



## Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Walton-in-Gordano – Walton Down – Walton Bay

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### **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall - Monday 11th April 2011 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Anne Charlesworth, Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Cllr Nigel Ashton, Claire Leandro (NSC) PCSO Charlotte Thompson, Don Hill (Clerk)

**3379 APOLOGIES:** None

**3380 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3381 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### **3382 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No crime. A motor accident at Cross Tree left some debris: **Clerk to arrange clearance.**

**Avon & Somerset Police Authority:** Feb 2011 Newsletter received. Noted.

#### **3383 PLANNING**

**Decision Due:** 11/P/0363/WT Whispering Chimneys, Walton Street, Conifer crown reduction.

**Appeals:** 10/P/2028/ADV Birches Hoarding. 10/P/2065/F: Arodene garage redevelopment. Cllr Cannell explained the substance of these appeals and left Cllr Ashton with some briefing notes. Both appeals claim NSC have used an inappropriate planning policy as the basis for refusal: beyond this central feature of their arguments lie the usual legalistic embellishments with which the meeting was unimpressed. No input to the appeals is possible from this Council.

#### **3384 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Fly tipping: gateway opposite Signal Station:** cleared.

**Estate Agents:** AW removed offending signs.

**Fly-tipping Moor Lane:** Computer monitor removed.

**Somerset Stones Above Myrtle Cottage:** The issue is a stone repeatedly damaged and lifted from impact by traffic. **Clerk to report current lifting to Adam Wood.**

**Concrete Repair Opposite Cross Tree Cottage:** concrete deemed inappropriate in terms of cost, time and effectiveness **Clerk to seek tarmac repair from Adam Wood.**

**Cliff Path Repeater No-Cycling signs:** These have been refused in the past as being ineffective. However, Cllr Morgan is happy to prepare/erect some herself. **Cllr Ashton will consult Andy Carroll to confirm that this is ok and to see if NSC can offer signs/designs.**

**Recycling:** Cllr Cannell thanked Cllr Ashton for the written apology re waste collection problems experience over the past months. **Clerk to post to notice board.**

**Walton St Bins:** Removal of small one and replacement of decrepit concrete one - **Clerk to be pursue.**

**Birches Waste Collection:** Reported as back to normal after the one miss.

**Moor Lane:** Asbestos by tip-field gate needs removal. Clerk wrote to Miles Estate cc NSC.

**Walton Street - Somerset Stones at Sunnybank Entrance:** The Clerk and Simon Banbury had noted damage to these during Sunnybank renovation works: to be

repaired at Sunnybank's expense. Debbie's dog injured herself on them today and has reported their condition as in need of attention. **Clerk to follow up with Adam Wood.**

### **3385 OTHER MATTERS**

**NSC Planning Policy & Research - Flood Risk Assessment:** Walton Street/Moor Lane risks resolved but need watchfulness and appropriate maintenance as part of prevention strategy. Clerk reported a further risk between Coast Caravan Park and Squires Cottage, where there are no working gullies: the outlets are into what were fields but are now residential sites, which gully cleaning could damage. The road converges, downhill, onto three working gullies at the Birches/Two Acres junction, which drain out to sea: if these get blocked, Birches site can flood. **Cllr Ashton noted this for follow up with the Risk Assessment group.**

### **3386 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Kent:** *(There is a declared interest in both these points as they affect some aspect of his farm)*

**1: The trial traffic calming in Walton Street** appears not to have significantly changed driver habits re speed as he observes things from his Church Farm gateway: *(Personally he finds the placement at the entrance to his farm an irritation during his entry/exit manoeuvres to his farm yard).* The road continues to get busier, ergo the opportunities for excessive speed get less. Successive speed monitoring reveals remarkably similar results over time: stripping out the excessively slow/fast records leaves an almost acceptable median *(the level of traffic on such a narrow and tortuous road might, however, reasonably be deemed unacceptable).*

**2: Stile on footpath below Clapton Wick Farm (Clapton-in-Gordano):** Opposite Clapton Wick Farm is a kissing gate at the start of the footpath leading across the bed of the Gordano Valley to the Keeper's Cottage and Cliff Path where it forms the boundary between Walton and Weston. Crossing the first field from the kissing gate one reaches Portbury Ditch which is crossed by an old packhorse bridge. There is a stile at this point which, despite Cllr Kent's efforts at repair, now needs replacement. With Miles Estate as owners, he as tenant farmer, various English Nature/Wildlife groups and NSC Footpaths (Andy Carroll) involved, Cllr Kent asked what agency was responsible in this particular instance and what was the basis of deciding responsibility at other such points within the Parish. **Cllr Ashton undertook to consult with Andy Carroll about the particular location and about the point of principle.**

### **3387 FINANCE**

**HMRC Employer Registration:** This has to be formally processed nearer the first pay-day in June.

**Accounts 2010-11/Audit:** Mazars audit pack received. Draft final accounts were circulated before the meeting - the accounts paperwork is with Roy Betts for internal audit. Public notices in place on noticeboards.

**Accounts 2011-12:** The first item of the new year will be cheque 604 (see below).

**Cheques: 603** A Hollingsworth - Information Sheet Jan-March 2011 £22.00 (signed and delivered before the meeting as a prior year item necessary to Roy Betts' internal audit paperwork. **604** Hall Hire £6.00

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**



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### **Minutes of Parish Council Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Anne Charlesworth, Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Claire Leandro (NSC), Don Hill (Clerk)

#### **3388 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Nigel Ashton, PC Jenny Clark

#### **3389 CONFIRMATION OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION RESULTS**

With only 4 nominations from the existing Councillors to fill 5 seats, the Parish Council election was uncontested and the present members of the Meeting were deemed re-elected. The Clerk confirmed that each Member had completed and signed "Declarations of Acceptance of Office" and "Registers of Members' Interests".

#### **3390 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Cllr Kent took the chair for the process of electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllr Charlesworth proposed and Cllr Kent seconded, the appointment of Cllr Cannell as Chairman, which was endorsed unanimously. Cllr Kent proposed and Cllr Cannell seconded, the appointment of Cllr Charlesworth as Vice Chairman, which was endorsed unanimously. Cllr Cannell completed and signed the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman". Cllr Cannell then re-took the Chair. Claire Leandro congratulated the two appointees.

#### **3391 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllrs Charlesworth and Kent were unanimously endorsed to continue representing the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee of Management, which decision the Clerk will relay to that Committee in writing.

#### **3392 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

These were agreed by the Meeting and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

#### **3393 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

#### **3394 CO-OPTED 5<sup>TH</sup> MEMBER**

**The Clerk** will follow through, via NSC, the due processes of advertising involved in seeking a fifth member. If these do not prove successful, the Council will be able to co-opt a fifth member should they receive an application or identify someone to approach with an invitation.

#### **3395 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** There was no reported crime in the Parish during the past month. Speed checks were carried out at Cross Tree on April 12<sup>th</sup> and, although no one was booked, these sessions are becoming an increasingly regular part of the Parish's policing activity; hopefully with a good deterrent effect of driver speeding.

