

Minutes of the meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council held on Monday 10th April, 2000 at 7.30 pm

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

**1362 : Minutes of last meeting :**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday , February 11th were amended by Mr P Jupp in section 1359 **Councillors Reports** , paragraph d). The minutes were then signed as a true record.

**1363 : Planning :**

a) **Walton Bay Caravan Park :** Two letters had previously been received by the Clerk expressing concern over the insertion of additional dwellings at the site , by Park Homes , following it having been sold. The letters expressed surprise that the near neighbours of the site had not been informed of the forthcoming work and subsequent disturbance. They were also concerned regarding the effects upon sewage disposal , surface water drainage and questioned whether the work required planning consent ? The question was also raised that if planning consent were required then why had there been no public consultation? On contacting the Planning Department at North Woodspring the Clerk was informed that the site was operated under a Caravan Site Licence and as such was not subject to residential planning law . However the planning officer was aware of the issues regarding the site and had been on a site visit. He had noted that some excavation work was being carried out to create a new pitch and had informed the operator that permission would need to be granted if further work of this kind were needed. Local residents have since contacted Councillor Nigel Ashton to express their concerns . A site meeting has been held with Councillor Ashton and concerned local residents.

**1364 : Clerks Report :**

a) **Best Value :** An information sheet has been received from North Somerset regarding the requirements of the Government's Best Value initiative for Councils. The Clerk will send for the free information book .

b) **Proposed changes to Local Government :** A letter has been received from Dr Liam Fox M. P . regarding the present Government's proposed changes to local government structure , possibly including the abolition of Parish Councils. Dr Fox wrote asking for the views of the Parish Council to be submitted by 17th April to the Conservative Party Consultation on this matter. It was agreed that the Clerk would write expressing the views of the Parish Council , which were that :

- a) If local Parish Councils were removed then that would lead to the loss of the most local tier of democracy . The view was that local democracy should continue to be represented.
- b) Problems encountered in the running of the Parish Council were those of getting people to take part and keeping everyone in touch , particularly in a small but spread out parish such as ours.
- c) The Village Information sheet was thought to be particularly useful in keeping people informed.

c) **General Purpose Maintenance Gang :** The "Parish Day " for our Parish is due in the third week of April. The parish councillors gave their lists of maintenance jobs and the location maps to the Clerk to pass on to Mr G Maddick.

d) **2000/2001 Policing Plan :** This had been received and was passed on to Mr P Jupp .

**1365 : Councillors Reports :**

The following points were made by Councillors :-

- a) The " No Tipping " signs in Moor Lane are still missing.
- b) There is again a large collection of rubbish in the gateways in Moor Lane.
- c) The reflector signs in Moor Lane on the bridge parapet are overgrown.
- d) The mud at the bottom of Harley Hill and on down into Moor Lane remains a problem.
- e) Mr P Jupp attended the Joint Local Safety Committee meeting on 23rd February 2000. The group co-ordinators for the Neighborhood Watch schemes in Weston in Gordano and Clapton in Gordano have suggested that it would be very useful if Walton in Gordano were able to set up a scheme. It was decided to add the proposal onto the agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting and to invite our community police officer WPC J. James to give an address on the benefits of a Neighborhood Watch scheme. If set up then it would be proposed that two areas would be run , one to cover the bottom end of the Parish and one to cover the top end . A discount on insurance policies is available if you live in an area with a Neighborhood Watch scheme. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact WPC James and that the proposed talk be included in the Village Newsletter for May . It was suggested that each parish give a donation to cover the



**1366 : Annual Parish Meeting :** The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed as Monday May 8th, 2000 , after the monthly Parish Council Meeting . It was agreed that the monthly Parish Council Meeting should start at the earlier time of 7. 00p..m. and the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00p.m. The Clerk is to send invitations to the Annual Paarish Meeting to the following groups :-

The Village Hall Management Committee  
Members of the Clergy  
The Parochial Church Council  
The Womens' Institute  
Councillor N. Ashton  
WPC J James  
Mr A Moss - North Somerset Liason Officer.

**1367 : Correspondence not yet dealt with :**

- a)The Minutes of the ALCA North Somerset Meeting held on 10th February 2000 have been received. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30 p. m. at Kingston Seymour Village Hall . The Agenda for this meeting has been received.
- b)Two copies of the North Somerset Waste Local Plan - Revised Deposit Draft have been received . The Clerk has both copies if anyone wants to look at them.
- c) The membership card for the CPRE Avonside has been received.
- d) A Consent to Fell , Etc Certificate has been received with respect to the flowering cherry tree outside the Village Hall. This is for pruning of the tree to prevent it damaging the stucture of the Village Hall.
- e) Further details of the proposed changes to local government were sent for by the Chairman . The Clerk now has these available .
- f) A copy the byelaws , as approved by the Internal Drainage Board have been received . The Clerk has the copy .
- g)The minutes of the Public Rights of Way Open Forum , held on the 1st February , 2000 have been received
- h) A Phd student at the University of Bristol has asked for help in identifying the ownership of some local woodlands . Two of the woodlands were within the Parish , the rest were outside. The Clerk will pass the elevant information on .
- i) North Somerset Municipal Calendar for 2000/2001 has been received . It lists when the Council's commitees and area commitees meet. The Municipal Year commences on 9th May , 2000 and finishes on 7th May 2001.

**1368 : Finance :**

- a) The first half of the Parish Precept - £900.00p - has been received from North Somerset Council .
- b) Cheques were agreed and signed for :-

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| Mrs S C T albott | Quarterly Clerks Paqyment | £250. 00p |
| ALCA             | Annual Subscription       | £ 37. 28p |
| Village Hall     | Use on 10/04/2000         | £ 4 . 50p |

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8 - 53 pm.

*R J Ball*

*J.C. Lamb*



**Minutes of the meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council held on Monday 8th May 2,000 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

**Present :-** Councillor R Baldwin , Chairman , Mrs A Charlesworth , Mr B Cannell , Mr G Rutley , Mr P Jupp , Mr A Moss , North Somerset Liason Officer , and the Clerk .

**1369 : Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday , 10th April , were amended by Mr G Rutley in section **1363 Planning a) Walton Bay Caravan Park** . The minutes were then signed as a true record.

**1370 : Planning :**

a) The amended planning permission for the site "The Sanctuary " has been passed by North Somerset. The late arrival of the details of this application and other mis directed post from the planning department was discussed . Mr A Moss noted these problems and will relay them to planning and then contact the Clerk re the outcome.

b) The North Somerset North Area Committee minutes , for the meeting held on 4th May , have arrived and include the proposed development at Charlcombe Park . The comments sent by this Parish Council are included in the report . The development has been given outline planning permission , with conditions placed upon it. 80 houses are proposed , of which at least 10% have to be "affordable " homes. Highways have stated that between 640 to 720 further vehicle movements per day can be expected from this development . They comment that of the projected extra vehicle movements , the percentage through Walton in Gordano will be insignificant.

c)**Walton Bay Caravan Park** : At the time of the meeting work at this site had stopped. Councillor Nigel Ashton has been and remains in touch with the residents . There have been worries that the burying of asbestos and other illegal actions have taken place. Mr Ashton is aware of these worries and the entire situation is being investigated by North Somerset.

d) The style by Plum Tree Cottage has been affected by the creation of Plum Tree Cottage's pull in. The ground level has been lowered to create the pull in and this has left the style about two feet from the ground. As a result people using the Public Footpath are climbing the adjacent gate and this is likely to break. There have been several complaints to the Parish Council about this matter . The Clerk was therefore asked , by the Parish Council , to check with planning as to who should be responsible for reinstating the former ground level at the style.

**1371 : Clerk's Report :**

a) **Insurance** : The renewal request has been received from Cornhill Insurance. The annual premium for this year is £109. 20p and is due by the 1st of June 2,000 . There was some discussion as regards the requirements of the insurance cover for a Parish Council of our size . The Clerk will check with ALCA.

b) A letter had been received regarding the proposed amalgamation of the Registrar of Births , Marriages and Deaths service between Clevedon and Weston super Mare . No objections were raised to these proposed changes.

c) A questionnaire on Tourism and its positive and negative effects has been received from North Somerset . This was filled in during the meeting .

d) A draft copy of the Village Booklet had been received. This was passed onto the Chairman and will be passed on around the rest of the Parish Councillors for their comments. The request for a fore word by a member of the Parish Council was also repeated in a note from the Archive Group.

e) A letter has been received from Mr R Redmore regarding the talk and proposed Neighbour hood Watch scheme . He expressed regret at missing the talk at the Annual Parish Meeting and expressed an interest in the issue generally , as this is his field of work . It was suggested that WPC J ames be informed of his interest .

f) The Clerk has sent a letter in reply to Dr Liam Fox's request for the Parish Councils' views on the potential changes to Local Government structure under the present government . No reply has yet been received.

g) The Churchyard :- The Clerk had been asked to check the views of ALCA as regard potential giving of any monies towards any aspect of Churchyard maintenance. ALCA's position was that it regards Church yards as contributing overall to the ambience and appearance of a village and that they can therefore be regarded as a general village amenity, particularly where they are likely to be used by or to attract visitors. However ALCA state that this does not mean Parish Councils have to contribute , particularly if they are helping in other ways. The Clerk had also been asked to check with the neighbouring Parish of Weston in Gordano as to their position in this matter. Weston in Gordano have a historically set up agreement with their Church to help financially with the upkeep of the Churchyard.

h) The North Somerset Rivers Annual Review had been received . This is published by the Enviroment Agency, under its' Local Enviroment Agency Plan ( LEAP ) initiative . The accompanying letter states



that " The document provides an update on the progress made since the Action Plan was launched in November 1998 , and addresses issues raised through public consultations." The Clerk has a copy of the report if anyone wishes to look at in detail .

