey must be carried out before further work can be done at that point. Hopes remain "in place" for re-surfacing work during the fiscal year – but the stretch for consideration is Holly Lane to North Weston, so how much will be done in this parish is as yet an open question.

Reflectors at Cross Tree: 2 reflectors to be reversed by Adam Wood.

Rd Narrows signs, Moor Ln: Will be replaced–date awaited (new NSC officer Mark Sellick).

Rt Junction sign, Walton Bay, @ "Highly Sprung": AW to raise order to reinstate.

Church Rubbish Bin: NSC contractors now emptying.

Collapsed Wall opposite Brighton Cottages – Walton Down: Cleared.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: PC/PCC to discuss order, then agree cost responsibilities between the two before deciding to place order with NSC for work to be done. Cross Tree Finger post can be used to point up Walton Street. A new post & sign will be needed opposite the church entrance in Walton Street – budget £300.

NSC Waste Collections: Clevedon Road will operate a Friday calendar; everywhere else in the parish will operate a Tuesday calendar. NSC acknowledge that they were remiss in not - in this parish's case after at least 40 years - flagging up changed collection days to those affected. Cllr Cannell raised concerns about having collections on separate days and the consequent reality of having 'rubbish on the streets' four days a week in the centre of the village – the meeting agreed with him unanimously and asked that he pursue with NSC the possibility of reverting to a single day for both Clevedon Road and the rest of the parish.

Other Items:

Cement on road below Arrodene – AW to arrange removal

Broken surface/exposed cable outside Myrtle Cottage – AW to arrange repairs and notify utility company

Broken Verge Marker Post below Old Rectory Farm – passed to Mark Sellick for replacement

BT Cover in Walton Street by Cross Tree farm Pill box – AW to issue notice to BT

Gas Inspection Cover on B3124 outside Roseway – AW to issue notice to utility.

White Lines in Walton Street outside Cross Tree Stores – AW to discuss with Mark Sellick with a view to reinstatement.

3166 OTHER MATTERS

Calor Village of the Year: 2008 competition information received. Noted. **To be raised at Annual Parish Meeting in May.**

Improving our Communities Together: North Somerset Partnership Annual Event 2008, covering the Sustainable Communities Strategy and NS Local Area Agreement. Noted. Paul Slade will be attending for NSC.

ALCA NS Group: Are seeking nomination of candidates to serve on the executive. Noted.

Cllr Shopland had to leave the meeting at this point. Cllr Cannell thanked him for attending and for contributing to the meeting.

3167 FINANCE

Cheques: Re 2007-08 accounts - 523 £135.75 to M Hollingsworth re 12 x Information Sheets. 524 £5.24 to EFD re street light.

Re 2008-09 accounts - 525 £9.50 to WaIG Village Hall re Hall Hire. 526 £59.38 ALCA re subscription. 527 £279.56 Allianz re insurance.

Accounts: Complete accounts 2007-2008 + Opening account for 2008-2009 circulated. Actual expenditure for 2007-08 was £2930.63 against a budget of £2,995.00. Clerk asked to ensure that Information Sheet invoices are presented quarterly for better control (this year there was a single invoice). The meeting registered its thanks to Michael Hollingsworth for his work on the Information Sheet and **asked the Clerk to write to him to express that thanks.**

Audit: Clerk wrote to convey the Council's thanks to internal auditor per minute 3157.

3168 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Charlesworth: Road Gravel - A complaint was received about the danger of gravel on road by the open section of brook in Moor Lane after the floods. The gravel is no longer there and was presumed to have been cleared by a neighbour.

Cllr Morgan: Cliff Path - There is some 4' of footpath erosion on the Cliff Path below Two Acres Mobile Home site – after the new - 2nd – bridge. Clerk to visit and report to Adrian Leonard and AW.

Cllr Kent: **1. Moor Lane Verge** - A few feet of verge has gone from the open section of the brook in Moor Lane and may lead to the road breaking away into the brook. The whole verge at this point is simply a pile of earth sitting on the side of the road. **Clerk to report to AW at NSC and seek an opinion.**

2. Harley Hill Sign – this has now disappeared. **Clerk to report.**

Cllr Cannell: Potholes – the B3124 between Holly Lane and the village continues to be bad; specifically, on this occasion, outside Manor Cottages and by the 2nd park gate (on the right going towards Clevedon). **Clerk to report.**

The meeting closed at 9pm



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Minutes of the ANNAUL GENERAL MEETING of Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 12th May 2008 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Mrs M Rutley, Miss F Morgan (arrived 7.40)

In Attendance: Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison), Mr D Hill (Clerk) Cllr Mr N Ashton (NSC) (arrived 7.30).

3169 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mr R Kent.

3170 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 Cannell, and unanimously re-elected Vice-Chair – Cllr Charlesworth.

3171 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

Cllrs Charlesworth and Kent (by proxy) agreed to represent the Council of the Village Hall Committee: Cllrs Rutley (St Paul's Church) and Morgan (Co-opted) are already on it. Representation on the Parochial Parish Council was discussed but no appointment was made. Any other outside representation will be on an ad-hoc basis.

3172 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC:

Police: As well as co-ordinator, Susan Robinson, PCSO Penelope Gatenby has introduced herself in the parish. Speed checks have been done on the B3124 during month.

Walton Bay bus stops: Visibility, condition, and position. Now bus operators & timetables settled, **Clerk to chase.**

3173 PLANNING

New: **08/P/0907/F;** 1 Brighton Cottages, rear extension. Objections as original application. **Clerk to so report to NSC.**

Awaiting Decisions: **07/P/3131/F** – School House Parking (NAC, May) **07/P/2535/F** Lorraine Field (waiting on applicant). **07/P/0857/F** Weston Lodge Farm (NAC, May).

08/P/0779/PDA – Church Farm barn extension.

Granted: **08/P/0536/F** Woodbine conservatory. **08/P/0434/F** Manor pool. **08/P/0422/F** Holmeview rebuild.

3174 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES (S&OS):

Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):

Coast Caravan Park Pipe across Cliff Path: **AL to contact Clerk.**

Cliff Path - Some 4' of erosion on the Cliff Path below Two Acres – after new 2007 bridge. Clerk walked path but did not go far enough. **Clerk to find fault and report to NSC.**

Drainage (John Inman)

Gullies & Pipes on both sides of B3124 Plumtree to Home Farm. **Date awaited**

Coast Rd Gullies: Lemada to bus stop & above Woodbine: **jetting date awaited.**

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Water Run-off at Brighton Cottages: NSC are checking ownership of gully. Work must be done by owner. **JI/Ian Esdor, for solution and work date.**

Highway Flooding by Golf Course: Golf Club right to block water flow with corrugated iron to be checked by NSC. Meantime, **NSC will clear area around the gully to provide overflow drainage.**

Tree-work (John Flannigan)

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

Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)

B3124 condition/Badger subsidence: Wildlife survey to be done. News on re-surfacing awaited.