#### **3396 PLANNING**

**New: 11/P/0693/F** The Cot, Coast Road, Walton Bay. Bedrooms extension into raised roof to create a first floor. No objections. **11/P/0769/F** Restlands, Coast Road, Walton Bay. There were no objections, but the long visual roofline as seen from the road could be

broken by moving the structure nearer to the neighbouring boundary. Clerk to so communicate to NSC. **11/P/0748/F** Castle View, Coast Road, Walton Bay. Extensions to east, west, and front, plus new carport. Whilst this appears in essence to be a good proposal, it seems somewhat massive in the context of the existing property and the Meeting queried whether the new-build would not be significantly above the normally accepted 50% of existing build: they suggested that it might need some re-working, both to comply with the 50% "rule" and to alleviate the sense of "mass" that the design gives. Given the rural environment of the property it was suggested that landscaped screening to the front of the property would contribute significantly to a more positive visual impact from the highway. Clerk to so communicate to NSC.

**Granted: 11/P/0363/WT** Whispering Chimneys, Walton St, Conifer crown reduction.

**Appeals: 10/P/2028/ADV** Birch Hoarding. **10/P/2065/F:** Arodene garage.

### **3397 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

Claire Leandro spoke with Adam Wood in the context of her contribution to the following Annual Parish Meeting and reported the latest position re the four items below:

**Somerset Stones:** stone repeatedly damaged and lifted: it has been re-set but is up again and is slowly disintegrating around its corners. **Claire/Clerk to pursue AW re its possible replacement.**

**Repair to stream cover opposite Cross Tree Cottage:** work order in for repair to be done in tarmac.

**Walton Street Bins:** Clerk to arrange removal of small one and Claire Clerk to pursue replacement of concrete one.

**Somerset Stones at Sunnybank:** damaged during Sunnybank renovation: Adam Wood and Phil Bush holding site meeting to progress.

**Stile on footpath:** at Portbury Ditch, opposite Clapton Wick Farm. Stiles on footpaths are the property of the landowner: NSC may be able to supply stile kit if landowner installs. Clerk supplied address of Church Farm to Andy Carroll. Church Farm will contact AC.

**Cliff Path Repeater No-Cycling signs:** Cllr Morgan is happy to prepare/erect. **Andy Carroll trying to source signs.**

### **3398 OTHER MATTERS**

None

### **3399 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllrs Kent and Charlesworth** both expressed frustration and concern about the continued non-emptying of the Walton Street rubbish bin - a saga of at least 18 years non-performance!

**Cllr Charlesworth** asked that the drainage pipe into the stream opposite Rivendell in Moor Lane be cleared of overgrowth. **Clerk to arrange.**

**Cllr Morgan** reminded the meeting that the Cliff Path overgrowth is in urgent need of cutting back - the work is due to be done by the end of May. **Clerk to follow up with Andy Carroll.**

### **3400 FINANCE**

**HMRC Employer Registration:** to be formally processed - Clerk chasing to complete in time for June pay date.

**2010-11 Audit:** accounts were signed off. Clerk to send Annual Return to Mazars after May 17<sup>th</sup> - at the end of the public notice period.

**Accounts 2011-12:** Circulated prior to the meeting - noted.

**Cheques: 605** WaIG Social Club - Fete Donation £500.00. **606** WaIG Village Hall - Hall Hire £18.00 (including hire for Annual Parish Meeting). **607** Broker Network Ltd (insurance premium) - £265.00

**The meeting closed at 7.55 pm**



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### Minutes of the Council Meeting at the Village Hall - Monday 13th June 2011, 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**3406 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Anne Charlesworth, Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PC Jenny Clark

**3407 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3408 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3409 CO-OPTED 5<sup>TH</sup> MEMBER

The Council is free to co-opt a fifth member. The process at minute 3394 only applies if a member resigns.

#### 3410 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** Farm Watch signs are up and welcomed. Farmers have not yet, per January 2011 minute 3355, become involved. [Clerk to follow up with Jenny Clark.](#)

**Gordano Valley Local Action Team** (Clapton, Walton, Weston & Portbury PCs): with no meetings in years, Weston suggest the £80 bank account be closed and divided between the parishes. Agreed: [Clerk to inform WeIG Clerk.](#)

#### 3411 PLANNING

**Decisions Awaited** (*Comments to NSC May 10<sup>th</sup>*): **11/P/0693/F** The Cot, Coast Road: Bedroom extension. **11/P/0769/F** Restlands Coast Road: Garage. **11/P/0748/F** Castle View, Coast Road: Extensions/Carport.

**Appeals:** **10/P/2028/ADV** Birch Hoarding - **DISMISSED**. **10/P/2065/F:** Arodene garage - **DISMISSED**

#### 3412 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES (*Adam Wood off work for 3 months - Paul Smart is standing in*)

**Somerset Stones:** the "lifting" stone to be set in mortar to fix it.

**Somerset Stones at Sunnybank:** Phil Bush to engineer an alternative to Somerset stones (at no cost to occupants); they are not deemed fit for purpose at an entrance with significantly more use than in the past. [Clerk to check progress.](#)

**Repair to stream cover opposite Cross Tree Cottage:** tarmac repair due.

**Cross Tree Bins:** Small bin gone; Removal of concrete one awaited. [Clerk to progress.](#)

**Cliff Path Repeater No-Cycling signs:** [Cllr Morgan to prepare signs \(Clerk to assist with artwork if needed\).](#)

**Drainage to stream opposite Rivendell, Moor Lane:** to be cleared. [Clerk to arrange.](#)

**Cliff Path overgrowth:** Cleared via biannual cut.

**Ownership of Verge at Arodene:** Clerk confirmed that the garden is "off" the highway.

**Grey NSC Waste Sacks:** AW delivered some to Cross Tree Stores on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### 3413 OTHER MATTERS

**Parish Councillors:** Concern was expressed at the Annual Parish Meeting that newer residents do not know Parish Councillors by sight (their names and telephone numbers appear each month in the Parish Information Sheet and the Chairman/Clerk details are on the NSC website). It was thought that it may be, particularly, among Walton Bay residents that this identity issue exists, as the Barton, New Birches and Two Acre Mobile Home sites have been re-developed over recent years.

There are difficulties in maintaining management of both the Parish Council and the Village Hall via the normal process of elections. The social intercourse of the parish runs, not via

these two management necessities, but via the Walton-in-Gordano Social Club, which does so much to contribute to the income streams of St Paul's Church and the Village Hall (As does the Parish Council).

If interest breeds concern, it might transpire that people will put themselves forward for election to the Parish Council and to the Village Hall Committee: Cllr Morgan, at Walton Bay, is putting a huge personal effort into effecting this, and into creating some degree of synergy between the administrative imperatives and the social drive that provides "community" to Parish living space.

There have been no elections in the Parish since 1981, ergo none of the "door knocking" and electioneering that puts candidates before their electorate and is a key to candidates becoming "known". The dynamic of local government in the Parish relies on the current Councillors, who give their time and commitment free, and eagerly await the challenge of new blood and public attendance at meetings.