- i) The CPRE membership card was signed on the Parish Council's behalf by the Chairman .
- j) The Engineering Consultancy information sheets for March and April have been received .
- k) **General Purpose Maintenance Gang** :- The GPMG had been out to the parish for its allotted day . Mr P Jupp reported that they had put loose gravel down in the lay by on Walton Down but that this was not going to be adequate to prevent it becoming a mudbath. He also reported that they had repaired a very bad gully on the side of the road on Walton Down and that this had been done really well . Mr A Moss asked what the general reaction of the Parish Council was to the new arrangement . The reply was that it was felt to be a good arrangement with a positive outcome. However concern was expressed as to what happened regarding items remaining on the "to do" list . Do they have to be delayed until the next parish day in three months time ? If so then some items could remain waiting to be done for a very long time ! The Clerk is to check this.
- l) The minutes of the Combined Community Safety Action Team for the Parishes of Clapton , Walton and Weston in Gordano have been received .

### 1373 : Councillors Reports :-

The following points were made by Councillors :-

- a) Moor Lane :- the following problems remain in Moor Lane -
  - Lack of " No Tipping " signs either side of bridge .
  - Loose speed limit sign .
  - Parapet of bridge obscured by overgrown verge
  - Litter accumulation and an abandoned car seat in the gateways / ditches .
- b) Harley Hill :- mud on road. The Clerk will follow up these points when checking the situation re the carrying forward of the " to do " list with the GPMG .
- c) The litter bin for the lay by on Walton Down is missing and needs replacing .
- d) Closure of Walton Bay shop :- this means that there is no longer any central point in the Walton Bay area from which to distribute news etc. Therefore it has been suggested that the area be provided with a Parish noticeboard . Mr Graham Rowles has kindly suggested siting it on his land on the Clevedon side of the telephone box . The Clerk is to check with the person who made the last noticeboard and obtain a quote for the new one from them .
- e) Emergency Services :- Mr G Rutley reported that there had recently been a serious problem with an ambulance being unable to find a critically ill gentleman from Walton Bay. In the end someone had to go and stand up on the coast road and flag the ambulance down and then direct them to the correct address . Mention of this matter made several other people recall similar problems with the emergency services . It would appear that they do not have access to sufficiently detailed maps of this area and that there is some confusion over repeated road names eg there are at least three " Moor Lanes " in this area - Walton in Gordano , Clapton in Gordano and Clevedon . Also the names as marked on the Ordnance Survey maps do not always correspond with the locally marked road names eg. Moor Lane is marked as Walton Drove . This is obviously a serious matter and it was suggested that it be taken up with North Somerset Council , the emergency services and through ALCA . The Clerk will report back on this matter .

**1374 : Correspondence not yet dealt with :** There was none , all matters having been dealt with during the Clerks report.

### 1375 : Finance :

- a) The Clerk had been asked to check with ALCA as to the average precept for a parish of the size of Walton in Gordano . ALCA were unable to give a figure because there is such a wide range , partly due to many parishes having other sources of income as well as their precept . The Clerk had also been asked to compare Walton in Gordano's precept with that of neighbouring Weston in Gordano .
- b) Giving to Charities :- the Clerk had been asked to see if neighbouring parishes used any particular criteria for deciding which of the many appeals from charities they supported . Weston in Gordano go by the criteria of trying to support local charities that have benefitted people from the village . It was agreed that this was a good system and that requests for donations that the parish council have already received will be considered at the next parish council meeting .
- c) Cheques were agreed and signed for :-

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| Mrs M Rutley       | 3 issues of newsletter - Feb/ March / April  | £21 . 80p  |
| Village Hall       | 2 hours use on 8/05/2,000 .                  | £9 . 00p   |
| Cornhill Insurance | Premium June 1st 2,000 - noon June 1st 2,001 | £109 . 20p |

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 8th June 2,000 in the Village Hall . This meeting will include the AGM of the Parish Council .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7 - 52 pm .

*K. J. Baller*  
*S. C. Lambert*



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Walton in Gordano, held in the Village Hall, on Monday, 8th May, 2000 beginning at 8.15pm.**

**Present** :- Councillors R J Baldwin , Chairman , Mrs M A Charlesworth , Vice Chairman , Mr B Cannell , Mr P Jupp , Mr G Rutley and the Clerk . Councillor N Ashton of North Somerset Council , WPC J James and 11 other parishioners were also present .

**Apologies** :- Apologies for absence had been received from :-

The Clergy  
The Church Wardens.  
The W. I.

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

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

Copies of the Annual Parish Meeting , held on Thursday , 8th April , 1999 were circulated . These Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record .

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

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

**Finances** :- First a brief financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2,000 .

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| Receipts were :-              | £ 1822 . 00p |
| Payments were :-              | £ 1551 . 00p |
| Balance at the end of year :- | £ 271 . 00p  |

There are also reserves of :- £1439 . 00p of which £1,050 . 00p is promised to the Parish Millenium Project .

**Precept** :- The precept for the coming year has been set at £1800 . 00p - the same as last year .

**Community Action Safety Teams** :- The Government has called on all Parish and Town Councils to form Community Safety Teams , made up of all interested organisations . Your Parish Council has done this in conjunction with the Parish Councils of Clapton in Gordano and Weston in Gordano . Peter Jupp is our representative ; anyone interested should contact him .

**Speed Restrictrions** :- At long last we have speed restrictions in the parish . These are welcomed by most people . Let us hope they achieve the desired effect .

**Walton Common Bridleway** :- The attempt to form a bridleway across Walton Common finally failed .Permission was refused and your Parish Council's objections were among the many that were heeded .

**Increasing Traffic Flows** :- Your Parish Council has voiced its concern about the extra traffic through the parish that will be generated by the proposed housing development at Charlcombe Park , which still has to be finalised .

**Financial Contributions** :- During the year your Parish Council contributed £1,050.00p to the Archive Group and £400.00p to the Village Hall funds for the hire of a marquee.

**The Clerk to the Council** :- Mr Bill Weatherspoon retired as Clerk after many years of faithful service. His endeavours are greatly missed. The new Clerk , Mrs Sara Talbott is proving to be an excellent replacement .

**Flooding** :- The problems from flooding - mostly around the Cross Tree and Moor Lane areas - are still unresolved , despite promises of action by North Somerset Council . Your Parish Council continues to pursue this matter .

**Parish Surveys** :- Sue Betts is continuing to carry out a Parish Paths Survey , for which we are very grateful. She is also our tree warden . A very busy lady !



**Thank - you :-** Thank you to Maureen Rutley for continuing to produce the information sheet to such a high standard. Thank you to Val Baldwin for looking after the flower bed around the Cross Tree and for continuing to deliver the Information Sheet . Thanks to , to my fellow councillors for their support , and to Sara Talbott , our new Clerk , for all her hard work .

### Reports from other groups :-

#### a) Report from the PCC :-

On behalf of St. Paul's PCC Jocelyn Davies reported as follows :

A number of events throughout 1999 brought a great awareness of the position of St. Paul's Church within the village community . The launch of a giving initiative in June was coupled with a village picnic and a Songs of Praise service . This was followed by a letter to all villagers sent by someone independent of the PCC . Our thanks go to Mr Ray Redmore for all his work , which resulted in an increase in donations to St. Paul's .

We had a very successful Flower Festival incorporating a "Village Museum " , organised by the Parish Archive Group . It was very interesting and as the weather was fine the refreshments were served outside . One of the visitors that weekend , Mrs Jane Banks , very kindly took home all of the old kneelers and re-covered them at her own expense ; there are no longer wood shavings to sweep up !

The yew tree has finally been pruned , the shape is not altogether pleasing but the money for the job was taken from the general account , not the Church yard fund , the money in that being donated for grass cutting and general tidying up .

The replacement of the lamps and wrought iron archway is proving problematic , the blacksmith at Tickenham has let us down more than once by not turning up at arranged meetings .

Recipients of our charity giving include : the Millenium Project , St. Paul's , Kitwe , Zambia ; Woodspring Deposit Guarantee Board ; Kosovo ; Christian Aid ; Oxfam and the British Legion .

#### b) Report from the Village Hall Commitee :-

On behalf of the Village Hall Commitee Mr Colin Greenhill gave the following report :

The Village Hall is in a relatively sound financial position . These data apply for the year 1.1.1999 to 31.12.1999 :-

There were 149 hirings during the year , of which 88 had been for table tennis .

The profit for the year was £ 973 . 00p

The income for the year was £ 2390 . 00p , of which 24% was from table tennis , 42% from hirings and 34% from the Fete .

Expenditure was £1417 . 00p , of which 30% was for insurance , 28% for cleaning and 34% for maintenance . The largest single item of maintenance was the repair of four of the south facing windows and sills .

We have almost reached our target of £5000 . 00p on deposit , set aside for the eventual replacement of the floor .

I should like to express my thanks to all the members of the Village Hall Commitee for their assistance during the past year . I would be remiss if I did not make special mention of all the work done by Michael Hollingsworth in both his capacity as secretary / treasurer and organiser of the Village Fete .

As many of you will have noticed a garden has been created at the back of the hall in the spot formerly covered by brambles and rubbish . The Walton in Gordano Gardening Club donated the plants and planted the area . The Village Hall Committee cleared the area and laid the membrane and stones . It is hoped to extend the garden area in due course . A garden seat will be added at the rear of the hall in June . It is being presented by the W. I . to mark the Millenium .