B4124 Potholes – filled last week – Holy Lane to N Weston. 2 tons of tarmac used!

Reflectors at Cross Tree: Done by Adam Wood.

Moor Lane Rd Narrows signs: Order in for replacements.

Moor Lane Verge - Verge gone from the open section of the brook - whole verge simply a pile of earth sitting on the roadside. AW investigating.

Moor Lane Harley Hill Sign – Order in for replacement.

Walton St Broken Verge Marker below Old Rectory Farm – to be replaced.

Rt Junction sign, Walton Bay, "Highly Sprung": Order in to re-instate.

Cement on road below Arrodene – AW to arrange removal.

Broken surface outside Myrtle Cottage – Repair done.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: PC/PCC to discuss/agree cost responsibilities, before order passed to NSC for work to be done - budget £300. To be raised at APM following this meeting.

White Lines at Cross Tree – NSC to review.

NSC Waste Collections: Cllr Cannell pursuing reversion to single collection day.

Utility Cover BT by Cross Tree Farm Pill box – Notice issued.

Utility Cover Gas outside Roseway – Notice issued.

Utility Exposed cable outside Myrtle Cottage – Correct utility being sought.

3175 OTHER MATTERS

Flooding: an e-mail outlining a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment being undertaken by a firm called Royal Haskoning of Exeter, apparently on behalf of NSC, called for detailed local information of flood risks in the parish. The e-mail was introduced and circulated to members and it was agreed that its subject be put on the agenda of the June meeting for more detailed consideration.

3176 FINANCE

Cheques: 528 to WaIG Village Hall re Hall Hire - £15.50 (includes APM time).

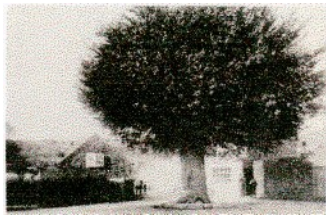
Accounts: Accounts were circulated prior to the meeting.

Audit: paperwork has gone to Roy Betts, internal auditor and it is planned to sign it off from the council at the June meeting prior to dispatching to the external auditors, Maazars. The due statutory notices relating to this first part of the audit process will be posted to noticeboards on May 13th.

3177 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Morgan - Cliff Path: The cutting time is supposed to be March/April. It has not been done. It now cannot be done because of nesting. Why was it not done at the proper time and when will it be done? **Clerk to seek answers from NSC.**

Meeting closed at 7.55pm



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

In Attendance: Mr D Hill (Clerk) Cllr Mr N Ashton (NSC)

3185 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs M Rutley

3186 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed by meeting and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

3187 MATTERS ARISING: None

3188 APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF AUDIT PAPERS: Post Internal Audit, the Annual Return and Bank Reconciliation had to be signed off, once approved, by The Chairman and The Clerk. The Annual Return was signed, but a wrong year heading was picked up on the Bank Reconciliation by The Chairman. It was agreed that The Clerk will correct this, and circulate the paperwork to members for approval. The Chairman and The Clerk will then sign the Bank Reconciliation outside the meeting.

3189 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

Walton Bay bus stops: Clerk & Cllr Morgan to meet NSC's Paul Connolly on-site on 24th June at 4pm.

3190 PLANNING

New: 08/P/1087/O – Lorreto; outline PP to re-build on same footprint: no problem subject to plans and 2nd story treatment. Clerk to so inform NSC.

Decisions Awaited: 07/P/2535/F Lorraine Field **08/P/0907/F** 1 Brighton Cots extension.

Subsequent to visits by the Clerk and Cllr Kent, this application was discussed again. It is to be referred to the NSC North Area Committee meeting in July. There are four issues running through this application that are in common with the original application: **1 & 2 RIGHT OF LIGHT & THE 50% RULE:** These are matters of fact. This application addresses RIGHT OF LIGHT by adjusting the roof-line of the proposed addition.

Modifications to existing structures will be made to keep within the 50% rule. **3 DRAINAGE:** Cllr Cannell clarified his original concerns about drainage as relating to roof-waste-water drainage from the long roof-line running against the land of Number 2 Brighton Cottages, and - in this new application - the roof run-off of water from the revised rear slope of roof towards Number 2 re right of light. Cllr Ashton suggested that this type of issue is deemed a private one in the context of planning, therefore to be resolved either by ensuring that roof drainage is contained within the subject property, or by the applicant coming to some accommodation with the owners of Number 2 Brighton Cottages.

4 VISUAL IMPACT: This revolves around Green Belt Policy. The proposal will only be visible by people using the public footpath that runs to the Cliff Path behind the applicant's property, Notwithstanding that the visual impact, from that point, may not be considered offensive, there are rules about these things in the context of the GREEN BELT that apply whether a development can be seen or not. Having regard to the simplicity of the original cottages. these rules may operate against the proposal. **Clerk to convey the essence of this discussion to the applicant.**

Granted: 07/P/3131/F – Sch Ho **07/P/0857/F** Weston Ldge Frm **08/P/0779/PDA** Church Frm

Queried: Hackwood House: Work that may need planning permission, including a double garage, may have been undertaken. **Cllr Ashton will get NSC planning to visit to check legal position.**

3191 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES (AW was ill, so no update available to report to meeting)

Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):

Coast Caravan Park Pipe across Cliff Path: AL to contact Clerk.

Cliff Path - 4' of erosion on Cliff Path below Two Acres, after 2007 bridge. **Clerk reported to NSC.**

Cliff Path: Cutting has been done. Cllr Morgan will monitor timings of cut.

Drainage (John Inman)

Gullies & Pipes on both sides of B3124 Plumtree to Home Farm. Work done, but still not clear. **Clerk to pursue.**

Coast Rd Gullies: Lemada to bus stop & above Woodbine: **jetting date awaited.**

Walton St-Moor Ln Culvert: Cost of re-piping £150k. Cllr Cannell made a strong representation for

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action re jetting. There was an accepted delay re the December 2nd road closure, then the NSC error in equipment ordering. It is now a year since this item appeared on the minutes. Cllr Ashton noted this with concern and re-stated that his energies were being directed towards a solution. To this end, a further site-meeting is planned. Jetting will require a road closure - **jetting date awaited**.

Water Run-off at Brighton Cottages: NSC checking gully ownership. Work must be done by owner. **JI/Ian Esdor, for solution and work date.**

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Tree-work (John Flannigan)

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

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B3124 condition/Badger subsidence: Wildlife survey to be done. News on re-surfacing awaited. This problem is SERIOUSLY DANGEROUS – **Clerk to seek police view and share with NSC.**

Moor Lane Rd Narrows signs: Order in for replacements.

Moor Lane Verge - Verge gone from the open section of the brook. AW investigating.