Attendance of Parish Councillors at events in an official capacity "as councillors", and the use of Photos were considered and supported by Cllr Morgan. Councillor Kent was happy to be identified as a Councillor when attending village events and Cllr Cannell was happy for his picture to be used on notice boards. All Councillors attend various events in the village during the year. It was agreed that there were fundamental differences of view as to how best to promote local government - as distinct from social intercourse - at the Parish level. It was also agreed that thought and further constructive discussion on the subject will be welcome.

**NSC seeks Tree Wardens:** Communities have much to gain from protecting and improving the surroundings of trees and Tree Wardens can help. Whilst being sensitive to the objective of a tree warden for every parish, the lack of public/socially operated spaces and the degree to which land is managed by conservancy agencies in the Parish suggests that such a role, here, will not prove pro-active. A piece will appear in the July Information Sheet.

**Avon Wildlife Trust:** North Somerset Wetland Programme. Noted: piece to go in August Information Sheet.

### **3414 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

#### **Cllr Kent:**

1. Horse Sign opposite Rivendell is loose. **Clerk to report to NSC.**
2. Cllr Kent has trimmed round various highway signs by his hedgerows to ensure their visibility to road users.
3. There was a sewage smell in the area of the stream as it passes Sunnybank/The Old Post Office. Cllr Cannell reported that this has occurred on occasion in the past. **Clerk to report to NSC in usual way so that tests of the stream water quality can be conducted if need be.**

#### **Cllr Morgan:**

There is a huge pothole at the land-side kerb opposite Coast Caravan Park at Walton Bay - **Clerk to report to NSC.**

### **3415 FINANCE**

**Clerk's Employment Contract:** PAYE system in place. Clerk's Contract agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk. The meeting determined that Clerk's emoluments be paid monthly by BACS with any balancing adjustment to be corrected at the end of each financial year: **Clerk to organise.**

**Accounts 2011-12:** were circulated before the meeting and noted.

**Cheques:** 608 WalG Hall £9.00 609/610 Cancelled 611 CPRE sub £29.00 612 Clerk net pay £299.18 613 HMRC/PAYE £74.60 614 Clerk's expenses £78.60.

**The meeting closed at 8.50 pm**



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### Minutes of the Council Meeting at the Village Hall - Monday 11th July 2011, 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), CPSO Charlotte Thompson, Don Hill (Clerk)

**3416 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Anne Charlesworth

**3417 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3418 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3419 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** Farm Watch is now running in the parish. There has been no reported crime in the parish since the last meeting.

**Gordano Valley Local Action Team** Cheque due from WeIG PC

#### 3420 PLANNING

**New: 11/P/1118/F** Channel View (off road towards Two Acres Park Homes) - Raising part of roof/solar panels/new window openings and internal re-modelling. Full details not yet to hand, but the property can barely be seen from any point other than its front gate, which fronts onto a private driveway, so there will be no visual impact. No problems were foreseen, but the Clerk will share the details when available and submit comments to NSC Planning at a later date, as appropriate.

**Withdrawn: 11/P/0693/F** The Cot, Coast Rd extension. **11/P/0748/F** Castle View, Coast Rd extension

**Refused: 11/P/0769/F** Restlands Coast Road: Garage.

#### 33421 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Horse Sign:** opposite Rivendell in Moor Lane - is loose. **Repair ordered.**

**Sewage smell:** in the area of the stream as it passes Sunnybank/The Old Post Office. Cllr Cannell reported that this has occurred on occasion in the past. **Response from NSC awaited.**

**Pothole:** There is a huge pothole at the land-side kerb opposite the gate to the Signal Station at Walton Bay (and several more along both sides of the road between the Golf Course and the Ship Inn at Redcliffe Bay). Some done, **others ordered.**

**Somerset Stones:** the "lifting" stone **to be set in mortar to fix it.**

**Somerset Stones at Sunnybank:** This is deemed increasingly dangerous and its urgent repair was pressed for by all members. **Clerk to chase Phil Bush for progress.**

**Repair to stream cover opposite Cross Tree Cottage: tarmac repair due.**

**Weeds:** **Clerk to ask NSC when curb-side spraying will be done around the village.**

**Stream:** Are there plans to cut back the open sections in Walton Street by Church Farm and Opposite Rivendell in Moor Lane? **Clerk to find out.**

**Cross Tree Concrete Bin:** Removal awaited. It was felt that NSC should be asked to remove it, as coordinating clearance and disposal will prove problematic if the Clerk undertakes it. **Clerk to contact NSC to progress.**

#### 3422 OTHER MATTERS

**Empty Properties:** NSC's Carol Pike will be generating an empty properties register in the hope of encourage full use of the District's housing stock. Information noted.

**Low Carbon Gordano Ltd:** The achievement of carbon reduction via renewable energy generation. Introductory information noted.

**NHS Somerset 2011/12 Operational Plan:** available via [www.northsomeerset.nhs.uk](http://www.northsomeerset.nhs.uk). Noted.

**NSC Tree Warden Scheme:** Roy Betts has offered to become a Tree Warden for the parish. **The Clerk to inform Ian Monger, Tree Officer, and put him in touch with Roy.**

### **3423 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Morgan: A bus-stop in Walton Street:** For many years, buses used to stop unofficially opposite Cross Tree Cottage, where there is no bus-stop. New regulations, and the rescheduling of major services via the B3124 mean this no longer happens. Cllr Morgan has heard rumblings about this loss of facility. Travellers from Clevedon wishing to alight at Cross Tree can use buses that travel through the valley. Travellers from Walton Bay can use the bus stop by the Village Hall. The issue therefore, relates to people wishing to travel from Cross Tree to Walton Bay. **Cllr Morgan agreed to canvas opinion and the Clerk to contact NSC's Transport Policy officers in order to develop a view as to possible demand for a stop in the lower part of Walton Street.**

**Cllr Kent: Trees in Moor Lane:** The willows are again intruding onto the highway in places and need to be cut back. Does such work on highways and drainage channels need a planning application? **Clerk to contact NSC/Natural England to pursue.**

### **3424 FINANCE**

**Clerk's Pay:** Clerk's emoluments by monthly standing order (£125.86) set up with bank per the attachment to these minutes.

**Accounts 2011-12:** accounts circulated before meeting. Noted.

**Cheques:** 615 WalG Village Hall £6.00.

**Information Sheet:** The Chairman reminded the Clerk that the Information Sheets Costs were to be paid quarterly, for April-June/July-September/October-December/January-March. **Clerk to get invoices to September for payment at the September meeting.**

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### Minutes of Council Meeting at the Village Hall - Monday 12th September 2011 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Anne Charlesworth, Richard Kent (at 8pm), Floss Morgan  
**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**3425 APOLOGIES:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PC Jenny Clark/CPSO Charlotte Thompson,

**3426 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3427 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

### 3428 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** Motorbikes are back at Conygar Quarry: help in identifying who, and from where, is sought. A car rear window was smashed at Walton Bay - no culprit. Car crime rare in area.