#### c) Report from the Parish Archive Project :

On behalf of the Parish Archive Group , Graham Rowles gave the following report :

It is hard to believe that the Parish Archive Project was only launched this time last year , at this meeting . Our first project was our Village Museum held over the August Bank Holiday , which raised a lot of local interest . This weekend festival started off a number of projects we have in hand , but two projects in particular are being marked out to celebrate the Millenium .

The first of these is our Village History Booklet which is at its first draft stage and will be disributed to all the parishioners in the summer .

The second of these is the Village Group Photograph , which will take place on Saturday July 15th . Neither of these projects could have gone ahead without the support of the Parish Council , so the members of the Archive Group would like to sincerely thank all the members of the Parish Council for their support .



Another project which is taking place this month is the Village Snapshot, where we hope to take a photograph of every house in the village to be preserved as "future" archive. This is being supported by the North Somerset Environmental Department.

There are many other ideas :-

- a collection of all information about Walton in Gordano in a local archive.
- a collection of recollections of Village Life.
- mapping the Churchyard and matching headstones to the Church's burial register.
- walking the Parish Boundaries on Sunday, May 28th.
- future Village Museum.

A number of the group have been to conferences and training days held by North Somerset.

In the future we are also looking at the local Natural History with the North Somerset orchards and veteran trees project. Anyone who would like to join the group is very welcome.

#### d) Report from some residents of Walton Bay Caravan Park :

The following report was given by Corinne E Jensen and Paula Gladwell of "Sunnyside" Chalet Bungalow, Walton Bay Caravan Park in order to bring to the attention of the rest of the village the redevelopment under the new owner, of Walton Bay Caravan Park.

#### **False Pretences :**

1) Prefabricated Houses: brought in to the park in two sections on wheels, set up permanently on wheels, set up permanently on enormous cement blocks and walled around their base with bricks are being called CARAVANS because they were brought in on wheels that remain attached. These prefabricated homes are the size of houses, ( some 47ft long and 20-24ft wide ) and added to their great height are additional pointed roofs -which Caravans never had before. Our views are being completely blocked by the enormous white walls of these houses. We moved to this beauty spot four years ago because of it's view of the river, green grass, bird song and the lovely coast path. We now have an enormous rubbish tip, with gas bottles, shoes, metal stove parts, car parts, motors, cement blocks etc. Also huge mountains of soil all along the front of our Chalet Bungalow. The bushes have been ripped up and all seems to be ready for the alteration of the existing land levels. We realise that the law in 1961 declared this park (Walton Bay Caravan Park) a site with no restrictions as to the number or placing of the caravans. I believe that the size and appearance of a Caravan in 1961 in no way resembled what is being brought into our park today under the name of CARAVAN. What are the laws for a green belt area? How can a park be turned into a cement city - with little to no grass to be called a Green Belt, when even the birds no longer will come there.

#### **Speculative Development? :**

I believe all this disruption in our park, which is also disturbing our surrounding community, is being caused by the greed of one man, from the north, who will build this cement abomination only to sell it at a great profit, and not to live there himself and to be a part of our community. He will build it only to sell it and leave it with its problems behind. He will take its profits in order to build another cement city in another green belt area and upset the lives of another community, because as his sticker says on the back of his Land Rover - "MONEY TALKS!!" Is this what we as tax payers want for our community?

#### **Concerns :**

- 1) What will he do about the increased sewage, water pressure, electric power?
- 2) How about the roads, increased traffic, lighting, safety?
- 3) What about Fire and Ambulance access in emergencies?
- 4) What about the blocking of the existing road to the adjacent park?
- 5) There will be an increase in our site fees.
- 6) Where shall we park our cars?
- 7) No-one has cut the grass, trimmed the bushes, or picked up the rubbish since the new take over.
- 8) No-one has answered any of our correspondence to the new owner.
- 9) The very appearance of the land is being changed, as it seems the land levels will be changed.

We have been happily living here for the past four years, and have invested our savings in our bungalow. We are in our sixties, and are very concerned for our welfare and the protection of our investment in our home. Under these conditions we don't know if we will even be able to sell it or to pass it on to others.

Very concerned, Corinne E Jensen and Paula Gladwell  
Sunnyside Chalet Bungalow  
Walton Bay Caravan Park.

Following this report there was further discussion of the situation and Councillor Nigel Ashton was able to give an update. Several members of the village expressed their views and there was widespread concern shown over the situation. Corinne Jensen and Paula Gladwell thanked Councillor Ashton for his help and support in this matter.

*RJ Bell*  
*Paula Gladwell*  
14/5/01



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council held on Monday June 12th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

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

**1375 Election of Chairman :**

Mr Baldwin was proposed as a Chairman by Mr Cannell and seconded by Mr Jupp, and elected unopposed.

**1376 Election of Vice Chairman :**

Mrs M A Charlesworth was elected as Vice Chairman and accepted this post.

**1377 Declarations of Acceptance of Office :**

There being no forms available at the time it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would sign these at the next meeting.

**1378 Appointment of Representatives to Committees :**

- a) **Village Hall Management Committee** :- Mr Baldwin and Mr Cannell agreed to continue to represent the Parish Council on this committee.
- b) **Community Action Safety Team** :- Mr Jupp agreed to continue to represent the Parish Council on this committee
- c) **ALCA** :- The Chairman and the Clerk will continue to represent the Parish Council at meetings of ALCA as required.

**1379 Minutes of last meeting :-** The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 8th May, 2000 were signed as a true record.

**1380 Planning :-**

- a) The Clerk was asked to check the position re retrospective planning permission under the recent new rules.
- b) "The Sanctuary" :- a request for an amendment to the roof planning permission has been received. There were no objections to this. App No 00/P/2760/F, officer Kit Stokes.
- c) There has been no further news re the issues surrounding the changes at Walton Bay Caravan Park.
- d) The Planning Dept have suggested that any reference to a particular planning application always has the application number and acting officer's name recorded with it. This makes dealing with any future enquiries much easier.

**1381 Matters arising from minutes :-**

- a) **Insurance** :- The Clerk had checked the minimum legal insurance requirements for the Parish Council with ALCA. The Council is already using one of the policies recommended by ALCA. ALCA suggested the Clerk check specifically with Cornhill Insurance. The Clerk will do so.
- b) **Noticeboard** :- The Clerk has found that a Mr D Jacobs of Clevedon made the last new noticeboard in 1990. He will send a quote in time for the next Parish Council meeting. It was suggested that he be asked to quote for opening double doors rather than the sliding doors the current one has. A letter has been received giving permission for the use of the land to erect the board. Certain conditions are placed on the use of the board. The Parish Council agreed with these. The Clerk has a copy for reference. The possible site of utility pipes etc will be checked with the owner of the land. A second quote will be found - the Clerk will check with Weston in Gordano to see who built their noticeboard. The person making and erecting the noticeboard will liaise directly with the land owner to determine site etc.
- c) **Tipping** :- There remains a persistent problem with tipping, particularly in Moor Lane. There is a telephone number for reporting of incidents of litter accumulations or fly tipping - 01934 634868. The Waste Management Inspector for our area is Mr Iain Reid.
- d) **Planning** :- Ref Plum Tree Cottage turn in affecting ground levels at stile to Public Right of Way. Mr Colin Field, the planning officer who originally dealt with the planning application, will make a site visit on Thursday 15 June 2000. He will report back to the Parish Council.
- e) **Emergency Services** :- The Clerk had spoken to ALCA regarding the problems with the Emergency Services locating roads/properties in this area. They had put us in touch with Mr F Cox of the Highways Dept. He explained that it was a complex issue, with many factors involved. However it was felt by the Parish Council, that such an



important issue should be looked at further . It was suggested that ALCA again be approached for further assistance and to see if they still had a representative on the local NHS trust board .

f) **Harley Lane /Hill** :-The Clerk had spoken to both M r Liam Gill of the Highways Dept and Mr Adrian Leonard of the Public Rights of Way Dept regarding this matter . They plan a site visit . The mud /gravel was scrapped off the lane in early February , and this was paid out of the Highways Dept. budget .

g) **Proposed changes to Parish Council structure** :- There has been no reply , as yet , to the letter sent to Dr Liam Fox M. P. outlining , as requested by him , our views on the proposed changes .

h)**The Brook** :- The Clerk had found the survey and planned schedule of works that resulted from the flooding in 1998 . On checking it through the Parish Council found that very little of the work has been carried out . The Clerk is to write to Councillor Nigel Ashton and query this .

i) **Parapet** :- The verges approaching and the parapet of the bridge in Moor Lane have had the vegetation cut back , following the sending in of a "request for attention to item form " to the Highways Dept.

j) **Oak Tree at the crossroads** :- A tree surgery order has been sent to the relevant department . The Clerk has checked with them and the work is due to be done in the next week .

### 1382 Clerk's Report

a) The date for the Millenium Snapshot Exhibition has been changed from mid June to September 8th to 10th .

b) CPRE raffle tickets and magazine were passed to the Chairman .

c) North Somerset Council are setting up a " North Somerset Trade Exchange " through their web site . This information will be passed to local small businesses .

d) Arising from the recent Best Value Review , North Somerset's former Highway Management Group , Engineering Consultancy and small Highway Client Unit have now been combined into a single Highways Services Division based at Kings Court , Nailsea . The full contact address is :-

North Somerset Highway Services  
Kings Court  
87-89 High Street  
Nailsea  
North Somerset BS48 1AW  
TEL 01275882001  
FAX 01275882002

e) The North Somerset Council Engineering Consultancy information sheet contains the following items of note:-

1 A programme of painting , refurbishing and repairing rural finger posts is under way . The aim is to bring them all up to standard during the millenium year .