Harley Hill Sign – Replacement due. **Clerk to see if Charlie Dunn will allow fixture to fence.**

Utility Exposed cable outside Myrtle Cottage – Correct utility being sought

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Road Signs to St Paul's Church: **Clerk to write to Bryan Tucker.**

White Lines at Cross Tree – NSC to review. **To be a topic of the planned site meeting.**

Utility Cover BT by Cross Tree Farm Pill box – Notice issued.

Utility Cover Gas outside Roseway – Notice issued.

Flooding: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment being undertaken by Royal Haskoning for NSC, via Environment Agency. **Clerk to respond that, whilst not being in a designated flood area, the village does experience flooding during storm episodes due to highway water run-off – an issue which is under scrutiny by NSC.**

3192 OTHER MATTERS

Election of PC member to Standards Committee: Noted, but no nominations.

NS Parish Wildlife Wardens: **Clerk to pass information to WI (M Blake)/Gardening Club (Cllr Rutley)**

Telephone Boxes: Walton Street box to be removed by BT. Sentimentally, members were sad, practically there was only one known customer, realistically, the BT decision has to be accepted.

3193 FINANCE

Cheques: 529 to Clerk's Fee April-June £407.50. 530 to WaIG Village Hall re Hall Hire £9.00

Accounts: Accounts circulated before the meeting.

Insurance: CIS can now offer insurance in competition to Allianz. **Clerk to follow-up.**

3194 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Kent: The traffic calming effect of the recent scaffolding round Cross Tree Cottage was significant. The issue of traffic calming on the section of Walton Street from Cross Tree to Church Farm, where traffic tends to speed up aggressively needs addressing.

Cllr Charlesworth: A huge pothole appeared in the Holly Lane area recently. It was repaired the next day. NSC are to be commended for their efficiency over this.

Cllr Morgan: People at Walton Bay continue to feel the speed limit should be 30mph. Cllr Ashton reminded members of his belief that all village settings should have a 30mph limit. He will talk again to NSC Highways, notwithstanding the ongoing review of all roads that will not consider Walton Bay until around 2010. **Clerk to write to police to keep this worry surfaced.**

Cllr Cannell: Read copy of letter from Emma Edwards of Cross Tree Cottage to NSC Streets and Open Spaces proposing speed bumps and pedestrian priority in Walton Street. Clerk to e-mail copies to Cllr Ashton & Adam Wood so that they can follow up. Cllr Kent suggested bollards, or some such object of physical prevention. **Cllr Ashton asked Clerk to include this matter with the other Walton Street topics to be reviewed at the site meeting.**

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3195 APOLOGIES: Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)
3196 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed by meeting and signed by Chairman and Clerk.
3197 MATTERS ARISING: None

3198 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Walton Street/Moor Lane flooding, traffic, and pedestrian issues: A report and action plan on these problems is attached as part of these minutes. It was agreed that the report accurately addressed the problems and discussion took place both as explanation to members, and to provide "local knowledge" input to NSC. It was noted that work at Rivendell in Moor Lane was done some 6 years ago, but that point was still a potential bottleneck as flow problems are addressed upstream; NSC will also liaise with the Internal Drainage Board to ensure free flow out of the village to the moors. Photo evidence indicates that the golf course ponds used to be balancing ponds that soaked up water in normal times and stored it during heavy rains: they now appear to be lined to retain water, which means that water which once soaked away now has nowhere to go but the brook. Due to the high lime content of water debris quickly gets calcified and creates blockages - annual jetting will always be a must for the covered section of brook from Church Farm to Crosstree and at Rivendell. **Walton Street will be closed to traffic for a week from Wednesday October 1st to allow jetting, gully emptying and a camera survey.** This work will result in a further report against which the actions proposed for the April 2009 financial year will be modified as needed - including the re-piping of the Church Farm to Crosstree section if needed. Before October 1st an action plan will be supplied; Clerk to be available as needed during the works.

Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):

Cliff Path: This is being surveyed through our parish so the needed remedial work can be undertaken in the autumn- this will include assessments in the areas of the two new bridges and of badger problems. **Clerk to follow up in October.**

Drainage (John Inman)

Gullies & Pipes, both sides of B3124 Plumtree to Home Farm. BT damage has caused this system not to work: it is to be repaired during the Weston-in-Gordano re-surfacing road closure in September.

Coast Rd Gullies: Lemada to bus stop & above Woodbine - local knowledge suggests these gullies to be not-fit-for-purpose. IE noted this and will develop solutions in the context of the flooding impact on the Walton Bay House and Two Acres sites due to pressure on the working gullies at their junction with Down Road.

Tree-work (John Flannigan)

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

Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)

B3124 Badger subsidence: Wildlife survey underway. Clerk wrote to seek police view.

Moor Lane Rd Narrows signs: Replaced.

Harley Hill Sign – Replacement to fix to Charlie Dunn's fence subject to **AW site meeting - Clerk to arrange.**

Rt Junction sign, Walton Bay, "Highly Sprung": Done.

Cement on road below Arodene – Done.

Utility Cover Gas outside Roseway – Notice issued - and follow-up notice.

Utility Exposed cable outside Myrtle Cottage – No utility claims this - but is not unsafe.

Utility Cover BT by Cross Tree Farm Pill Box - Done 23rd June.

Flooding Survey: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. Clerk responded per minute 3191.

The Chairman thanked Mr Edser and Mr Banbury for their valuable contribution to the meeting and they left at 8.30 pm.

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3199 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

Walton Bay bus stops: Cllr Morgan & Clerk met NSC's Paul Connolly on-site - Coast-side stop to be moved to Clevedon end of pavement to ensure visibility: Land-side stop to be moved to point below Severnleigh. Clerk and Cllr Morgan to be alerted by PC in August and will mark out - under this council's authority - site for a digger to clear. Eventually the new type of raised pavement will be put in there. Severnleigh occupants were not keen on the stop being exactly opposite them, where there is a bit of unofficial lay-by. Mrs Allsopp of Lorraine Field contacted Cllr Rutley and Clerk re the size and overgrown nature of existing land-side stop and was pleased that it is to be moved and enlarged.

Speed on the Coast Road: Severnleigh residents discussed problems/corresponded with Cllr Morgan and Clerk. In accordance with June minute 3194, clerk wrote to police to seek their view and keep the issue alive.

3200 PLANNING

Granted: 07/P/2535/F Lorraine Field. 1961 permissions found as evidence of right to proceed without this application. Access to existing 3 properties is a civil matter between the parties but may become an issue that WaIG PC/NSC become involved with via petition. **08/P/0907/F** Brighton Cottages.

Refused: 08/P/1087/O Lorreto - there may have been - but is not now, an existing dwelling on the site.

Queried: Hackswood House: Feedback from NSC awaited.

3201 OTHER MATTERS

Noise and the 2012 Olympics: Noted. Cllr Morgan may contact Bryan Tucker re a ringing of the church bell if she identifies support.