**Avon & Somerset Police Authority Newsletter:** Noted

**Avon & Somerset Police Authority Strategic Plan 2011-14:** Noted

**HorseWatch:** With problems in Chew Valley, a "be watchful" note is in the Information Sheet.

**Universal Police Contact Number:** From September, 101 will be the non-emergency police contact number - it was publicised via the September Information Sheet.

**Gordano Valley Local Action Team** Cheque due from WeIG PC

**Bus-stop in Walton Street:** As there is requirement for all bus stops to eventually be ramped for disabled person use there is no obvious point for such a stop in lower Walton Street. It is alighting, rather than boarding, that has tended to be the issue. It remains the case that there is no service - and no significant demand - for people to join a bus in the village to travel to Walton Bay. There seems, therefore, little justification for the Parish Council to press for a new bus stop to be provided on the Church side of lower Walton Street. Cllr Morgan sought the views of parties likely to be concerned, and has concluded that the matter should not be pursued.

**NSC Supported Bus Services:** Redesign of network & service withdrawal in progress. Clerk sent the following e-mail to NSC's Paul Baker "The supported service 660 runs through Walton-in-Gordano via "The Coast Road"; there is a bus stop in each direction at Walton Bay. Whilst the pick-ups and drop-offs at these stops may be low, I believe they are consistent, and significantly relied on by the users. About two thirds of the parish population live at Walton Bay and I know the loss of the 660 service would cause considerable anxiety."

**Cllr Kent arrived.**

**Safety at the Moor Lane / B3124 Junction:** Letter, re-sent to Clerk, from Ray Redmore. This letter was discussed at the 2005 February and April meetings, and shared with North Somerset Council when it was originally received in 2005: it echoes off thought about and constantly discussed concerns about road safety in the village. The responses from NSC remain as they were then, and as communicated to Ray at the time. In essence, there are no affordable and feasible plans afoot to modify the highway junctions at the Cross Tree, nor to employ traffic calming measures on the B3124 through the centre of the village. Traffic calming measures such as chicanes or speed bumps would require street lighting, which we do not have and which would not prove universally popular. Speed bumps would be resisted by the emergency services. Rumble strips will prove a significant and continual noise pollution to those living adjacent to them. Whilst people using the junction admit to it not being ideal, the "creep and peep" strategy for emerging from difficult exits seems acceptable to most, and those less comfortable with that manoeuvre and needing to turn right tend to turn left, and circuit the Cross Tree to achieve their end. Ray's figure of six deaths at the Cross Tree (as opposed to the Moor Lane junction) are believed to be two, rather than six. Over the years, whilst traffic densities have increased significantly, the average speed of traffic has remained remarkable constant - the incurable few will always speed, regardless; (see Clerk's summary addendum to minute 3108, October 2007). Unlike the drainage/flooding issue, it is not currently believed that a major engineered solution would be attainable, affordable, or popular in the context of the village's "rurality". Developments with lower level technologies and white-lining (as on Walton Street)

will be kept abreast of and followed up as appropriate. **Clerk to share this discussion with Ray Redmore, NSC and the Police.**

### 3429 PLANNING

**Decision Due: 11/P/1613/WT:** Miles Estate; fell 4 trees at Springhead. **11/P/1354/F** Castle View - modified & improved representation, Clerk consulted Chairman, no objections, NSC informed.  
**Granted: 11/P/1181/F** Channel View, Clerk consulted Chairman - uncontentious, no objections.  
**Birches Hoarding** taken down 1/8/11. New advertising has appeared - **Clerk to inform NSC.**  
**Barton Hoarding:** update awaited. **Clerk to chase.**

### 3430 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Horse Sign:** opposite Rivendell in Moor Lane - is loose. **Repair ordered.**  
**Repair to stream cover opposite Cross Tree Cottage:** **tarmac repair due.**  
**Pothole:** on Coast Road - work done.  
**Somerset Stones:** the "lifting" stone (currently "up") **to be set in mortar to fix it.**  
**Occasional Sewage smell:** by stream at Sunnybank/Old Post Office. Adam Wood checking.  
**Weeds Spraying at Crosstree:** **Response from S&OS awaited.**  
**Stream:** Open sections in Walton Street by Church Farm to be cut back.  
**Cross Tree Concrete Bin:** Removal delayed, but due within 8 weeks.  
**Brook Clearance behind Moor Lane dwellings:** Due to be done by Internal Drainage Board.  
**Pothole/subsidence in Moor Lane:** already reported: **Adam Wood investigating.**  
**Brook Clearance outside Church Farm:** NSC to confirm date for work to be done.  
**Somerset Stones at Sunnybank:** This is deemed increasingly dangerous and its urgent repair was pressed for by all members. **Adam Wood chasing Phil Bush for progress.**  
**Trees in Moor Lane:** need flailing off highway. **Adam Wood pursuing via Jason Cox.**  
**NSC Tree Warden Scheme:** Roy Betts is Tree Warden, via Ian Monger, NSC Tree Officer.

### 3431 OTHER MATTERS (detailed below and noted)

**Open Spaces Society:** Our aim is to protect, increase, enhance and champion the common land, village greens, open spaces and public rights of way in England and Wales, and the public's right to enjoy them. Visit [www.oss.org.uk](http://www.oss.org.uk) for more information.  
**NSC Early Intervention & Prevention Strategy:** Increasing wellbeing and independence for adults and older people in North Somerset. Consultation date past.  
**NSC Core Strategy - Publication Version:** Hard copy received.  
**Severn Estuary Partnership:** Summer issue of "Severn Tidings" newsletter received.  
**NSC Travel Map:** Copies to hand as updated - July 2011.  
**North Bristol NHS Trust:** Consultation on their NHS Foundation Trust application.  
**The Localism Bill 2010:** A "Plain English" guide was e-mailed to Cllrs for reference on Aug 4<sup>th</sup>.  
**Low Carbon Gordano:** Public meeting at Folk Hall 11<sup>th</sup> October. Introductory leaflet to hand,  
**Lord Lieutenant:** Information re Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations; June 2012.  
**RHS Britain in Bloom:** Promotional letter to hand.  
**NSC Future of Local Service Provision:** Meeting at Castlewood on Thursday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm to discuss emerging opportunities for Parishes to take on more functions/responsibilities in the light of the Localism Bill and of the tightening budget position.  
**Rural Patient Partnership:** July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting notes. See minute 3340, Nov 2010 for more.  
**Affordable Rural Housing:** a practical guide for parish councils. Document to hand.

### 3432 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Kent:** **FarmWatch** is working now: Lampers, poaching, were disturbed, reported, and apprehended via the police helicopter recently. **30mph sign** towards Portishead was cleared but will be done again as hedges cut.  
**Cllr Morgan:** has been asked how to follow up a case of a persistently noisy dog; she will advise complainants to contact NSC's Environmental Health officers.