2 The annual grass cutting programme has begun for highway verges .

f) Following the suggestion that a Neighbourhood Watch Team be set up in the Parish Mr Ray Redmond will be holding a meeting for anyone interested in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25th July .

g) Details have been received of a new crime reduction initiative being established in North Somerset by Crime Concern . It is a Mentoring and Bail Support Project working with young people who have offended or are at risk of offending . Posters have been supplied for the noticeboard .

h) A booklet containing a list of venues and dates for Village Halls taking part in the Community Action Millenium Festival of Village Halls has been received . It will be put at the back of the Church for reference .

i) ALCA have two meetings planned with North Somerset Council :- the first is on Wednesday 21st June to discuss the Local Plan Review and the Issues Report . The second is a workshop to be held on Wednesday 5th July 2,000 .

j) The Annual Business Meeting between representatives of Town and Parish Councils and North Somerset Council will take place on Monday , 17th July 2,000 at 7.30 pm in the New Council Chamber at the Town Hall , Weston - super -Mare .

k) There will be a range of traffic surveys taking place over the next few weeks . These are aimed at collecting data to help investigate options to improve transport services in the Portishead Corridor .

l) After the May Parish Council meeting copies of the Local Plan Review newsletter were received . They were placed in the back of the Church for general reference , as well as the Parish Councillors each having a copy . A series of local " Meet your local planner days had also been arranged and details of these were passed on to the Parish Councillors and posted on the noticeboard .

m) A letter regarding the North Somerset Local Plan : Notice of Intention to Adopt has been received . It states that on 9th May 2,000 North Somerset Council resolved to adopt the North Somerset Local Plan ( formerly the Woodspring Local Plan ) without proposing any additional further modifications . Once the Plan is adopted , published copies will be made available as soon as practicable .

n) Details of the Best Kept Village Competition 2,000 have been received .



### 1383:- Councillor's Reports .

The following points were made by Councillors :-

a) Moor Lane :- A Willow Tree just beyond the first bend going down the lane from the B3124 is overgrowing the lane . A branch has been partly snapped off and is loose and dangerous . The Clerk will notify Highways .

b) The pavement on the Portishead side of the telephone box on Walton Down has been damaged by a heavy crane being used in the work being carried out at Walton Bay Caravan Park .

c)Coast Road :- Buses using this road are occasionally double deckers and overhanging trees opposite Old Rectory Farm are being damaged by them . The trees need cutting back .

d) Coast Road :- The road surface opposite the Old Post Office is breaking up and a pothole is forming . There is also a pothole in the road outside "Gargoyles" .

e) Stream :- The slabs over the stream along the lower part of the Coast Road are deteriorating due to age . Many of the hand holds are missing .

f) Mr Brian Cannell asked if Highways could explain why the Harley Lane end of "Moor Lane " is being allowed to grow in to such an extent that it is now a single track road . Historically it has always been a two lane road The Clerk will raise this with Highways .

### 1384 :- Finance .

It being the Annual Parish Meeting the provision for subscriptions and donations was discussed . It had previously been decided that this provision should not exceed a maximum of 25% of the parish precept . The precept is £1800.00p , 25% of this is £450. 00p.

The Village Fete Committee have sent a letter asking if the Parish Council will again fund the Marquee for the Village Fete and Dance . The sum required to pay this in full would be £ 495 . 00p .

Other subscriptions and donations the Parish Council are already committed to are :-

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 Avon Local Councils Association (ALCA)      | £ 37 . 28p per annum .        |
| 2 Council for the Protection of Rural England | £ 17 . 50p per annum .        |
| 3 Crime & Disorder Committee ( Local )        | <u>£ 10 . 00p per annum .</u> |
| TOTAL   | £ 64 . 78p per annum .        |
| Plus :- Marquee Hire if paid in full          | <u>495 . 00p</u>              |
|   | 559 . 78p                     |

This means that if the Marquee hire is paid in full the subscriptions and donations budget will be :

£ 99 . 78p too high .

Given that the Parish Council is also paying £ 1 , 000 . 00p plus to the Village Millenium Project it was regretfully decided to limit this year's contribution to the Marquee hire to £400. 00p . This will virtually restore the subscriptions and donations allowance to the planned budget . ( £ 4 . 78 p over budget . ) The Clerk will write to Mr M Hollingsworth , the Village Fete Treasurer and Secretary to confirm this .

Cheques :- The following cheques were agreed and signed for :-

|               |                           |            |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Mrs M R utley | May issue of newsletter . | £ 5 . 20 p |
| Village Hall  | 1 hours use on 12/06/2000 | £ 4 . 50 p |

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 10th July in the Village Hall . There being no further business the meeting closed at 9. 20 pm .

*R J Bell*

*M. O. Charlesworth*

*(acting clerk)*



**Minutes of the meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council held on Monday , July 10th at 7 . 30 pm , in the Village Hall .**

**Present :-** Councillor R J Baldwin , Chairman , Mrs A Charlesworth , Mr P Jupp , Mr G Rutley .  
In the absence of the clerk , Mrs A Charles worth acted as the clerk .

**Apologies :-** Mrs S C Talbott

**1385 Minutes of last meeting :-**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 12th June , 2000 , were signed and approved as a true record .

**1386 Declaration forms :-**

Unavailable .

**1387 Planning :-**

- a) **Former Walton Bay Shop :-** Planning permission for the change of use of the previous shop at Walton Bay has been sought and obtained . However the parish council were not notified of this .
- b) **Stile at Plum Tree Cottage :-** Mr Colin Field , Planning Officer , has been to Plum Tree Cottage and done a site visit . In his opinion the ground level at the stile does not pose a problem , since it is the same height as the step over the stile and he is emphatic that it is not therefore a planning issue . However he has referred the matter to the Public Rights of Way Department and has also asked them to mend the top rail of the stile which is broken . He has noted a planning issue in the way the work has been carried out at Plum Tree Cottage , unrelated to ground levels and he is pursuing that .
- c) The Parish Council have received a copy of a report to North Somerset Council's Planning and Transport Committee which sets out proposed practice with regard to publicity , notification and consultation .

**1388 :- Matters arising from minutes :-**

- a) **Noticeboard :-** The Clerk has sent a letter to Mr G Rowles thanking him for permission to erect the Walton Down noticeboard on his land . A quote has been received from Mr D P Jacobs for the work to be carried out at the price of £ 587 . 00p . It was felt that this was rather high and so a second quote is to be obtained .
- b) **The Brook :-** No reply yet from Councillor Ashton . ? Has the Clerk written yet .?
- c) **Highways :-** replies to two "items for attention " forms have been received .
  - 1) Village sign on B3124 coming from Clevedon . Request for hedge to be cut back so drivers could see sign clearly . Form signed for "immediate action " and the work has been carried out .
  - 2) No tipping signs on Moor Lane . Reply " the defect has been inspected and action is not considered critical ; however the situation will be monitored and future action considered . "
- d) **Emergency Services :-** A copy of the letter that ALCA sent to Mr Hogarty , Chief Executive of the Avon Ambulance Trust , on our behalf , has been received . No reply to that letter has yet been received . A letter from Mr J Bunting , Senior Engineer , Highway Services has also been received in reply to our queries . It appears that some of the information originally provided to our parish council , by Mr F Cox , also of Highways , was incorrect . The local authority does not supply maps to emergency control rooms other than for highway related works that may disrupt normal traffic flows . Also the Ambulance Authority advise that a computerised mapping system is used by their control room that lists every road located within the old Avon county boundary . They also advised that the control room is based in central Bristol and not Taunton . They also informed Mr J Bunting that one of the biggest problems they encounter is in trying to locate properties that do not have numbers or do not display numbers correctly . If we wish to take the matter of house numbering further he suggests we contact Jackie Elvins , Street Name and Numbering Section at the Town Hall , Weston super Mare .
- e) **Items 1383 from last set of minutes :-** not yet dealt with .

**1389 :- Clerk's Report :-**

- a) North Somerset Council's Highway Services June bulletin has been received . In a piece on Coast Protection it mentions that the current standard for protection from "overtopping " ( ? flooding ) is 1 in 200 years . It also mentions Verge Cutting . The first cut has been completed and they are considering starting the second cut soon .
- b) The latest issue of the Writes of Way newsletter has been received with a copy of a sign that is being produced and supplied through the RSPCA , NSA and the NFU . The wording on the sign is " Even your dog can scare or harm animals . Please put it on a lead near livestock . " There is a stock of these notices available at Rights of Way and they are free of charge .



- c) The June issue of the Community Health Council's newsletter has been received .
- d) A letter regarding a leaflet called " Farming and the Highway " , produced with the help of the National Farmers Union (NFU ) has been received from Highways . It is intended to help local farmers minimise the adverse effects their activities have on our roads. It also contains information regarding the responsibilities of the landowners adjacent to the highway . The Clerk has some copies and more can be obtained from Highway Services if required .
- e) CPRE informed us that as a member of CPRE we will receive a regular mailing of the publication "Planning Update " , which contains a wide range of articles on planning matters .
- f) ALCA :- There will be the Annual General Meeting and the 17th group meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13th July at Churchill Village Hall , by kind invitation of Churchill Parish Council . A further mailing from ALCA contained several items :- Code of Audit Practice , The Local Authorities ( Member's Allowances ) ( Amendment ) ( England ) Regulations 2000 , the conclusions of the DETR's annual review of travel and subsistence allowances payable to members of local authorities and other bodies and the changes to the maximum level of such allowances , Clerks bulletin Spring / Summer 2000 , nomination papers for the AGM of ALCA for posts of President , Vice President , Treasurer and Auditor , a publications list , price list and order form , a distance learning leaflet for the Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education in "Local Policy -Training for Parish Councils in the New Millenium" and a letter re savings that can be made on the street lighting electricity bill.
- g) A letter of thanks has been received from the Village Fete Committee for the parish council's contribution to the payment for the hire of the marquee.