Zero Waste Week: The NSC waste team are running a Zero Waste Challenge Week - Sep 29 to Oct 5, in partnership with BANES, Bristol and South Glos (The West of England Sub-Region). The aim, encourage residents to throw away as little as possible, and to record their progress. BANES have run this successfully for 2 yrs. The initiative was noted. Cllr Ashton explained the VERY serious financial consequences of NSC not meeting its recycling targets. It is arguably preferable to spend money on promoting recycling rather than on the huge fine that would follow non-performance to target. Individual authorities will be hard-put to provide solutions on their own, so a West-of-England solution is being worked on.

NSC Sustainable Communities Strategy 2008-2026: Cllr Ashton explained the background to the wealth of service-provider initiatives being developed in North Somerset by local government/police/health/voluntary/community and other agencies. This strategy is an attempt to co-ordinate these initiatives into a realistic and achievable long term strategy to 2026. A copy of the strategy circulating among councillors.

3202 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Charlesworth: The Moor Lane open brook section is very overgrown. Clerk said that this was inspected during the Malpas walk about and it was noted that water flow was not impeded. There is a potential traffic danger arising from the brook being "hidden" from motorists. The verges in Moor Lane are usually cut in August/September.

Cllr Rutley: On a self-help basis, notices re Walton St closure in October could be prepared for the outside Hall notice board using the fete signboard as a backing. **Clerk to follow-up idea and seek NSC support there is no budget provision.**

3203 FINANCE

Accounts: Circulated.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: Clerk wrote to Bryan Tucker, awaiting response.

Insurance: Liz Kaye of CIS (0161 903 4956) will send a proposal form to quote in Feb 09.

Audit: Paperwork completed and despatched.

Cheques: 531 to WaIG Village Hall re Hall Hire £13.00: 532 WaIG Village Hall re Fete, £650.00: 533 EFD Energy re Street Light, £5.57: 534 CPRE re subscription, £28.00.

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST AND THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL THEREFORE BE ON SEPTEMBER 8TH 2008

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm



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Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 8th September 2008 at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Mr D Hill (Clerk), Cllr Mr N Ashton (NSC). Three parishioners were present at the meeting.

3204 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs M Rutley, Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

3205 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed by meeting and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

3206 MATTERS ARISING: None

3207 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

Walton Bay bus stops: Cllr Morgan & Clerk to prepare new site & monitor work on both stops.

Police: No response received to a recent letter re badgers on the B3124. Clerk to double check contact procedures.

3208 PLANNING

Queried: Hackswood House: Feedback from NSC awaited.

Severn Leigh: Complaint to NSC re Barton mobile home levels - Passed to NSC's Chris Nolan and planning enforcement by Cllr Ashton, who has looked at the problem on site.

3209 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Walton Street/Moor Lane flooding: road closure for a week from October 1st to allow jetting, gully emptying and a camera survey. Clerk to be available as needed during the works. Review of the effects of the golf course ponds on drainage problems to be undertaken by Golf Club/Miles Estate/NSC as part of solution profile which may end up as a two year programme of works if the camera survey indicates such to be needed and capable of financing.

Rivendell: Query made direct to NSC re drainage plan, officers have responded direct by visit.

Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):

Cliff Path: Clerk to follow up post survey action in October.

Drainage (John Inman)

Gullies & Pipes, both sides of B3124 Plumtree to Home Farm. To be repaired during road closure in September.

Coast Rd Gullies: IE to develop solutions to minimise flooding impact on the Walton Bay House and Two Acres sites due to pressure on the working gullies at their junction with Down Road. Clerk to keep a watch on progress post October.

Tree-work (John Flannigan)

Willow in Moor Lane: Now two trees involved - to be pollarded in October around road closures.

Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)

B3124 Badger subsidence: This section of road will apparently be fixed 'pro-tem' during the present resurfacing work. A more permanent engineering solution has to be developed as a separate exercise. No firm plan has yet been drawn up. Cllr Ashton undertook to clarify the situation.

Harley Hill Sign – Replacement done to new posts.

Gas Cover outside Roseway – Notices ignored. NSC will repair during road closure and re-charge utility company.

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3210 OTHER MATTERS

NSC Parish Structure Review: NSC are undertaking a legally required consultation re parish boundaries and their logic from administrative and community cohesion viewpoints. Meeting consensus was that in the context of this review, nothing needs changing for Walton. Squires Cottage, Blackstrip Cottage and the Keepers Cottage are in Weston - north of the boundary footpath from the Cliff Path to Clapton Wick. It could be argued that given there is no road link between Farley and Weston except via Portishead or Walton, the area should be in either Portishead or Walton. Peter Jupp, of Squires Cottage, told Cllr Cannell that if a change were made, being part of Walton would be the only happy option. Given the long term possibility of the area going the way of Redcliffe Bay, it would seem to be a discussion for a future review rather than for this one. Norton's Wood perhaps more naturally links to Swiss Valley than to Walton. From a community point of view there are few energetically pursued links between Walton and Weston, so, although there may seem to be some administrative logic to joining up parishes within the Gordano Ward there is probably no clear community reason for doing so. **Clerk to relay this minute to Mike Jones at NSC.**

Fete Committee: Letter of thanks for donation received via Michael Hollingsworth. An £1800 surplus was achieved.

NS Crime and Drugs Reduction Partnership Plan "Making Communities Safer and Stronger": copies circulated.

NS Travel Map: A comprehensive, free information aid for public transport users. Stocks held in Cross Tree Stores. A copy could be circulated with each information sheet if stock is available and Information Sheet distributors are willing to do it (Cllr Morgan is for Walton Bay). **Clerk to try to obtain 100 copies.**

3211 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Kent: 1. Contacted Internal Drainage Board last week re flooding in his fields/sluiice gate operations - a situation he has not experience before, and one that points up the degree to which water levels across the moors (and possible back-up into communities?) are controlled by sluices. 2. Resurfacing on the B3124 seems to be including additional gullies for better surface drainage - Cllr Cannell asked if the roadside ditches were kept clear, as they used to be some years ago. Cllr Kent said they were not, but drainage across his fields did not cause problems.

Cllr Morgan: 1. Hedges on Down Road are overgrown. Cllr Cannell said these are property owners responsibility and Cllr Kent said that if David Down, of Weston Lodge Farm, was involved in a biodiversity scheme, hedges would only be cut in accordance with the scheme. Cllr Ashton said that if highway safety was compromised, owners would be asked to cut back; if they did not, NSC would do the work and charge it back to the owners. 2. Due to redevelopment work at Walton Bay House there are a lot of bonfires there at the moment; this prompted Cllr Morgan to ask what the present regulations were about bonfires. **Clerk to find out.** Charles Birch, the new owner of Walton Bay House has made himself known to Cllr Morgan and seems amenable to the idea of community involvement if he or his site can help. The majority of parishioners live at Walton Bay and there are no community facilities up there. Cllr Morgan will let the Council know if things develop.