### 3433 FINANCE

**Accounts 2011-12:** accounts to date circulated prior to meeting and noted.  
**Cheques:** **616** Mazars re Audit £60.00 **617** Information Sheet April-September £56.00 **618** WalG Village Hall £9.00 **619** HMRC re Clerk's PAYE July-Sept £74.80  
**Audit:** Completed with no auditor's comments; statutory public notices were displayed.

**The meeting closed at 8.45 pm**



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### Minutes of Council Meeting at the Village Hall - Monday 10th October 2011 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

**3434 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Ashton (NSC), PC Clark

**3435 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3436 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3437 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** A case of fly-tipping was reported at Walton Bay and referred to NSC.

**Safety at the Moor Lane / B3124 Junction:** Ray Redmore suggested mirrors. Clerk e-mailed Ray/ Members with Department for Transport (DfT)/County Councils' policy information. Mirrors need special DfT approval via NSC - only granted under VERY exceptional circumstances. Topic remains under review.

**NSC Supported Bus Service 660:** The supported system is under rigorous review/threat in the context of the NSC budget squeeze. **Clerk to monitor.**

#### 3438 PLANNING

**New: 11/P/1818/LUP:** Arodene re-working, under different regulations, of 10/P/2065/F (refused on appeal - see June minute 3411). Is the subject building historically an agricultural outbuilding; not, as stated in the application, a domestic outbuilding? **Clerk to query, and reiterate objections registered at 11/P/2065/F.**

**Decision Due: 11/P/1613/WT:** Miles Estate; fell 4 trees at Springhead.

**Granted: 11/P/1354/F** Castle View

**Birches (new) /Barton Hoardings - Clerk e-mailed NSC's Dave Barrett on October 3rd.**

#### 3439 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Horse Sign: opposite Rivendell in Moor Lane - is loose. Repair ordered.**

**Repair to stream cover opposite Cross Tree Cottage: tarmac repair ordered.**

**Somerset Stones:** the "lifting" stone (currently "up") **to be set in mortar to fix it - ordered.**

**Sewage smell:** by stream at Sunnybank/Old Post Office. **NSC Environmental Health are to check.**

**Weeds Spraying at Crosstree:** Too late for this season - Clerk has put call-up for April 2012.

**Brook:** Open section in Walton Street (some done by Kevin Edwards) **to be cut back by NSC.**

**Cross Tree Concrete Bin:** Removal delayed, but **due by end November.**

**Pothole/subsidence in Moor Lane: Adam Wood investigating.**

**Somerset Stones at Sunnybank Entrance:** New more robust removable sections are to be made. Pro tempore, the existing stones have been re-set and additional work is to be done to secure them - **Clerk to urgently establish when the pro-tem work will be completed.**

**Trees in Moor Lane:** need flailing off highway. **Jason Cox contacting landowners to clear.**

**Potholes at Signal Station:** road edges breaking up on both sides of road. **AW investigating.**

#### 3440 OTHER MATTERS *(noted unless otherwise indicated)*

**NSC Review of Members' Allowances Scheme:** For information. This scheme is the reference point should this Council ever decide to institute allowances.

**Street Lighting:** NSC will switch off lights (dim modern ones by 50%) between midnight and 6am. This will effect the light by the Village Hall, starting sometime between now and February 2012.

**Boundary Commission Changes 2013 - Consultation:** North Somerset & WsM are not affected.

**Hinkley Pylons Update:** 1<sup>st</sup> route adopted. Dr Liam Fox MP making the case for undergrounding where there are close local populations or in areas of outstanding beauty. This parish not directly affected.

**NSC Housing Strategy 2010-15 Update:** re Park Homes: improvements to thermal efficiency - review of support for the elderly - possible update of licence conditions/introduction of inspections.

#### 3441 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS - None

#### 3442 FINANCE

**Accounts 2011-12:** accounts circulated before meeting and noted. 2<sup>nd</sup> half precept (£1500) received.

**Cheques:** 620 WalG Village Hall £6.00

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**



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### Minutes of the Council Meeting at the Village Hall - Monday 14th November 2011 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Anne Charlesworth, Richard Kent

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**3443 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Morgan, Cllr Ashton (NSC), Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PC Clark

**3444 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3445 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3446 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** A man was seen moving about Crosstree suspiciously on Saturday 12th November, at 10pm. Aggressive behaviour in public places is proving a distress at Walton Bay. Investigations are ongoing.

**LAT Refund:** Cheque for £31.33 received from WeiG PC and paid into bank.

**NSC Supported Bus Service Review:** A piece about service 660 was put in the November Information Sheet, explaining a possible threat to the service and seeking user input. The Clerk heard from one user who has recently had to give up driving. This, and any further inputs, will be held against future NSC consultation.

**Local Sustainable Transport Fund:** NSC consultation re grant application for "Rural Links and Hubs". Noted.

#### 3447 PLANNING

**New:** 11/P/1949/F-1950/LB: Stable House; 32 solar panels to garage roof. 11/P/2026/WT Manor Cottages Horse Chestnut Crown reduction. **No objections to either.**

**Decision Due:** 11/P/1818/LUP: Arodene garage development. Objection to NSC on-line, 11/10/11.

**Granted:** 11/P/1613/WT: Miles Estate; tree felling at Springhead.

**Birches (new) /Barton Hoardings - Being progressed by NSC's Dave Barrett.**

**3448 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES** (*AW away - Paul Smart to send another Area Officer to follow up.*)

**Horse Sign:** opposite Rivendell in Moor Lane - is loose. **Repair ordered.**

**Repair to stream cover opposite Cross Tree Cottage:** tarmac repair ordered.

**Somerset Stones:** the "lifting" stone (currently "up") **to be set in mortar to fix it - ordered.**

**Sewage smell:** by stream at Sunnybank/Old Post Office. **NSC Environmental Health are to check. Brook:**

**Open section in Walton Street** (some done by Kevin Edwards) **to be cut back by NSC.**

**Cross Tree Concrete Bin:** Removal delayed, but **due by end November.**

**Pothole/subsidence in Moor Lane:** **Adam Wood investigating.**

**Somerset Stones at Sunnybank:** Now safe. Paul Glen progressing new design to quote and order. **Trees in**

**Moor Lane:** need flailing off highway. **Jason Cox contacting landowners to clear.**

**Potholes at Signal Station:** road edges breaking up on both sides of road. **AW investigating.**

#### 3449 OTHER MATTERS (*noted unless otherwise indicated*)

**Street Naming:** Information re rationalisation of powers currently within several strands of legislation.

**North Somerset Town and Parish Council Charter:** Update received via ALCA. No publication date set.

**NSC Budget Update:** was circulated before the meeting, and noted.

**Senior Community Link Newsletter:** Copied to Members via e-mail, for information.

**Meeting Dates 2012:** Agreed to keep to 2nd Monday monthly: **Clerk to book hall.**

**NSC Severe Weather Plans:** Abbreviated version circulated via e-mail. Noted.

#### 3449 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Kent:** Style between Cliff Path and Brighton Cottages field need renewing. **Clerk to contact Andy Carroll.**

**Cllr Charlesworth:** In Moor Lane - rubbish at Cassie's Gate and opposite. **Clerk to organise collection.**

**Cllr Cannell:** Walton brook at rear of Moor Lane houses has not been cleared. **Cllr Kent to pursue via IDB.**

**Cllr Morgan:** A loose and raised kerb at Coast Road junction with the Birch/2 Acres site. **Clerk to report.**

#### 3450 FINANCE

**Accounts 2011-12:** accounts attached.

**Cheques:** 621 WalG Village Hall £6.00

**2012 Budget:** Chairman reminded Members to reflect on this for the December meeting, as the budget will be presented in January. Social Club donation request re Fete has not been received yet. **Clerk to contact.**

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**



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### **Minutes of the Council Meeting, Village Hall - Monday 12th December 2011 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Ann Charlesworth, Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** PCSO Graham Roberts, Don Hill (Clerk)

**3451 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ashton (NSC), Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison)

**3452 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3453 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

### **3454 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** e-newsletter re budget consultation received and noted. Suspicious activity reported around stables in Nortons Wood Lane on November 18<sup>th</sup>; other incidents have also occurred along the back lane and in Clapton.