### 1390 :- Parish Clerk

Mrs Talbott has resigned as Parish Clerk and Mr D M Hill has accepted the position . The Parish Council agreed to his taking up the position of Clerk from September 1st , 2000 . It was agreed to pay Mrs Talbott up to the end of August .

### 1391:- Councillor's Reports

- a) The rubbish in Moor Lane has not been cleared . The willow tree branch has not been removed from the tree in Moor Lane .
- b) The sign post on Moor Lane to be replaced due to deterioration .

### 1392:- Finance

The following cheques were agreed and signed for :-

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| CPRE                         | £17 . 50p  |
| Village Hall                 | £ 4 . 50 p |
| Mrs M Rutley newsletter June | £ 8 . 30p  |

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7 . 30 pm on Monday , September 11th , 2000 , in the Village Hall .

There being no further business , the meeting closed at 8 . 15 pm .

*M J Talbott*  
*D M Hill*

Unminuted note: The retiring clerk asked that the new clerk take up his post from 1<sup>st</sup> August rather than 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. as there was no meeting in August and she would be away for much of August. The new clerk agreed.  
*D M Hill*  
10<sup>th</sup> June 2001



# Minutes of the Meeting of Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Held on Monday, September 11th 2000 at 7.30 pm , in the Village Hall .

**Present:** Cllrs: Mr. R J Baldwin (Chair), Mrs. A Charlesworth, Mr. B Cannell, Mr. P Jupp, Mr. G Rutley .  
**In Attendance:** Mr. D Hill, Clerk  
**Apologies:** Mr. A Moss, NSC Liaison Officer

## **1393 Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2000, were signed and approved as a true record.

## **1394 Declaration forms:**

After the meeting the Chairman signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office relating to his appointment at minute 1375 of June 12<sup>th</sup> 2000. Contrary to minute 1377, the Vice Chairman need not complete such a form.

## **1395 Matters arising from minutes:**

a) **Walton Bay Caravan Park:** Proceeding, but see under planning, below.

b) **Plumtree Cottage:** Issues raised as at minute 1387, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Planning points re this building being monitored by NSC.

c) **Walton Bay Noticeboard:** Sliding doors pose use problems. Reduce cost by reducing size? **Clerk to obtain 2<sup>nd</sup> comparative quote.**

d) **Emergency Services:** Police response indicated confidence in their STORM Command and Control system. Cllr Jupp evidenced otherwise, when he reported an incident in Walton Down last year. Key confusions are; common names (Moor Lane is mapped as Walton Drove); standards of house numbering/naming, mapping of individual caravan parks. Key concern is the lack of a common location reference system for emergency services. **Clerk to contact all parties to elicit specific answers to concerns raised in earlier correspondence.**

e) **Councillor's Reports:** Re minute 1383 (12<sup>th</sup> June), letter from Mr Gill, NSC Senior Engineer. Moor Lane work done. Paving repairs done; paths will continue to be monitored. **Clerk to contact Mr Wills re overhanging trees from Manor into Coast Road.**

f) **New Clerk:** Mrs Charlesworth welcomed the new clerk to his first meeting.

## **1396 Planning:**

a) **Walton Bay Caravan Park:** Application 00/P/1252/F. **Clerk to chase for reply to earlier letter to Mrs Sheldrake, NSC Planning.**

b) **Walton Bay Caravan Park:** A news report indicates that Mr Barton has submitted a further, and separate, full application re the "re-profiling" of the park. **Clerk to seek clarification that this "re-profiling" is separate from 00/P/1252/F "New Access Road Layout" and, if so, to query why this council has not been informed.**

## **1397 Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk tabled a report "Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council Items Received/Sent" listing incoming and outgoing post since the last meeting. This necessarily included some repetition as it provided an update on outstanding matters before the Council. The topic and substance of each item was set out, together with relevance to/action called for by the Council. Items of reference were listed as being held in the "Library", from which members may "borrow". The format of the report was welcomed. Copies of future reports will be circulated with the agenda and minutes; copies will also held with the file copy of the minutes. Some specific items of relevance/action, not dealt with elsewhere, were discussed as set out below.

**Pg 1, Item 5f: Area Liaison Meetings.** Agenda not available until after deadline for notification of attendance. Questions raised on



previous agenda specific to individual towns/parishes rather than strategic. No attendance from WIG.

**Pg 3, Item 19: CPRE Raffle Tickets. Clerk offered to sell these.**

**Pr 3, Item 18: CPRE Subscription.** Despite reminder, this has already been paid. **Clerk to confirm with CPRE.**

**Pg 3, Item 50: CPRE Newsletter.** WIG not involved in Best Kept Village competitions.

**Pg 6, Item 32: Clevedon TC Civic Service.** Chairman unable to attend. **Clerk to reply.**

**Pg 8, Item 37: Mud in Moor Lane/Harley Lane.** No response from Mr Leonard to letter of July 25<sup>th</sup>. **Clerk to chase.**

**Pg 8, Item 52: Flooding.** Cllr Ashton written to in July. Response from Mr Adams of NSC confirmed housekeeping work had been carried out per Mr Murray's letter of January 1999 - pressure jetting and watercourse repairs. It appears that Mr Adams' claim to have pressure jetted at Rivendell may be incorrect and that this work has not been carried out.

Despite visits from Highways with a view to constructing "pavements" at key flood points around the Walton Tree during November 1999, no work has been carried out. This work had been suggested during a site visit at which the present Clerk and Cllr. Ashton were present. Upon checking, the Clerk has established that this suggestion never formed part of Council correspondence. **Clerk will write to Mr Murray and Cllr Ashton for clarification.**

**Pg 9, Item 38: General Purpose Gangs (GPGs).** There has been concern over the degree of NSC liaison over GPGs. **Clerk to contact Mr Maddick to strengthen the GPG/WIG contact.**

**Pg 12, Item 33: Joint Replacement Structure Plan.** WIG not identified as an action area. The Council expressed concern with regard to the infrastructure pressures on WIG. **Clerk to write to NSC expressing those concerns.**

**Pg 12, Item 5: Parish/Town Council Survey re NSC Services.** After careful scrutiny, the Council was somewhat confounded that this survey is considered capable of a seriously useful response. **Clerk to respond accordingly to NSC.**

#### **1398 Councillors' Reports:**

**a) General Upkeep/Rubbish:** Despite a good job of work having been done in Moor Lane, a strong liaison between the Clerk and Mr Maddick, as referred to above, will be needed to ensure continuing satisfaction with the maintenance and rubbish clearing. **Clerk to press for verge clearance in Moor Lane to ensure full road width maintained.**

**b) Norton's Wood Lane:** There are trees in this lane that are in danger of falling onto the highway. Whilst not in the Parish, the Council is concerned, as many WIG people use the lane. **Clerk to contact NSC Highways to voice the Council's concern.**

**c) Local Safety Action Team:** Cllr Jupp represents WIG interests. There was no effective response in the village to the suggestion of setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme. A robbery has been reported in the village since the last meeting. This did not fall within the remit of the Action Team, which is concerned with strategies for prevention.

#### **1399 Finance:**

**Millennium Projects:** The Council set aside £1050 for Millennium Projects. Project organisers submitted two invoices for payment as below. The wording of the letter/invoice relating to the Millennium Photograph implied that the invoices submitted represented the only sums the organisers expected to claim for against the sum set aside. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Council had set aside the whole sum of £1050 for the projects and that, as receipts totalling only £806.10 had been presented, a sum of £243.90 was still due. Discussion followed as to whether the balance of the monies should be paid to the projects directly, or as further relevant receipts were presented. Cllr Cannell expressed concern that the Council be seen to be acting with probity in discharging its funding obligation towards the projects. He tabled a motion proposing that the balance of £243.90 be paid out upon presentation of further receipts up to that amount. Cllr Jupp seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried unanimously. **Clerk to so inform the project organisers.**

*R J Ball* *D J M A*



|   |  |           |                   |
|---|--|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>                                 | Current Account                              | £50.00    |                   |
|   | Savings Account                              | £3125.72  |                   |
|   | Petty Cash                                   | £27.00    |                   |
|   | <b>TOTAL</b>                                 |           | <b>£3202.72</b>   |
| - cheques agreed/signed                                 | Fete Marquee - M Hollingsworth               | (£400.00) |                   |
|   | Millennium History Booklet - Mrs R Rowles    | (£85.10)  |                   |
|   | Mrs M Rutley - Jul/Aug Information Sheets    | (£10.00)  |                   |
|   | Millennium Photograph - H Tempest            | (£721.00) |                   |
|   | Mrs S Talbot - Clerk's salary, April-July    | (£333.33) |                   |
|   | <b>TOTAL OF CHEQUES RAISED</b>               |           | <b>(£1549.43)</b> |
| <hr/>   |  |           |                   |
| <b>NEW BALANCE</b>                                      |  |           | <b>£1653.29</b>   |
| + Income Due  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> half precept                 | £900.00   |                   |
| + Receipt   | Sale of Typewriter                           | £5.00     |                   |
|   | <b>TOTAL NEW INCOME</b>                      |           | <b>£905.00</b>    |
| Less committed spend                                    | Hall Fees @ £4.40 per meeting Sept-March     | (£31.50)  |                   |
|   | Information Sheets @ £5 each Sept-March      | (£35.00)  |                   |
|   | Electricity for street lighting              | (£20.00)  |                   |
|   | Clerk's salary Aug-March                     | (£583.33) |                   |
|   | Local Safety Action Team                     | (£10.00)  |                   |
|   | Balance of committed Millennium Project fund | (£243.90) |                   |
|   | <b>TOTAL COMMITTED</b>                       |           | <b>(£923.73)</b>  |
| <b>PROJECTED RESERVES AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2001</b> |  |           | <b>£1634.56</b>   |

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday October 9th 2000 in the Village Hall.