Cllr Charlesworth: 1. Rubbish has appeared on Moor Lane verges again. Fly Tipping (as opposed to general litter) should be reported to Adam Wood at NSC who will arrange for the contractors to remove it. Cllr Ashton pointed out that, if possible, the contractors will go through the rubbish with a view to accumulating information for a prosecution; he confirmed to Cllr Cannell that data about prosecutions is being developed. 2. There is a branch in the rhyne near the bridge. Cllr Kent has seen this and said the managing agency - Natural England - will clear this as part of its routine monitoring of the area.

Cllr Cannell: 1. Scamwise is a scheme for putting notices - that have the force of law - on front doors saying that the owners will not accept unwanted trade callers. The scheme was featured in North Somerset Life and Cllr Cannell tried, unsuccessfully, to follow the internet link. Cllr Ashton said he was seeing the Editor of North Somerset Life on Tuesday 9th September and would query the accuracy/clarity of the information given. 2. Cllr Cannell thanked Cllr Ashton for all his recent work in getting things done in the Parish and for his unstinting support towards an easement of the flooding problems.

3212 FINANCE

Accounts: Circulated prior to meeting.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: Clerk wrote to Bryan Tucker, awaiting response, but Bryan has been unwell. **Clerk to pursue.**

Audit 2007-08: Signed off by Mazars as presented.

Cheques: 535 to WalG Village Hall re Hall Hire £6.50. 536 to Clerk re Fee July/August/September £407.50. 537 to Mazars re audit £58.75.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm



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

In Attendance: , Cllr Mr N Ashton (NSC). Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison). Mr D Hill (Clerk)

3213 APOLOGIES: none

3214 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed by meeting and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

3215 MATTERS ARISING: None

3126 WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

By law the Council has to adopt a Publication Scheme. Its purpose is to indicate what basic information developed by and available from the Council can be accessed by members of the public and how such access can be achieved. Paperwork for the scheme was presented by the Clerk, was adopted by the Council under this Minute 3216 and will be kept with the Council's Governance paperwork. [Notice of the scheme to go to the November 2008 Information Sheet.](#)

3127 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

Walton Bay bus stops: Utility searches awaiting completion.

NS Travel Map: 100 delivered to households.

Police: Clerk wrote to Sergeant Terry Scoble. E-mail response to recent letter sent 27th June but must have been lost in BT spam file. Contacts, via Portishead Police Station, Station Road, Portishead BS20 7BZ (Tel: 0845 456 7000), form the Gordano policing group and are: Key Contact - Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) 7278 Penelope (Pen) Gatenby, PCSO 7919 Charlotte Slocombe, PC 1758 Mark Cornish, and PC 706 Sue Davey. Pen, and Mark Cornish visited the Clerk at the Village Hall on Thursday September 17th. PCSO's do not work on Mondays due to unsocial hours demanded of the job during weekends. It was agreed that communications, as needed will default to e-mail (although Pen is often around the village) and via my monthly Clerk's report, will get to PC minutes to be followed up as appropriate. They are sensitive to traffic volume and speed concerns and try to do a monthly speed check (subject to not being called off to an emergency). With a similar operation going on in WeIG, the B3124 may (?) become known as a route to be treated with speed respect. Pen can be contacted via penelope.gatenby@avonandsomerset.police.uk. Fuller information on Parish/Gordano/Force matters at avonandsomerset.police.uk.

3128 PLANNING

New: 08/P/2060/WT - Home Farm Cottage Walnut Tree; heavy pollarding. No objections.

Queried: Hackswood House: Officers have visited re Garage - it needs planning consents. Progressing.

Barton mobile home levels: Agreed by NSC's as some 18" too high. Under review by NSC Enforcement.

Windy Ridge, Walton Bay: 06/P/3052/F: Clerk noted granted extension is being built some 5' above the existing roof line - to which it is supposed to adhere. NSC Planning Enforcement (Tony Parker) are investigating.

3129 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

B3124: NSC Engineer Dave Malpas has explained - prompted by public enquiry - that a section of road around the the badger set will be dressed for now and dealt with during further re-surfacing work during 2009.

The Brook: The complete watercourse, from Brighton Cottages to Drovers Brook, has been investigated, and cleared and repaired where possible: a report and proposals for further works is awaited. Further works will include revising the gully at Brighton Cottages to prevent the footpath spring flowing onto highway and re-working the "French drain" (a soak-away plus pipe) that should take water from Walton Down under the Coast Road to the Golf Course/street gully system. The suspected spring at Arodene was a broken pipe taking spring-water from the public footpath to the gully system; it has been repaired. The Somerset slabs below Springhead are flowing freely, but not through pipework (pipework may be a recommendation coming out of the report); there are ½ pipes under the slabs below Sunnybank. The stretch from Church Farm to Home Farm Cottage was cleared by one large and one very large machine and, as with the open sections, a lot of garbage was removed. There is a blockage outside the Old School (marked in yellow) that will have to be dug out (another 2 day road closure that can hopefully be planned into the expected further works unless it will evidently cause problems before then). There is also a foul sewer pipe exposed under the bridge at the corner of Moor Lane where the brook breaks out into fields. This pipe caused back up of debris and was broken (and repaired) during clearance of that debris. The siting of this pipe poses 2 problems; i) it is a foul pipe running across a watercourse and ii)

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it needs re-siting to ensure it does not impede the flow in the brook but still maintains the needed fall to get it to its septic tank. These problems are on estate land and their responsibility; they will need resolving by negotiation between Miles Estate and NSC. The meeting unanimously endorsed the Chairman's thanks to Cllr Ashton for all the effort he has personally put in to get this work effectively done.

Public Footpaths (Adrian Leonard):

Cliff Path: Clerk to follow up post survey action in October.

Drainage (John Inman)

Gullies & Pipes, both sides of B3124 Broken Pipe at Plumtree - DONE

3 Gullies above Walton Bay House: These need very regular attention. Clerk to follow up via Dave Malpas.

Tree-work (John Flannigan)

Willows in Moor Lane: Done.

Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)

Gas Cover outside Roseway – Done

Walton Street: Traffic calming/pedestrian provision. Cllr Ashton sees this as integral to the planned engineering works re drainage but suggested Clerk contact Frank Cox, NSC Head of Highways New Works to liaise.

3130 OTHER MATTERS

NSC Parish Structure Review: Draft Minute 2310 submitted via NSC consultation website.

Bonfire Regulations: <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Environment/Environmental+Protection/Bonfires/default.htm> We ensure bonfires do not become a nuisance in the community. We can issue anyone who continually has nuisance smoky bonfires with an abatement notice so they cannot light them in future. If these notices are ignored we may decide to prosecute, in which case a magistrates' court has the power to fine up to £5000. There are alternatives to burning waste in your garden and we advise you dispose of it, free of charge, at one of our three recycling centres. For further information contact the Environmental Protection team on 01275 884 882.

Scamwise: Cllr Ashton was assured that access information in North Somerset Life was correct. Clerk found it worked but it would have been easier if the phrase "then press Download" had been added. As so often when giving access information to very specific topics, one was left adrift on a general site with no obvious route to follow.