**Car Parking in The Village:** The Clerk parked against the wall outside the Village Hall - near the gate - for this meeting. This meant that a pedestrian approaching the hall using the "raised highway would have to step off that raised highway to reach the Hall gate (the Clerk against what, on the face of it, seemed a perfectly reasonable request, moved his car back from its usual position since his 2nd appointment some 6 years ago). Wheelchairs, prams, etc have to approach the hall from the pavement on the opposite side of the road due to the narrowness of the "raised highway" as it passes the Home Farm rick-yards and to assure adequate two-way traffic visibility. The curbed section of highway from Moor Lane to the Village Hall, and the raised concrete covers to the brook in Walton Street have never been classified as pavement but always deemed "highway": they have been used for parking as if they formed part of the rural highway: i.e. vehicles park up to the wall/hedge adjacent to the edge of the highway such that a pedestrian has to move out around the vehicle to pass it: The fact of any raised edge is not taken account of. In Portishead, via PACT, there has been a recent clampdown on improper parking - it could be straightforwardly illegal, or it could be by causing an unreasonable obstruction to other road users. Translating Portishead parking situations to rural Walton-in-Gordano is probably logical from a current Police perspective. However, local practice over at least 40 years has been tested by - largely informal - consultations with both North Somerset Council and The Police over time. In the context of establishing a desirable and sensibly operable future modus, it has been suggested that the Parish Council set out the issue as in this minute, and seek the current positions of NSC and the Police as to what can be considered reasonable parking - either in general, or for particular (marked out?) sections of the subject areas. The Village Hall Committee, Cross Tree Stores, Home Farm and surrounding residents will be key groups concerned with this process and its outcome. **Clerk to approach NSC and the Police to share this minute and get reactions/establish a way forward.**

**VAS:** Some 20,000 vehicles per week registered in the Clevedon-Portishead direction during November.

### **3455 PLANNING**

**New: 11/P/2122/F:** Brook Cottage, Walton Street, Infill Conservatory to side. No objections.

**Decision Due: 11/P/2026/WT** Manor Cottages Chestnut reduction.

**Granted: 11/P/1949/F-1950/LB:** Stable House solar panels.

**Refused: 11/P/1818/LUP:** Arodene garage development.

**Birches Sign:** Updates Walton Bay House sign and includes Two Acres - needed by emergency services.

**Barton Hoarding:** removed.

### **3456 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES** *(Clerk followed up with Area Officer Mike Brown)*

**Horse Sign: opposite Rivendell in Moor Lane** - Repositioned and new one added below Brookside.

**Open section of brook in Walton Street:** Done

**Moor Lane Rubbish:** at Cassie's Gate and opposite. Clerk cleared.

**Drainage Board (not NSC) Clearance of Walton brook:** behind Moor Lane houses. Done.

**Tarmac repair:** opposite Cross Tree Cottage - now to be held over but "kept an eye on".

**Somerset Stone:** opposite Brook Cottage: now "fixed" in place - but MB says they do move in other locations and all the area officers carry crowbars to re-set them when that happens.

**Sewage smell:** between Sunnybank/Old Post Office. NSC Environmental Health have not reported an issue with watercourse contamination. Cllr Kent suggested that the matter may re-occur during the hotter summer period when the water levels are lower. A watch will be kept and the matter raised again if needed.

**Cross Tree Concrete Bin:** All preliminary searches now complete; **removal due.**

**Trees in Moor Lane:** need flailing off highway. Jason Cox has contacted landowners to clear. MB noted that, for the free flailing to be effective, a scraper was needed to clear the verges of mud and re-constitute the grips in the section between the old tip road and Harley Hill. **MB will look into this.**

**Pothole/subsidence in Moor Lane:** MB looked drove over this - it was bad! - looked at it and **will look at the possibility of re-working the edge to include a hard-formed grip.**

**Potholes at Signal Station:** road edges breaking up on both sides of road. **Reported.**

**Faulty Gully Kerb:** Coast Road/Birch-2 Acres. Reset, but loose. **MB to consider replacing.**

**Somerset Stones at Sunnybank:** A stone broke in half and was replaced on Friday 9th.

**Site meeting due Dec 14th to progress new scheme.**

**Stile between Cliff Path and Brighton Cottages** field need renewing. **Response awaited from Andy Carroll.**

### **3457 OTHER MATTERS**

**Meeting Dates 2012:** April 9th is Easter Monday; it was decided to cancel the April meeting and agreed that matters arising needing attention before the May AGM/APM would be dealt with by the Clerk and Chairman, with consultation of other members as appropriate. Clerk to notify attendees/Bob Baldwin of the change.

**National Grid:** "Our Approach to the Design & Routing of New Electricity Transmission Lines". Noted.

**Hinkley Point C:** Failand & Wraxall PC project report - a technical consultation response from specialists, basically "proving" the case for cable under-grounding based on life-of-project costings. Noted.

**Low Carbon Gordano:** Letter offering an "energy advice event". It was not felt that the property mix in the parish would generate enough response to make such an event workable. Clerk to reply accordingly.

**NSC T&PC Development Management Workshops:** invitation to attend one in WsM on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. No one could attend; Clerk to so inform organiser.

### **3458 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Morgan:** Walton Bay "to Clevedon" bus stop. Because the platform for this stop has not been finished as an official disability friendly stop, it is difficult for older people to "climb" onto it and unsafe for them not to. If the 660 service does continue in 2012, **Clerk to press for access to the bus stop to be made satisfactory.**

### **3459 FINANCE**

**Accounts 2011-12:** accounts were circulated with the meeting papers and noted.

**Cheques:** 622 HMRC re PAYE £74.80. 623 WaIG Village Hall £9.00

**2012-13 Budget:** Draft budget to be presented in January. Social Club donation request for £500 to hand. Other possible donations discussed but none put forward. CPRE is the only subscription to date.