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



# Minutes of the Meeting of Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Held on Monday, October 9th 2000 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs: Mr. R J Baldwin (Chair), Mr. B Cannell, Mr. P Jupp, Mr. G Rutley .  
**In Attendance:** Mr. D Hill, Clerk  
**Apologies:** Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr A Moss, NSC Liaison Officer

## **1400 Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2000, were signed and approved as a true record.

## **1401 Matters arising from minutes:**

**a) Walton Bay Caravan Park:** A notice was issued to residents surrounding the development. Mr Rowles kindly shared his copy with the Council via Cllr Rutley. The content was similar to that on the amendment sent to this Council - copy attached to item 68.

**b) Walton Bay Noticeboard:** Mr Rowles offered to construct and erect a notice board for around £100 (to be sited on his land). The council voiced enthusiasm for the idea. **Clerk to write asking for written confirmation of price.**

**d) Local Action Safety Team.** Last meeting cancelled as we have no beat manager. Council are uncertain that the police fully believe in the value of this group. Cllr Jupp concerned that stated goals on rural policing do not match up to the reality that it is sparse. We are in Catch 22 - we are a low crime, ergo low concern area; to improve our sense that the police are present, and supportive to us, we must have more crime. **Clerk to write to Chief Constable asking a) when new beat manager will be appointed, and b) how we resolve the rural policing dilemma as it affects our low crime - but at risk - community.**

**e) Overhanging Trees on Coast Road.** Clerk telephoned and wrote to Mr Moores and Mr Wills. Becky Wills rung to confirm their work has been done. We await confirmation from Mr Moores.

## **1402 Planning:**

**a) Tress Felling at Old Rectory Farm.** Consent granted.

**b) Extention at Brookside, Moor Lane.** This is being rendered and washed. When the application was going through, the Council was concerned that the extension be appropriately faced. **Clerk to check records to verify the nature of the Council's registered concern and the actual permission granted.**

## **1403 Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk had previously circulated details of incoming post since the last meeting, together with copies of letters written by the clerk. Additional items of incoming post were presented at the meeting. There were 34 items of incoming post which the meeting reviewed. There was specific discussion of the items below.

**Item 58 The Forrest of Avon.** Outlines plans for Gateway Sites and lists proposals at appendix one. **Appendix one to notice board. Item to be copied and circulated to members for information.**

**Item 76 Bus Timetable.** The meeting noted that a timetable has been promised - it has to be specially prepared. **Clerk to chase.**

**Item 79 Police Consultation Meeting.** October 30<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, Clevedon School. Will review results of recent extensive public consultation excersise. Cllr Jupp took details of the meeting.

**Item 87 Licences to Plant or Erect Items on the Highway.** Licence information lost during transfer from Avon CC to NSC. The village has two items on the highway - The Cross Tree, and the notice board. There is no evidence of licences. **Clerk to establish ownership of tree and write to NSC to update their files.**



**Items remaining to be actioned from previous meeting:**

- a) **General Purpose Gangs (GPGs).** (inc general upkeep/rubbish). There has been concern over the degree of NSC liaison over GPGs. **Clerk to contact Mr Maddick to strengthen the GPG/WIG contact.**
- b) **Joint Replacement Structure Plan.** WIG not identified as an action area. The Council expressed concern with regard to the infrastructure pressures on WIG. **Clerk to write to NSC expressing those concerns.**
- c) **Emergency Services.** Action outstanding from last meeting. **Clerk to contact all parties to elicit specific answers to concerns raised in earlier correspondence.**

**1404 Councillors' Reports:**

Cllr Rutley referred to worn road markings and blind exits in the dip of the Coast Road around the Walton Bay telephone box. The Slow sign on the carriageway towards Clevedon, some 25 yards up from the telephone box, needs re-painting. There is no effective warning to motorists from either direction that they are approaching a complicated and dangerous convergence of exits onto the main road from the caravan parks. With current developments at Walton Bay Caravan Park these matters urgently need addressing. **Clerk to contact Mr Gill of NSC Highways to arrange a site meeting at which Cllr Rutley and Cllr Jupp can detail these concerns.**

**1405 Finance:**

The clerk reminded the meeting that a triennial audit is due as at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2001. All accounts and bank statements have been verified, are now up-to-date, and open to inspection by members.

The reconciled combined bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September is £2561.46. This updates the provisional balance shown at the last meeting.

In the figures shown on last month's minutes the cost of the Information Sheet was computed at £5 per issue. Cllr Rutley pointed out that the actual payment for the July and August Information Sheets (Cheque 000289) was £10.40 and not £10 as shown. This error was picked up during the accounts reconciliation exercise. Cllr Rutley also pointed out that the standard cost of the Information Sheet is £5.20 and not £5.00. The provision of £35 shown in last month's minutes as the cost of the Information Sheet to the March 2001 therefore becomes £36.20.

Two cheques were raised: 000290 for £9.00, being hall hire for September and October meetings, and 000291 for £5.20, to Mrs Rutley for the October issue of the Information Sheet. The new balance thus becomes £2547.26. The adjusted update to last month's figures is:

|                      |  |                  |
|----------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>NEW BALANCE</b>   |  | <b>£2547.26</b>  |
| Less committed spend | Hall Fees @ £4.50 per meeting Nov-March      | (£22.50)         |
|                      | Information Sheets @ £5.20 each Nov-March    | (£26.00)         |
|                      | Electricity for street lighting              | (£20.00)         |
|                      | Clerk's salary Aug-March                     | (£583.33)        |
|                      | Local Safety Action Team                     | (£10.00)         |
|                      | Balance of committed Millennium Project fund | (£243.90)        |
|                      | Mr Weatherhogg                               | (£5.00)          |
|                      | <b>TOTAL COMMITTED</b>                       | <b>(£910.73)</b> |
|                      |  | <b>£1636.53</b>  |

**PROJECTED RESERVES AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2001**

**£1636.53**

It was noted that, even with the new notice board at Walton Bay, the same number of Information Sheets will be needed for distribution.

**Item 77 Local Government Financial Green Paper.** Item from ALCA; of no WIG direct concern but **Clerk to circulate for information.**

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday November 13th 2000 in the Village Hall.

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

*R of Billy Maddick*



# Minutes of the Meeting of Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Held on Monday, November 20th 2000 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs: Mr. R J Baldwin (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr. B Cannell, Mr. P Jupp, Mr. G Rutley.  
**In Attendance:** Mr. D Hill - Clerk, PC Alex Duncan - Police Area Beat Manager  
**Apologies:** Mr A Moss, NSC Liaison Officer

**1406** The meeting was held a week later than usual. Mr Moss, from NSC, was to attend, but was unable to make the revised date. The Chairman welcomed PC Duncan to the meeting, as our newly appointed, locally resident, Beat Manager.

## **1407 Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2000, were approved and signed as a true record.

## **1408 Matters arising from minutes:**

**a) Walton Bay Caravan Park:** no developments during month.

**b) Walton Bay Noticeboard:** Mr Rowles has built and erected a Noticeboard on land belonging to his company, W G Way Ltd. Cllr Rutley pointed out that Mr Rowles did not want payment for the work, although The Council has accepted his original offer to do the work for £100. Cllr Rutley proposed a token gift in lieu of the fee. The meeting felt that the original fee should stand and that Mr Rowles be asked to submit an invoice for the work. **Clerk to action.**

**c) Overhanging Trees on Coast Road.** Work completed.

**d) Minute 1403, item 79:** Cllr Jupp was unable to attend the Police Consultation Meeting

**e) Extension to Brookside Cottage:** The Clerk had circulated a note concerning this and confirmed that all required procedures, consultations and regulations had been appropriately effected by the owners in relation to the project.

**f) Bus Timetable:** Still not forthcoming. **Clerk to chase**

**g) Emergency Services:** No response from Mr Bunting at NSC. The police did respond to Mr Bunting's initial letter; the fire and ambulance services did not. This is vexing Councillors significantly. Cllr Charlesworth, of Moor Lane (or is it Walton Drove?), Walton-in-Gordano, related a serious problem - one of several over the past months. Mr Charlesworth - in a seriously ill and fatigued state, was brought home from Southmead Hospital via a route that took two hours to complete, included a visit to Moor Lane Clevedon, and was commissioned to an ambulance crew who had no clue where Walton-in-Gordano was. During Councillor's reports, below, the meeting was reminded by Cllr Jupp of the earlier reported heart attack victim - Tom Wookey - at Walton Bay who could not be located for 2½ hours by ambulance crew, despite precise instructions. In absence of responses via ALCA/NSC, **Clerk to contact Avon Ambulance (Tower Hill) and Fire Services for information on their call-out locating systems. Also D/S to see why their map references do not accord with local street names.**

**Clerks Report Item 87: Licences to Plant or Erect Items on the Highway:** NSC acknowledged Clerk's letter reference the Cross Tree and Village notice board with thanks.

## **1409 Planning:**

Nothing to report

## **1410 Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk had previously circulated details of incoming post since the last meeting, together with copies of letters written by the clerk. These were duly noted.

**General Purpose Gangs (GPGs).** Meeting arranged at Cross Tree with Mr Maddick of NSC Highways Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am. Cllrs Rutley and Jupp to attend.



**1411 Councillors' Reports:**

Cllr Charlesworth re-emphasised her wish to see "no tipping" signs returned to Moor Lane. The Clerk reminded the meeting that NSC has recently declined to do this. The Moor Lane post and rail bridge has been damaged. Clerk said he had reported this, it has been inspected, and found to be structurally sound. The damage has been noted by NSC; no immediate action was proposed. Road naming (Moor Lane/Walton Drive - Walton Street/The Coast Road - Valley Road/Nightingale Valley all cropped up during the meeting) was a particular problem in relation to the emergency services, some of who seem to use O/S maps with non-current street names. Clerk's action per the emergency services section above.

Cllr Cannell referred to the extensive range of concerns The Council has about flooding and drainage problems in the Parish as set out in The Clerk's letter to NSC Cllr Ashton of November 6<sup>th</sup>. He forcefully urged that NSC and the involved service companies MUST take action to correct earlier and damaging engineering "quick fixes" (e.g. the sleeving of damaged 6" drains with 4" pipes, creating a significant restriction to water flow), and to alleviate the flooding problems. In particular, he reminded the meeting that we were promised ANNUAL jetting of the stream culverts that has not happened. The Clerk is closely monitoring progress with Cllr Ashton.

Cllr Rutley reported that there had been a site meeting with reference to road marking near the post box at Walton Bay. It appears that different highway personnel manage different aspect of highway concern (general maintenance, new works, road use etc). The need to refurbish the road markings was noted. The issue of signage in relation to the caravan park exits/entrances (minute 1404 of last meeting), could not be addressed by the attending officer. **Clerk to follow up on both these issues.**

The yellow sand box at Redcliffe Bay is empty; there is road erosion outside The Old Post Office on the Coast Road; these matters **to be raised with Mr Meddick on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>.**

The Millennium group thanked The Council for its grant support in aid of its various activities during the year.

Cllr Jupp raised the issue of roads salting, as highlighted in the recent issue of North Somerset News. The Coast Road is rutted and dangerous due to kerbside run off but this heavily used road is not on the salting list. There are two salt boxes in the area which seem to be permanently empty. It is understood that salting is reserved for what NSC deem to be the main arterial routes; it is believed that their priorities do not always accord with those of the emergency services. **Clerk to contact NSC to establish what their salting strategy is.**

**1412 Finance:**

Three items of expenditure were agreed to and cheques raised: SWEB for street light - £4.61 (ch000292); WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current, November Council meeting - £4.50 (ch000293); Mrs M Rutley, re November Newsletter - £5.20 (ch000294).

It was agreed that the grant balance of £243.90 be paid out to the Millennium Group. **Clerk to establish who to make the cheque out to.**

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday December 11th 2000 in the Village Hall.

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

RJ Ball  
D Meddick



# Minutes of the Meeting of Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Held on Monday, January 8th 2001 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

(There was no meeting held in December 2000)

**Present:** Cllrs: Mr. R J Baldwin (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr. B Cannell, Mr. P Jupp, Mr. G Rutley.  
**In Attendance:** Mr. D Hill - Clerk  
**Apologies:** Mr A Moss, NSC Liaison Officer

## 1413 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2000, were approved and signed as a true record.

## 1414 Matters arising from minutes:

- a) **Bus Timetable:** Still not forthcoming via NSC. **Clerk to chase via bus company**
- b) **Emergency Services:** Action per last minutes. **Clerk to contact Avon Ambulance (Tower Hill) and Fire Services for information on their call-out locating systems. Also D/S to see why their map references do not accord with local street names.**
- c) **Highway Matters:** No progress re outstanding matters during period of extreme weather conditions and flooding. **Clerk to summarise outstanding matters and pursue.**
- d) **Road Salting:** Evening Post stated that there was a legal requirement for highways to salt main roads deemed to be dangerous. Rubbish collection and bus services were at a standstill for 3 days during recent snow and ice. What would emergency services do? **Clerk to seek clarification of salting policy.**
- e) **Clerk's Report item 147:** Public rights of way meeting in Nailsea. **Clerk to inform Sue Betts.**
- f) **Millennium Group:** It is understood that the group will now be wound up.

## 1415 Planning:

Nothing to report

## 1416 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk had previously circulated details of incoming post since the last meeting, together with copies of letters written by the clerk. These were duly noted.

## 1417 Councillors' Reports:

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Moor Lane rubbish continues to be an eyesore. Where, in relation to the edge of the highway, does the boundary of responsibility fall as between highways and property/land owners? (at 3' from kerb?) **Clerk to ask Highways.** The Village Oak at Cross Tree looks appalling - can anything be done? **Clerk to contact NSC for advice.**

**Cllr Rutley** noted that various potholes in the parish have been filled in. However, the speed and superficiality of these, albeit, "quick" fixes bears no relation to the quite alarming speed of deterioration we are witnessing to the surfaces of the parish roads.

**Cllr Cannell** referred to the perennial problem of rubbish in Moor Lane. There have been fence panels lying on the village end/Clevedon side of the road for upwards of six months). There is a pothole needing attention outside Sylvan Lea on The Coast Road. **Clerk to raise issue of rubbish/highway condition with Highways.** He also reported that Walton Brooke, below Brookside in Moor Lane, is now the responsibility of The Land Drainage Board and not of the residents.

**Cllr Baldwin** has received a request for payment for a Cheese and Wine party put on by the Millennium Group. He stressed that the event was a matter for the group and was not, as reported elsewhere, a council event.

## 1418 Finance:

**Cheques:** 4 items of expenditure were agreed to and cheques raised: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current, January Council meeting - £4.50 (ch000295); WIG Parish Achieve Project as final instalment of grant - £243.90 (Ch000296); A G Rowles for Walton Bay notice board - £100 (ch000297); Mrs M Rutley, re December and January issues of Newsletter - £10.40 (ch000298).

**Precept:** An analysis of expenditure over the past three years was presented and it was agreed to call for a parish precept of £1800 - the same as for the current year. **Clerk to so notify NSC.**

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday February 12th 2001 in the Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

*R J Baldwin*



# Minutes of the Meeting of Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Held on Monday, February 12th 2001 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs: Mr. R J Baldwin (Chair), Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr. B Cannell, Mr. P Jupp, Mr. G Rutley.  
**In Attendance:** Mr. D Hill – Clerk, Mr A Moss - NSC Liaison Officer  
**Apologies:** NSC Cllr N Ashton, P C A Duncan

## **1419 Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2001, were approved and signed as a true record. At minute 1417, line 3, Cllr Cannell pointed out that the exact title of the drainage authority is "The Gordano Valley Internal Drainage Board".

## **1420 Matters arising from minutes:**

- a) **Bus Timetable:** Supplied by Clerk and in place at both notice boards.
- b) **Emergency Services:** Letters sent by Clerk to Avon Ambulance, Avon Fire Service, Ordinance Survey. Replies awaited. Long standing correspondence with Mr Bunting at NSC has been to no avail. **Mr Moss offered to follow up NSC channels.**
- c) **Highway Matters:** Clerk's Report (below) includes summary ahead of site meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> February (Copied to Noel Edwards, NSC).
- d) **Road Salting:** NSC policy clarified in Highway Services Information Sheet (Nov) and "Severe Weather Warning" letter of January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- e) **Clerk's Report item 147:** Rights of Way meeting in Nailsea. Sue Betts could not attend but to be kept informed of rights of way matters.
- f) **Millennium Group:** It is understood that the group has been wound up.

## **1421 Planning:**

**Walton Bay Caravan Park – Site Meeting, January 30<sup>th</sup>:** Held to assess amenity impact of a large mobile home siting in front of three homes on the Walton Bay House site. Actual base level appears to be at the same height as that of the former base for a smaller caravan. It had been thought that the base had been significantly raised – visual inspection indicates that this is not so. The new mobile home will be higher by about 4' than the former caravan and will block the seaward views of the three Walton Bay House properties. NSC confirmed that all licensing regulations had been adhered to by Walton Bay Caravan Park. The mobile homes fall well within the maximum size allowed (this is being verified again by NSC to be doubly sure). The only solution appears to appeal to the goodwill of the Walton Bay Caravan Park owner to see if he will agree to the lowering of the ground level of the offending mobile home base (NSC will try). Historical evidence does not bode well for success in this appeal. In law there appears to be no basis for challenging the legality of this mobile home siting.

NSC did not inform The Council of this site meeting. Cllr Rutley found out about it "by accident". As a courtesy the Council should be so informed. **Mr Moss offered to look into this particular oversight and establish what NSC protocols are.**

As a precedent for the future, the meeting was not happy with the unstructured, almost cavalier way in which mobile home developments could be pursued under present law. Having regard to longer term planning strategies for the coastal stretch between Portishead and Clevedon (Redcliffe Bay and Charlecombe are showing the way), and the judicious buying up of adjacent fields by site owners, the meeting concluded that it would be preferable to press for controlled planning development of permanent homes rather than risk multiple repeats of what is currently taking place at Walton Bay Caravan Park. This would be more beneficial to developers, allow more sympathetic consideration of local amenity needs and provide a more lucrative council tax base for NSC. Mr Moss suggested that if this was the Council's view, then they should not hesitate in pressing it with NSC. **Clerk, as a first step, to write to Noel Edwards, NSC Director of Planning and Environment, and Cllr Nigel Ashton ahead of the February 21<sup>st</sup> site meeting, where the subject issue is on the agenda.**

## **1422 Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk had previously circulated details of incoming post since the last meeting, together with copies of letters written by the clerk. These were duly noted. See Cllr Baldwin's comments under Councillors' Reports below.

Reference item 165, Mr Moss explained the basis of the cabinet government structure being established at NSC.

General Purpose Maintenance Gangs (GPMGs) have been a total failure in this parish, at least from a communication point of view (although the letter from NSC at item 166 deems them successful). At no time since the inception of GPMGs in January 2000 has the Clerk been contacted in relation to allocated workdays within the parish, nor is the Council aware of any such days having been allocated. This is



despite repeated requests to NSC to let us know what is happening. We now learn that this "successful" scheme has been suspended for the rest of the financial year due to lack of funds. Mr Meddick gave generously of his time to visit us (the Clerk, Cllr Rutley, Cllr Jupp) in November to explain how the GPMG system works in practice; he also was clearly knowledgeable about the maintenance needs of the parish. However when pressed on the issue of performance, it was apparent to us that the GPMG programme was more of a sop than a serious solution to our needs. The contract with Amy was neither funded nor staffed to perform an effective role over the large area it has to cover. **Mr Moss undertook to establish for us how the GPMG programme is set up and what we might reasonably expect of it.**

#### **1423 Councillors' Reports:**

**Cllr Charlesworth:** Moor Lane rubbish - there is huge dissatisfaction with the service offered by NSC, especially when compared to that offered by Woodspring when they had a yard at Albert Road Portishead and would respond within a day or two to requests for rubbish clearance and cleared rubbish that had been patently strewn or dumped by the public without regard to whether it was exactly on or exactly off the Highway Department's controlled width of roadway.

This concern raised the questions of what are we supposed to get out of the NSC contract with Amy? What, indeed, is the exact nature of the NSC contract with Amy or other relevant sub-contractors? How is the precept that NSC draws from our parish spent by NSC? **Clerk to develop note on these issues for Noel Edwards/Cllr Ashton prior to February 21<sup>st</sup> site meeting.**

**Cllr Rutley** noted that, although outside the parish, there was a huge pothole in the road outside Charlcombe Caravan Park. **Clerk to check location and detail and notify the Clerk to Portishead and North Weston Parish Council/Liam Gill by letter.**

**Cllr Jupp:** Despite the new speed restriction signs along The Coast Road at Walton Bay speeding continues to be a problem. The fact that it is so bad between 7-9am and 4-6pm forces the conclusion that it is regular users of the road who are at particular fault. **Clerk to talk with PC Duncan about this problem to see if speed checks can be introduced.**

**Cllr Baldwin:** Most of the currently outstanding matters in the hands of the Clerk have been outstanding for months - some for years. Cllr Baldwin made a forceful plea for action - particularly on the various outstanding issues raised under the Clerk's note to Councillors "Highway Matters". These "Highway Matters" have been the subject of numerous requests for and promises of action over several years. In particular, a report prepared by NSC some two years ago in relation to most of the issues currently being raised has resulted in little action in the form of solutions to problems. The Clerk pointed to the largely unsung support he has received from Cllr Ashton on behalf of the parish. He said that, in his dealings with NSC, he had to approach a range of people whose perspectives of their roles were that they had limited time, a wide range of pressing priorities and stretched financial and human resources with which to offer solutions. Individual work ethics, financial budgets, management control are but some of the issues that might form the basis of discussions in another forum; but in reality, the Clerk must deal with the people who are in-post, under the circumstances in which they are in post. The Clerk feels that he will achieve more for the parish by adopting an empathetic, rather than a confrontational approach to NSC staff in order to get action for the parish. Mr Moss agreed that this approach is more likely to achieve positive results for the long term.

The Clerk has now assembled all the currently significant concerns of the Council into the papers and letters attached to this meeting's agenda. Rather than slipping in and out of the agenda, these matters will in future be presented a set of bullet points (with the date on which each point entered the minutes) that will form part of the Clerk's Report and remain on that report until they are resolved. This of itself is not performance on Council problems; it will, however, highlight the time between initiation and result and indicate the level of forcefulness that the Council will expect the Clerk to exercise in pursuit of a result. It will help re-focus the current sense of impotence that the Council feels towards its relations with NSC into a sense of positive, if at times frustrating progress.

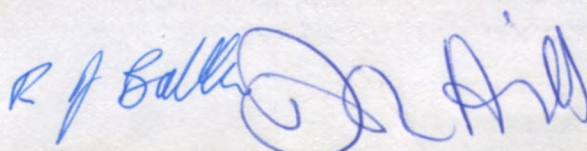
#### **1424 Finance:**

**Cheques:** 4 items of expenditure were agreed to and cheques raised: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current, February Council meeting - £4.50 (ch000299); Mrs M Rutley, re February issue of Newsletter - £5.20 (ch000300), SWEB re street light - £4.61 (ch000301), the balance of the Clerk's fee to April 5<sup>th</sup> 2001 - £666.67 (ch000302). Bank balance after these cheques: £1504.35

**Precept:** Clerk has notified NSC of request for £1800.

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday March 12th 2001 in the Village Hall.

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





# Minutes of the Meeting of Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Held on Monday, March 12th 2001 at 7.30 pm , in the Village Hall .

Present: Cllrs: Mr. R J Baldwin (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr. P Jupp.  
In Attendance: Mr. D Hill – Clerk  
Apologies: Cllr G Rutley; Cllr B Cannell; P C A Duncan; Mr A Moss – NSC Liaison Officer

## 1425 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2001, were approved and signed as a true record.

## 1426 Matters arising from minutes:

a) **Emergency Services:** Letters received from Avon Fire Service & copied to members. Ordinance Survey responded by telephone – Walton Drove has been changed to Moor Lane; full letter awaited from Southampton & will be copied to members. No response from Avon Ambulance – Clerk to chase

b) **Highway Matters:** Revised summary circulated and being sent to Liam Gill at NSC Highways. Clerk to 'Phone Mr Gill to discuss.

Response awaited from Noel Edwards re his Feb 21<sup>st</sup> visit to village re flooding issues. Clerk to keep pressure on.

c) **Mr Moss:** Three issues arose out of the last meeting that Mr Moss undertook to report back to the council on. This report was received and circulated to councillors (see item 182 of Clerks Report).

d) **Speed on the Coast Road:** PC Duncan was ill and unable to attend the meeting. He is responding to the Clerk's letter by telephone as soon as he is able – probably March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 1427 Planning:

**Walton Bay Caravan Park:** Noel Edwards visited the site on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. He noted (was truly amazed at) what was going on and the possible extension of such development not only to the whole of this site, but throughout the Walton Bay caravan sites. Access dangers were pointed out to him. After some time on telephone he concluded that little if anything could be done in relation to current developments under the licence arrangements in force for the site. His officers would be monitoring the developing situation. The Clerk subsequently wrote to Mr Edwards voicing this council's concern about long-term developments and raising the possibility of controlled planning for the area. A response is awaited.

## 1428 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk had previously circulated details of incoming post since the last meeting, together with copies of letters written by the clerk. These were duly noted.

**Item 190: The Electoral Register.** The Clerk explained new national publication procedures for electoral registers. Register not now available without charge. Clerk has a copy on disk. Viewing is possible in public places such as libraries. There is a fine of up to £5000 for illegal copying or other misuse.

**Item 185: Emergency Services.** Follow up on letter from the Chief Fire Officer. It had been suggested that the Clevedon Fire Office might attend a council meeting to expand on the Chief Fire Officer's letter. The meeting felt that, whilst this would be interesting, the Chief Fire Officer's letter had addressed the council's key concerns satisfactorily. Clerk to write a note of thanks to the Chief Fire Officer.

**Item 196: Public Transport.** WIG has two bus stop sites, Walton Bay and Cross Tree. A move for the Walton Bay Portishead to Clevedon stop has been agreed but not implemented. The Cross Tree stops causes concern and uncertainty. The Clevedon-Portishead stop has been moved to a position after the turn of the Walton Bay buses so some Walton Bay buses have refused to stop. The Portishead/Clevedon stop is, strictly, before the Walton Bay turn in that, once buses have emerged from that turn, they are passed the bus stop. The meeting felt that, given convenience, usage, and safety considerations, and notwithstanding contrary views that would emerge as discussion on the bus stop issue develops towards a decision, the most logical sites for the Cross Tree bus stops were on the Portishead/Clevedon road, on the Clevedon side of Manor Drive. Both the Clevedon-Portishead and the Portishead-Clevedon stops should be in properly engineered lay byes with bus stop posts and timetables. This positioning would then cater unambiguously for all buses,



whether they are taking the Walton Bay route, or the Gordano Valley route. Clerk to relay the meetings thoughts to both the bus company and NSC and to take up the bus company suggestion of a site meeting; also to chase for action on the Walton Bay stop.

1429 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Charlesworth: Moor Lane rubbish - what more can be said! Can ANYTHING be done?! The issue is one of the Clerk's "Highway Matters" to be pursued with Mr Gill as above.

Cllr Jupp: Newspaper clip "Cash Pot for Improvements to Local Areas". Possible source of cash to sort out flooding? Clerk to investigate.

1430 Finance:

Cheques: 3 items of expenditure were agreed to and cheques raised: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current, March Council meeting -£4.50 (ch0002303); Mrs M Rutley, re March issue of Newsletter - £5.20 (ch000304), ALCA subscription for 2001 - 2002 £39.55 (ch000305). Bank balance after these cheques: £1457.10

The Clerk informed the meeting that he would be away on business during Easter Week. Adjustments to the normal pattern of meetings were therefore agreed as under.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING TIMES BELOW ARE ALTERED FROM OUR NORMAL SCHEDULE**

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on FRIDAY APRIL 6th 2001 in the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting, which normally follows the Council April meeting, will this year follow the May meeting (May 14<sup>th</sup> 2001).

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

R J Ball  