Deer Culling: Steve Russell raised this again. Andrew Weygood has done a lot of culling this year and liver fluke has kept numbers in the floor of the valley lower than usual. He has had complaints from as far off as Edward Road but is hampered in that, as much as he controls numbers on the Miles Estate, animals are coming onto the Estate from surrounding land where no controls are in place - e.g. that managed by Avon Wildlife.

Community Action: Cllr Morgan and Clerk to meet Jacqui Ward to "see what happens".

3131 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Morgan:

1. Bus Stops currently hidden by hedgerows. When moved they will need to be kept clear.
2. The 1st Cliff Path bridge past Walton Bay House has broken slats which the current survey should pick up.
3. Cyclists on Cliff Path - some, notwithstanding the illegality of their action in cycling on the Cliff Path, travel far too fast, are a risk to pedestrian safety, and tend to be astonishingly arrogant when challenged. The problem is that this activity is not capable of effective policing.
4. Public Footpath through Walton Bay House. A new footpath notice has appeared at the Coast Road end but there are no indications (e.g. yellow triangles) as to its passage down to the gate. Cllr Morgan undertook to ensure that the new owners of Walton Bay House are aware of this footpath. Clerk to contact Adrian Leonard re points 2-4.

Cllr Cannell:

1. The ash tree opposite Becksides is concerning as it gets more enmeshed with the overhead cables. Adam Wood has already reported this concern to Western Power, who are responsible for pruning. Clerk to ask AW to chase.
2. Pothole - large one - on Portishead end of B3124 by 30 mph sign. Clerk to alert AW.

3132 FINANCE

Accounts: Circulated before the meeting.

Precept: NSC paid the £1280 2nd half precept into the bank account via BACS.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: Their response has not clarified what they want. Clerk to follow up.

Cheques: 538 to WalG Village Hall re Hall Hire £6.50. 539 to EDF Energy re street light £5.57. 540 to M Hollingsworth re Information Sheet April-Sept 2008 £61.35.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm



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Present: Cllrs Mr B Cannell (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Miss F Morgan, Mrs M Rutley.

In Attendance: , Cllr Mr N Ashton (NSC). Mr D Hill (Clerk) **Public:** Mr K Edwards

3133 APOLOGIES: none

3134 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed by meeting and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

3135 MATTERS ARISING: None

3136 Declarations of Interest: Re minute 3139 Moor Lane Ash - Cllrs Cannell & Charlesworth

3137 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

Walton Bay bus stops: In place.

Police: WaLG has a new PCSO - Julie Lewis PCs Cornish and Davey continue as Gordano beat managers.

3138 PLANNING

Granted: 08/P/2060/WT - Home Farm Cottage Walnut Tree pollarding.

Queried: Hackwood House: Garage - no planning permission needed. Barton mobile home levels: Base sights 18" too high. Under review by NSC Enforcement. Windy Ridge, Walton Bay: 06/P/3052/F: Roof line. NSC investigating.

3139 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Cliff Path (Adrian Leonard):

1. Broken bridge slats to be repaired. Overgrowth being pruned (on sea-side to improve views). 4 new structures to be erected and path bed re-worked as needed (including around badger set) to improve footing. IF budget is available, slope to the golf course by Ladye Bay may be improved (originally steps). To be complete by mid-Dec.
2. Cyclists on Cliff Path - Problem reported.
3. Public Footpath through Walton Bay House. New owners are aware of the need for public access

Drainage (John Inman)

Walton St: Report due. Re traffic calming/pedestrians **Clerk to contact Frank Cox Hd Highways New Works.**

Moor Lane Brook: Internal Drainage Board have done annual clearance behind houses and also beyond, to optimise flows in relation to the work done further up the brook by NSC during October.

Gullies above Walton Bay House: Were done during road closure.

Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)

Moor Ln Ash Tree: A consumer matter. Western Power has agreed to cut cable paths through the tree.

Pothole: - B3124 by 30 mph sign - repaired.

3140 OTHER MATTERS

Publication Scheme: Notice to be placed in December 2008 Information Sheet.

Community Action: No from Jacqui Ward; Clerk to point Cllr Morgan to relevant NSC web information.

3141 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

No specific reports but ongoing observation of potholes, notwithstanding NSC addressing these on-going.

The Chairman closed the meeting to discuss, in the context of the recent heavy rains, what problems they were posing. Kevin Edwards said water flowed down the road and he had to clear the gully heads of leaves but all was well - just. However, he raised again the problem of weight limits on Walton Street, where HUGE vehicles - earth clearance and mobile home moving - were trying to negotiate Walton Street in the face of two way traffic flows, without radio controlled traffic information that used to happen. Cllr Ashton noted for enquiry. Meeting re-opened.

3142 FINANCE

Accounts: Circulated prior to meeting.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: PCC discussing at their meeting during week of Nov 10th.

Cheques: 541 to WaLG Village Hall re Hall Hire £6.50

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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no meeting in December

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

In Attendance: Mr D Hill (Clerk)

3143 APOLOGIES: Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison) Cllr N Ashton (NSC Gordano Ward)

3144 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (NOVEMBER): Agreed by meeting and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

3145 MATTERS ARISING: None

3146 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: re the St Paul's Church discussion under minute 3152 : Cllr Rutley: Cllr Rutley's husband wrote the initial letter to this Council about road signs - they were both on the PCC at that time but are not now; however Cllr Rutley still represents St Paul's Church on the Village Hall Committee. **Cllr Morgan** is a co-opted member of the Village Hall Committee. **Cllrs Charlesworth and Kent** represent this Council on the Village Hall Committee.

3147 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

Police: Not strictly in WalG but in East Clevedon; Cllr Kent reported a robbery from Charlie Dunn's farm buildings on the border of Moor Lane(WalG)/Harley Hill (EC). Thieves went to considerable lengths - multiple gate breakages using bolt cutters - to secure an MF135 bale fork (now difficult to replace). This - highlights how vigilant we must always be to rural crime. The case is being actively pursued by the police.

3148 PLANNING

Awaiting Decision: 08/P/2443/F WalG Village Hall - Replacement windows & new entrance. Revised (more detailed) drawings presented.

Queried: Barton home levels - not to be enforced: Windy Ridge roof levels: NSC Enforcement investigating.

Appeal: APP/DO121/A/08/2090624/WF - Loretto, Coast Road re rebuilding on derelict plot.

3149 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Cliff Path (Adrian Leonard):

Repairs and clearance done. Clerk walked Clevedon-Walton & Cllr Morgan did Walton-towards Charlcombe.

Clerk to write letter of thanks to Adrian Leonard.