**The meeting closed at 8.47pm**



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### Minutes of the Council Meeting, Village Hall - Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Ann Charlesworth, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PCSO Graham Roberts, Don Hill (Clerk)

**3460 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Kent, Cllr Ashton (NSC)

**3461 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3462 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3463 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** No crime. Neighbourhood Watch e-mails will be directed to Emma Edwards for onward distribution to Cllrs, Clerk, and others. Clerk will continue to receive e-mails on police-district-wide issues for inclusion, as relevant, in his monthly report.

**Police Authority:** budget at [www.consultation.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.consultation.avonandsomerset.police.uk) Cllr Cannell filled in survey.

**Minute 3454 - Village Car Parking:** The Clerk put piece in January Information Sheet and shared with PC Jenny Clark and NSC via Mo Waters. Two responses were received from residents. Cllr Morgan re-visited possibilities for achieving more off-road parking - but there are no current/medium term opportunities. **Clerk meeting with NSC's Paul Smart and PC Jenny Clark at the end of January.**

**Walton Bay "to Clevedon" bus stop:** Clerk in touch with Paul Smart, NSC.

#### 3464 PLANNING

**New: 11/P/2298/F** Arodene garage block renovation/extension. It was taken as given that the large, complex and highly visible array of structures bears no relation to the relatively modest bungalow and outbuildings that were the property a few years ago. This is unfortunate, and Council concerns have been registered on numerous occasions. As the site stands, it was conceded that the wall of the subject building that is in full and dominating view of the highway would be visually improved under the proposed development. The issue in this application is the slope of the roof. In technical terms the proposed roof is virtually "flat" - it is significantly under 15 degrees. History of development on this site suggests that at some future date - once the plans are passed - the pitch of the roof will be increased and the roofline of the building consequently raised. History further suggests that approval for this change may well be sought retrospectively. Planners will know how difficult and expensive it is to source roofing materials that claim to be able to cope with the proposed roof angle. Without specific specification in this regard, the work as proposed will not be possible of completion to a satisfactory standard. Contrary to statements in the application, the subject building is large and is highly visible from the highway and from the surrounding public footpaths. Without an absolute assurance that the roofline as existing will not be raised either as a modification to the current proposal or via future application, the Council feels compelled to object to the proposal. **Clerk to register objection with NSC.**

**Decision Due: 11/P/2026/WT** Manor Cottage Chestnut.

**Granted: 11/P/2122/F:** Walton Street Brook Cottage Conservatory.

#### 3465 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Cross Tree Concrete Bin:** **removal due.**

**Trees/Mud Clearance in Moor Lane:** **Clerk to chase Jason Cox/Mike Brown.**

**Pothole/subsidence in Moor Lane:** **Clerk to follow up with Mike Brown.**

**Fragile Coast Road Verge Maintenance:** **Clerk to check with Mike Brown for progress.**

**Faulty Gully Kerb:** Coast Road/Birch-2 Acres. Reset, but loose. **MB to consider replacing.**

**Somerset Stones at Sunnybank:** **Awaiting start date.**

**Cliff Path Stile below Brighton Cot:** **Andy Carroll response re renewal awaited.**

#### 3466 OTHER MATTERS

**NSC Libraries Consultation:** Intention is to maintain current services but to reduce costs. Noted.

**NSC Members' Allowances Scheme:** now approved as basis for any Parish Council to assess their own allowances: this Council does not operate a scheme of allowances. Noted.

**Planning Appeal Costs:** A positive update on progress of Leiston-cum-Sizewell TC plea that complex planning applications - from such as Tesco, for example - must provide a budget that TCs/PCs can call on to fund the prohibitive costs of objecting to such applications. This Council supported the argument.

**Tours of Castlewood:** Cllrs Morgan, Charlesworth and Cannell (if on a Friday pm) expressed interest. **Clerk to contact NSC to register their interest.**

### 3367 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Stressed the need for the mud clearance in Moor Lane per minute 3465 above.

**Cllr Morgan:** i) Vacuum cleaner dumped in gateway opposite Signal Station gate. ii) A tree has fallen across public footpath from Squire's Cottage to Cliff Path at Walton Bay. **Clerk to report to NSC.**

**Cllr Cannell:** i) Ash Tree opposite Becksides, Moor Lane: there is concern about the continuing growth of the tree around the electric cables since it was last dealt with - can it be cut down/pollarded? ii) What is happening to the telephone box, which BT were expected to have removed by now?. **Clerk to investigate both these issues.**

### 3468 FINANCE

**Accounts 2011-12:** accounts/draft budget circulated with meeting papers and noted.

**Cheques:** 624 WalG Village Hall £9.00

**2012-13 Budget:** A draft budget was presented, discussed, and agreed as below. **Clerk to notify NSC of 2012-13 precept request.**

<b>WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL 2012-13 BUDGET</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<i>2011-12 Estimate</i>	<i>2010-11 Actual</i>
<b>Clerk's Employment Cost</b>	<b>1560</b>	1495	1753 *
<b>Hall Hire</b>	<b>110</b>	100	89
<b>Public Light</b>	<b>100</b>	50	45
<b>Clerk/Cllr Expenses</b>	<b>350</b>	314	0
Purchases Insurance 270		265	263
Purchases Subscriptions 40		29	77
Purchases Donations 500		500	450
Purchases Information Sheet 140		112	91
Purchases Contingency 100		200	16
<b>Total Purchases</b>	<b>1050</b>		
<b>Audit</b>	<b>100</b>	60	59
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>3270</b>	3125	2843
<b>Less</b> Estimated year end funds 2285 Minus carry-forward provision 1500	<b>785</b>	<i>Includes election costs ↓</i>	<i>Included provision for Speed Posts ↓</i>
<b>WAIG PC 2012-13 PRECEPT</b>	<b>2485</b>	3100	3216

\* Included Clerk's expenses

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**





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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall on Monday 13th February 2012 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Ann Charlesworth, Richard Kent, Floss Morgan  
**In Attendance:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

**3469 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ashton (NSC), PC Jenny Clarke

**3470 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**3471 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3472 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** No local crime reported.

**Village Car Parking:** PC Clarke, Clerk, and NSC's Paul Smart met in the Village on Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that parking in Walton - very much a rural area - be left alone as long as there are no complaints from residents as it's they who are affected by bad parking. PC Clarke then saw Emma Edwards in the shop after the meeting to explain the situation and ask her to "spread the word".

**Walton Bay Bus:** 660 service to be replaced by service 66, serving Congresbury/Clevedon/Portishead/Nailsea, via Walton Bay. **Clerk will now pursue improvements to Clevedon bus stop.**

#### 3473 PLANNING

**New:** **12/P/0083/LB** Old Rectory House; new opening/French doors to rear. NSC are checking accuracy of plans re internal layout. Declaring an interest - Cllr Cannell, friend; Cllr Kent, Miles Estate tenant farmer. No objection. **12/P/0176/WT** The Manor; fell 2 cypress. No objection. **12/P/0216/WT** Old Post Office: Fell one Norway spruce. Details not yet on website; Clerk and Chairman to study when available, otherwise no objection.

**Amended Plan:** **11/P/2298/F** Arodene; although the roof area is different in elevation, there is no alteration to the roof slope as measured from the sections. **Clerk to so note to NSC.**

**Granted:** **11/P/2026/WT** Manor Cottage Chestnut.

#### 3474 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

(Note: Mike Brown was on sick leave; so no update)

**Cross Tree Concrete Bin** has been removed.

**Trees/Mud Clearance in Moor Lane:** **Update via Jason Cox/Mike Brown.**

**Pothole/subsidence in Moor Lane:** **Update via Mike Brown.**

**Coast Road Kerb Maintenance (inc gully @ Birch entrance):** **Update via Mike Brown.**

**Somerset Stones - Sunnybank:** to be done by May. In view of pedestrian and crossing-traffic danger, **Clerk to express concern at timescale.**

**Cliff Path Damaged Stile below Brighton Cot:** Update via Andy Carroll.

**Fly-tipping:** Vacuum cleaner in gateway opposite Signal Station gate - CLEARED.

**Fallen Tree:** across public footpath from Squire's Cottage to Cliff Path - CLEARED.

**Moor Lane:** Ash Tree opposite Becksides - Jason Cox inspected and happy with soundness of tree; NSC to raise crown for better traffic clearance.

### **3475 OTHER MATTERS**

**Tour of Castlewood:** Cllrs Charlesworth and Morgan to visit Wed 22 Feb at 2.30pm. Claire Leandro offered, to show others around at another date if they should want to and was duly thanked.

**Cross Tree Telephone Box:** Kiosk still operational. No immediate plans to remove.

**Paperless Parishes:** Clerk should have minuted a discussion in October 2011. NSC e-mailed a reminder that, for a Parish contribution of £100, NSC will provide a computer, software, projection equipment and training. The Clerk is already well equipped and paperless. The NSC website provides updates and archive. Given this, plus on-costs, depreciation/replacement costs and storage, it was decided not to pursue the offer. Clerk e-mailed NSC confirming this Council's October decision.

**CPRE Localism Workshop:** Long Ashton Community Centre, March 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm. Noted.

**NSC Neighbourhood Planning Event:** Town Hall, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 9.45. Noted.

**Age UK Somerset:** Seeking volunteers to visit the lonely old. Notices have gone up.

**NSC Core Strategy:** Consultation on modifications to update the recent submission, as a result of recent new legislation. Noted.

### **3476 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Kent:**

1. He is on the Local Access Forum, and is now the contact person for WalG and WeIG.
2. New Stile per Minute 3386 (April 2011) now delivered to Cllr Kent for erection.
3. Suspicious characters were seen loitering around fields in Moor Lane recently, but there was not enough information available to provide a formal report.
4. There is a deep pothole outside Brook Cottage in Walton Street. Clerk to report.

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Cllr Charlesworth's family do litter clear-ups along Moor Lane from time to time. There are often items such as TVs, paint tins (possible pollutants) etc in the rhynes and out of reach: these are particularly unsightly during the bare winter season, when complaints about the state of the rhynes increase. There seems to be no regular procedure to keep the rhynes clean. Clerk to write to the Miles Estate expressing the Council's concern.

### **3477 FINANCE**

**Accounts 2011-12:** attached. 2012-13 precept notified to and acknowledged by NSC.

**Cheques:** 625 WalG Village Hall re hire £9.00 626 NSC re 2011 election charges £79.44

**The meeting closed at 8.40 pm**



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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at The Village Hall; Monday 12th March 2012 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Ann Charlesworth, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**3478 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Richard Kent, Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), Claire Leandro (NSC), PC Jenny Clarke

**3479 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**3480 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

### 3481 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** No crime this month. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is "on hold" after two people have moved on recently from the co-ordinator's role: their replacement is being subject to review due to current budget constraints.

**Walton Bay Bus:** Clerk e-mailed Paul Conolly to ask for improvements to Clevedon side bus stop.

**3482 PLANNING** (*Agreed that with no meeting in April, new applications will be reviewed by the Chairman*)

**Granted:** 11/P/2298/F Arodene garage development. 12/P/0176/WT The Manor; fell 2 cypress. 12/P/0216/WT Old Post Office; Fell spruce. 12/P/0083/LB Old Rectory House; French doors.

### 3483 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Walton St:** Deep pothole outside Brook Cottage in Walton Street. Repaired.

**Somerset Stones - Sunnybank:** A robust interim repair followed after more stones broke.

**Pothole/Trees/Mud Clearance in Moor Lane:**

} Update via Mike Brown when he formally

**Coast Road Kerb Maintenance (inc gully @ Birch entrance:**

} takes over the Parish.

**Cliff Path Damaged Stile below Brighton Cot:** This went "into the system" due to the present lack of our own area officer in S&OS. Clerk has now discussed it directly with Andy Carroll, who is arranging for an urgent inspection.

### 3484 OTHER MATTERS

**Moor Lane Rhynes:** Clerk wrote to Miles Estate about rubbish in rhynes. They are following up via Natural England.

**Hinkley Pylons:** Letter from Somerset Alliance Against Pylons re Lincs cable undergrounding. E-mailed to Cllrs 25 Feb '12. Noted

**Low Carbon Gordano:** Their people are assessing the viability of solar panels on the Hall roof. They have been in the media recently over success in gaining government funding for their Gordano-wide work. They are holding a Community Energy Day on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 10am -1pm. Noted. No one will be able to attend.

**The Strategic Commissioning Team (NSC) - Local Commissioning Networks:** The team are supporting the creation of some 11 local networks that can arrange provision of activities for 0-19 year olds. These networks will form a partnership to bid for start-up funding, then seek external funding to commission the provision - by others - of activities. Thereafter, the long term viability of the activities will depend on the each network's ability to maintain funding. A local network will represent six or more organisations (including a school) that have an interest in young people and the wider community: they will support the commissioning of arts, sports, creativity, play, leisure, informal education and community based projects that promote healthy and safe lifestyles: they will also provide links to activity providers and funders. Activity providers will work towards agreed outcomes and quality standards which reflect local issues and priorities. Noted.

### 3485 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Small hole in pavement near St Pauls Church sign next to rickyards.

**Cllr Morgan:** 1. The kerb edge opposite the signal station gate is breaking up badly. Clerk has this noted under minute 3483 above and will press the matter when Mike Brown is formally in place as the Parish's Area Officer - probably in the new financial year. 2. Common-side hedging through the narrows of Walton Street opposite Springhead is overgrowing the highway - Cllr Morgan will approach the owners to have it trimmed. 3. Litter on the Cliff Path around the Mobile Home Parks is becoming a serious issue. Cllr Morgan has prepared publicity to attach to the Information Sheet to stress to residents that litter dropping is an offence.

### 3486 FINANCE

**Accounts 2011-12:** circulated with the pre-meeting papers, and noted.

**Cheques:** 627 Village Hall re hire £6.00 628 HMRC PAYE £74.80 629 A Hollingsworth re Information Sheets £28.00

*With no meeting in April it was agreed that the donation cheque for £500 will be issued to the Social Committee in April.*

**The meeting closed at 8.15 pm**