Drainage (John Inman)

Walton St: Cllr Ashton confirmed to the Clerk that the Dave Malpas report (appended as part of these minutes) has been accepted by NSC and is to be implemented pending a response from this meeting. Neither Members, nor the Clerk have received negative comments re the report and it was noted that there were no members of the public present at the meeting - a positive sign in this context. Re Traffic Calming/ Pedestrian Safety the Clerk contacted Frank Cox NSC Highways - New Works, and learnt that the "Other Issues" element of the Dave Malpas 26th June 2008 report (WalG PC Minutes 14th July 2008) is being considered at meetings during the working week 12th January 2008. **Clerk to confirm this Council's acceptance of the DM report to NSC and to keep abreast of progress re pedestrian issues.**

Highways, Waste and General (Adam Wood)

Weight limit on Walton Street: Cllr Ashton noted at November meeting for enquiry, but said enforcement is not easy. This oft-made request has always been rejected in the past. In the absence of Cllr Ashton it was agreed that this issue, as ever, is a non-starter on enforcement grounds. However, Cllr Kent did suggest "Unsuitable for HGVs" signs be erected at Cross Tree and at the Portishead end of the Coast Road. **Clerk to pursue.**

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3150 OTHER MATTERS

Meeting Dates: In April, the 2nd Monday falls over Easter. Agreed (and Hall booking altered by telephone during the meeting) that this will be moved to **APRIL 20th**.

Register of Electors: Councillors wanting a copy of the latest register should contact Natalie Lewis at NSC Electoral Registration Office and bear in mind there are VERY strict rules as to how it may be used. The Clerk holds an electronic copy.

Special Expenses: NSC are conducting a review and consultation on those elements of spending that are carried out by parishes either alone, or in conjunction with NSC. This parish only has a single public light that may fall within the scope of this review. **Clerk to investigate legal ownership/responsibility for this light, for which the Parish Council pays the consumer bill.**

Community Governance Review: The draft recommendation proposes no changes to the boundary or electoral arrangements for WaIG Parish - or WeIG Parish. **Report Noted.**

Waste Management: NSC are seeking input to prepare monthly e-mail briefings on key performance data. Information via 'NSC Life' will cover the information needs here. **Information Noted.**

NSC Budget Strategy Consultation: re 2009-10 and 2010-11/2011-12. Paperwork discussed and noted.

3151 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Potholes on B3124: All members concerned at frost damage between Holly Lane and Cross Tree, notwithstanding post April resurfacing. **Clerk to alert Adam Wood at NSC.**

Blocked Gully - Cllr Cannell: B3124; Opposite 2nd farm gate past Manor House towards Clevedon: causing flooding on highway. **Clerk to report to Adam Wood.**

Recycling - Cllr Cannell: On taking class 6 polystyrene wrapping from a new freezer to Black Rock, and notwithstanding it reputedly being OK for recycling, operatives had to refuse it as contractors will not accept it. Cllr Cannell has raised the issue with NSC to get clarification.

3152 FINANCE

Accounts: to date were circulated before the meeting.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: PCC happy with 2 signs and have agreed to pay half the cost. There was a detailed discussion. To quote from Minute 3183, when this matter was discussed at the May 2008 Annual Parish Meeting; "Cllr Cannell noted that it has long been the tradition of the Administrative council to donate funds equally to St Paul's Church and the Village Hall by means of its donation to the funding of the Fete Marquee. He was personally somewhat ambivalent about unbalancing that approach." Cllr Kent suggested that helping to fund the signs was not so much funding for the Church but also funding towards the better public promotion of this village's assets in terms of heritage and visitor interest. The issue of ownership and insurance of the signs was discussed and it was felt that this should be the responsibility of the PCC as a condition of this Council contributing to the cost of signs. The meeting voted 3 to 1 (Cllr Rutley abstaining due to her declared interest) in favour of making a contribution of £150 from its 2009-10 budget subject to the PCC accepting ownership of the 2 signs. **Clerk to so inform PCC and progress the order and erection subject to PCC confirmation of this arrangement.**

Budget and Precept 2009 - 2010: Estimates and proposals circulated prior to meeting. 2008-09 budget discussed and agreed as below: **Clerk to pass precept request of £3160 to NSC.**

Clerk's Fee & Expenses	£1693	Hall Hire	£107
Public Street Light	£30	Insurance	£300
Cllrs Expenses	£30	Subscriptions	£95
Donations	£800	Information Sheet	£140
Purchases	£50	Audit	£75

Total Budget:		£3320
Less adjustment to reserves (carried forward @ £1500)		(£160)
Amount of precept request to NSC		£3160

Cheques: **542** re Dec hall hire, cancelled. **543** Clerk's Fee Oct-Dec 08 £407.50 signed 9th Dec 08.

544 to WaIG Village Hall re Hall Hire £9.50. **545** to M Hollingsworth re Oct-Dec information Sheets £37.51.

546 re EDF Energy £5.57.

The meeting ended at 9 pm



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall Monday 9th February 2009 at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Mr D Hill (Clerk), Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison), Cllr N Ashton (NSC Gordano)

*Cllr Kent arrived at 7.35 pm during minute 3157

3153 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs M Rutley

3154 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed; and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

3155 MATTERS ARISING: None

3156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none

3157 RESIGNATION: Cllr Maureen Rutley has tendered her written resignation. April 20th will be her last meeting with her resignation becoming effective on April 21st 2009. In respecting Maureen's decision, members noted the energy and sincerity of Maureen's contribution to the Council and her support to her husband during his years as a Councillor. The Clerk was asked to minute the meeting's thanks and to write to Maureen accordingly.

3158 FILLING THE CASUAL VACANCY: 14 days notice must be given that a casual vacancy will arise on April 22nd 2009. During that 14 days if 10 electors claim a poll, a bye-election must be called by nomination and poll within 60 days of the date of the notification. If no poll is claimed, the Parish Council can co-opt a new member. **Clerk to issue notice via the March Information Sheet and notice boards.**

3159 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

Nothing to report

3160 PLANNING

Granted: 08/P/2443/F WaIG Village Hall

Queried: Windy Ridge roof levels: NSC Enforcement investigating. **Clerk to follow up.**

Appeal: 08/P/1087/O - Loretto, re-build. Site visit Feb 3rd - decision mid-March.

3161 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Walton St Drainage: Clerk confirmed acceptance of DM report to NSC. Work planned for Jan-March 2010. An e-mail from NSC's Frank Cox on Walton Street Items in this minute was circulated.

Walton Street Traffic Speed: A 20 mph speed limit with speed cushions has been suggested - to run from Cross Tree to Taggart and, if agreed to, would be subject to funding being available.

Were this, and any weight restriction to be adopted, they would be put in place at the time the drainage work was being done.

Walton Street Weight Restriction: An advisory sign, is just that. It advises lorries drivers that the road is unsuitable, but they are not banned from the road. A legal weight limit prohibits vehicles from the length of road specified and it is an offence for a banned vehicles to use it. The legal Order can be written with exemptions for certain types of use. As the weight limit would be for environmental reasons rather than structural ones (ie a weak bridge) it is normal for there to be an exemption for deliveries/access to properties within the extent of the restriction. This can be

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reflected in a plate below the weight limit sign. The Order would normally prohibit through vehicles but there is usually an exemption for buses and council vehicles carrying out their duties. With regards to agricultural vehicles, like other vehicles they would usually have right of access to a property within the restriction. However, if they wanted to travel completely through the restriction (ie from a field off Moor Lane to a field north of Taggart) this would be prohibited. We can get around this by including an exemption for agricultural vehicles, however the more vehicles that are exempt the greater the risk that other lorries will follow them, making enforcement harder. The police are the enforcing agency and would be consulted on a proposed Order. They are tend to the view that a restriction should be self enforcing and do not commit to providing enforcement.

B3124 Resurfacing: Clerk to find out the date for this.

Potholes on B3124: Frost damage between Holly Lane and Cross Tree reported.

Blocked Gully: B3124; Opposite 2nd farm gate past Manor House towards Clevedon. Reported.

Street Light: Clerk checking legal ownership/responsibility for light, for which PC pays the consumer bill. It is a "Footway Light" that EDF operates for the lighting/ authority. Adam Wood is checking position with NSC.

3162 OTHER MATTERS

Gypsy and Traveller Sites: NSC has to have 36 residential and 10 transit sites. Consultations are underway, with a view to adoption of sites for development by March 2011. If local authorities fail to be pro-active in this process, squatting followed by retrospective permission on appeal is a possible outcome. The council discussed the issue as they could see the potential for areas within or close to the parish, that may be identified at a later date by NSC - exposing a need to balance the NSC requirement for sites beside possible local opposition to them. A copy of the Pre-production Brief was passed to the Chairman.

3163 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllrs Charlesworth and Cannell mentioned the dumped washing-up machine in Moor Lane. The Clerk has already reported this to Adam Wood.

There was general worry at the size and depth of potholes being exposed by the ongoing frosts. Cll Ashton is concerned not to spend thousands of pounds on repairs if the planned B3124 re-surfacing is imminent. Clerk is finding out planned date per minute 3160 above.

3164 FINANCE

Accounts: Circulated prior to meeting.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: Clerk wrote to PCC re minute 3152. Awaiting response.

Cheques: 547 re Feb hall hire £6.50.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm



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In Attendance: Mr D Hill (Clerk)
Public Attendance: 2

3165 APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs M Rutley, Mr R Kent; Mr P Slade (NSC Liaison)

3166 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed; and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

3167 MATTERS ARISING: None

3168 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Re Minute 3172 Circular Letter/Complaints - Cllr Cannell as friend of Miles family member. Clerk as friend of Tucker family member and former Miles Estate tenant.

3169 RESIGNATION: Clerk wrote to Cllr Rutley per minute 3157.

3170 CASUAL VACANCY: Clerk issued notice to notice boards and the March Information Sheet to be posted until 21st March 2009.

3171 EMERGENCY SERVICES & TRAFFIC

Nothing to report

3172 PLANNING

New: 09/P/0245/F Restland Walton Bay - replacement dwelling - **no objections.**

09/P/0265/WT The Manor - Crown, 1 chestnut; fell 15 various to improve - **no objections.**

Circular Letter: A letter was circulated in the Parish by the Miles Estate soliciting support for development of the Walton Street Congregational Chapel as a domestic residence for Mr & Mrs B Tucker, currently of Old Rectory Farm. Both Cllr Cannell and the Clerk received copies of this in private capacities. The Clerk wrote to the Estate to say that, for reasons as at Minute 3168 above, neither he, nor Cllr Cannell were able to be party to the proposed representations. Cllr Cannell also spoke by telephone to an estate representative on the matter and explained that he could not become involved as proposed for the reasons at Minute 3168.

Complaints: re 07/P/3096/F - The Old Rectory; partial removal of listed party wall between Old Rectory House and Old Rectory Farm - being investigated by NSC. **Re Old Chapel (subject of Circular Letter, above) and Village Pound**, in Walton Street; Clerk responded to a resident's written complaint by explaining that no planning application has been presented against which the Council can respond.

A discussion ensued about the Circular Letter and the Complaints detailed above - all Miles Estate matters. There has been a strong current of concern in the Parish about the longer-term development aims of the Miles Estate. There has also been distaste at the personalised way in which the Circular Letter drew recipients (including Estate tenants and Parish Council personnel) into a plea for support re development of the Chapel. These approaches to Estate management are somewhat of an antithesis to those adopted hitherto by Sir William Miles. The meeting agreed that, notwithstanding the Estate's right to pursue its development agenda as it sees fit, this Council

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will have to adopt a significantly more vigilant stance with regard to Estate activities than has hitherto been the case. Development within a conservation area is always sensitive; objective comment within the Parish becomes particularly difficult when significant numbers of stakeholders in such developments are either connected with the Parish Council and/or are tenants of the Estate. Nonetheless, there is a significant “vocallity” of local concern about “what is going to happen next”.

Queried: Windy Ridge roof levels: Clerk waiting to hear from NSC’s Tony Parker.

Appeal: 08/P/1087/O - Loretto, re-build. Site visit Feb 3rd - decision mid-March.

3173 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Walton St Drainage/Speed Limit/Weight Restriction: Minute 3161 refers.

B3124 Resurfacing: Work is planned for approx. 12 months time, after the next phase of work on Avonmouth Bridge. No date or operating parameters have been set yet.

Potholes on B3124: Frost damage being repaired in phases. **Clerk to stress to NSC the size and danger of potholes, that are still appearing suddenly all over the place post the bad weather.**

Street Light: Adam Wood is checking position with NSC.

3174 OTHER MATTERS

Severn Estuary Shoreline Management Plan (SMP2): Noted.

CPRE: Report to ALCA re campaigns relating to housing/green belt aspects of Regional Spatial Strategy; Bristol Airport; Severn Tidal Power; Traffic Management for Villages (including a “Non-Local HGV Ban” being trailed in Churchill); and litter - the “Stop the Drop” campaign. Noted.

North Somerset Strategic Partnership (NSSP): Their role and ALCA representation on their board. Clerk prepared a 1 page version of the NSSP raison d’être. Noted.

3175 COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

Public Footpaths: Cllr Charlesworth reported that access to the woodland path by Springhead Cottage was difficult - a resident recently broke her arm using it. **Clerk to ask Adrian Leonard at NSC to clarify that it is a public footpath and, if so, to see if access can be improved.**

3176 FINANCE

Accounts: Circulated before the meeting.

Road Signs to St Paul's Church: PCC response did not answer the points raised in Clerk’s letter of 24th January 2009 re Minute 3152. **Clerk to write to PCC seeking their written agreement to each of the points of Minute 3152 before an order is placed with NSC.**

Cheques: **548** re March hall hire £6.50. **549** re Clerk’s Fee Jan-March £407.50. **550** re Information Sheet £31.87. **551** re Street Light, EDF £5.57.

Audit: Roy Betts has again agreed to conduct the internal audit: (2008-09).

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm