

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

Held on Friday, April 6th 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; Cllr Nigel Ashton - North Somerset Council
Apologies: Cllr G Rutley; Cllr B Cannell; PC A Duncan - Avon & Somerset Police; Mr A Moss - NS Council Liaison Officer

1431 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday March 12th 2001, were approved and signed as a true record.

1432 Matters arising from minutes:

a) Emergency Services: Ordinance Survey letter received per Clerk's Report item 218. Still no response from Avon Ambulance - Clerk to contact the CED Kevin Hockerty.

b) Highway Matters: Liam Gill visited Clerk to discuss items in the Highway Matters paper.

Rubbish & Street Cleansing: Cleansing contact, **Steve Allen**, Waste Management, Somerset House, W -s-M.

Highway responsibility ends where roadside meets ditch; ie not IN the ditch but TO the ditch. Verge cutting is usually 3' because that is the width of the mower cutter and adequate to ensure motorist visibility. In the conspicuous absence of action by NSC, most pressing rubbish clearance effected by Clerk/Home Farm.

Verge Overrun: Cutting back overgrowth is on the task list (no time yet specified). Contact: **Gary Meddick**, Highways, Nailsea.

Road Surfaces: Contacts - large scale, **Liam Gill** senior engineer (his replacement after he leaves for Taunton in 2 months); small scale, Gary Meddick inspector. The whole of NSC district is suffering road surface deterioration. The priority is sub-structural deterioration, which they can run special tests to identify. The surface problems will be dealt with as and when budgets allow. Council stressed that the surface problem were significantly dangerous to traffic (ergo to pedestrian) road users AND MUST BE DEALT WITH.

NSC engineers are contacting roadside landowners to assess the water run off problems on the Coast Road prior to planning a solution to the potential hazard from ice that results from this problem. Drainage off the public footpath outside Arodene is being re-worked so that the run off there goes into rather than (as at present) around the drainage gully. Engineers are also studying the feasibility of balancing tanks to contain the huge catchment run offs that currently end up in the brook and cause the Walton Street/Moor Lane flooding. These tanks will "hold" excess water until such time as it can be safely released.

Road Markings & Signage: Contacts for maintenance are Liam Gill (large) and Gary Meddick (small). New works was Geoff Bunting who has left and been replaced by **Daryl Parker**.

Walton Bay: promised re-marking of road paintwork at the dip (Portishead to Clevedon) approaching telephone box.

Clevedon Road: Road markings have become invisible. Re-painting needed. Ordinary repaint - contact Gary Meddick; solid line repaint - contact Daryl Parker. **Clerk to contact Daryl Parker.**

GP Gangs: A new programme of work for the financial year 2001-2 has been issued; our contact, Gary Meddick. Possible jobs to include rubbish clearance (especially at lay byes and Moor Lane), bus stop site improvements, Coast Road litter bin replacement.

Public Transport: Contact; Ray Shields, Somerset House. **Clerk to follow up on minute 196 from last meeting.**

Flooding: Noel Edwards letter, item 219 of Clerk's report, circulated to Cllrs. Actions per Road Surfaces heading above are under way. Paving solutions to Walton Street/Moor Lane properties on task list. Clerk away during Easter Week, but implementation site visit scheduled for mid/end April. The drainage of water from the junction of Clevedon Road/Moor Lane still not highlighted for resolution. Due to blocked/damaged gullies (normal gully clearance has not worked) at the upper side of Clevedon Road, outside Plum Tree Cottage, Home Farm Cottage is subject to a virtually permanent flooding threat. This is an explicit highway maintenance problem that needs urgent resolution.

c) Walton Bay Caravan Park: There are no transgressions of this particular (old) site licence; therefore nothing NSC can do to control current development. To zone the area for planning controls per minute 1427 of last month's meeting would be complex and press the limits of Green Belt policy as currently interpreted. The Walton Bay area would have to be re-designated as within the Walton-in-Gordano village fence for controlled development constraints to be applied. Whilst the spirit of Council concern is towards control, it is also with protection of green belt policies. For now, therefore, Council deems it proper to maintain a close watching brief of developments, rather than to press for clarification of the longer term strategic issues that are not yet publicly shaped at NSC

level.

d) Cash Pot: North Area of NSC has £25000 for small job/small village/small ward projects. Is there a possible avenue here to get funding for bus stop re-sitting, replacing of Coast Road litterbins? Note; improvements to highway safety are likely to be critical features of any successful bid for funds. **Clerk to contact Cllr i/c NSC North Area Committee, Cllr John Dawes to establish what may be secured for WIG; cc Cllr Ashton.**

e) Electoral Register: Council struggles to understand how the new context of "criminality" surrounding general publicity of the register can be sustained. **Cllr Ashton to establish the ins and outs of the new constraints on general availability of the register.**

1433 Planning

Developments from last month are per "Matters Arising" above. No new planning issues.

1434 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 216 - Speed of traffic on Coast Road: PC Duncan contacted police traffic management department during month and secured an assurance that a rubber strip kit would be set down to monitor traffic flows and speeds. There is no date yet confirmed for this exercise but it is expected to be within the next few weeks. Cllr Ashton informed the meeting that NSC also have these kits and, in the event that we are to experience a long delay, he could make arrangements for the exercise to be carried out via NSC.

Item 228 - Portishead Railway Action Group: whilst re-establishment of a Portishead-Bristol public rail service link has not been deemed a viable transport option in the past, the Royal Portbury Dock spur does give significant impetus to new feasibility studies. Cllr Ashton said that in principle he will be happy to see a successful link in place but suggested that it would be unwise to think of it as a foregone conclusion at this stage. Walton-in-Gordano's axis is perhaps more towards Clevedon than Portishead; but nevertheless, any positive steps to improve the Gordano Valley's transport infrastructure should (and in this instance, does), receive the parish council's support.

Item 230 - Local Transport Plan 2000: Response from NSC Engineer D Bailey. Speed limit for WIG fulfils current traffic calming provisions. Further provisions such as orange tarmac speed strips and village gates not deemed appropriate. **Clerk to so inform Mr Bailey**

1429 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Jupp: Attended a recent meeting of the Local Safety Action Group in Weston-in-Gordano Village Hall. This is a useful contact forum, where Cllr Jupp sensed some disappointment that Walton -in-Gordano was not operating a neighbourhood watch scheme.

Cllr Baldwin: Why has the Moor Lane direction finger post painting not been completed? **Clerk to investigate.**

1438 Finance:

Cheques: 2 items of expenditure were agreed to and cheques raised: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current, April Council meeting - £4.50 (ch0002306); Weston -in-Gordano Parish Council - towards Local Safety Action Group costs - £10.00 (ch000307).

Audit: April 5th marked the end of a three-year period between audits. We will expect to hear from auditors during the next few weeks. Clerk reported that all paperwork was prepared for audit and all figures accounted for to the penny.

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday May 14th in the Village Hall, to be followed by The Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

R J Baldwin
D M Hill

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In Attendance: Mr. D Hill - Clerk; Mr A Moss - NS Council Liaison Officer

Apologies: Cllr Nigel Ashton - North Somerset Council : P C Alex Duncan - Avon & Somerset Police

1437 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Friday April 6th 2001, were approved and signed as a true record.

1438 Matters arising from minutes:

a) Emergency Services: Still no response from Avon Ambulance after clerk's latest letter of April 25th. **Clerk to keep chasing.**

b) Highway Matters: Clerks letters following last meeting evidenced some progress. Performance against specific parish requests will be closely monitored.

c) Walton Bay Caravan Park: Residents are becoming increasingly concerned that their living environment is fast resembling that of a "rubbish tip". As community charge payers, they feel it is incumbent on NSC to monitor this unacceptable development and take steps to rectify it. **Clerk to inform appropriate North Somerset Council department of residents' concerns.**

d) Cash Pot: Clerk wrote to Cllr Dawes (copy to relevant officers and Cllr Ashton) re bus stop re-siting proposal. Response awaited.

e) Electoral Register: Cllr Ashton's finding awaited - possibly at following Annual Parish Meeting.

f) Traffic Speed on Coast Road: no police representative at meeting to update; **Clerk to follow up.**

1439 Planning

Two planning applications have been received - 01/P/0738/F erection of stable building and tack room for Ms K Wilkins of The Old Post Office at a field known as The Orchard, and 01/P/0780/F provision of parking area and turning bay for Mrs A Strange (via Mr Ken Dille) at 2 Sandstone Cottages Clevedon Road. No objections were raised to either project. **Clerk to so inform NSC.**

1440 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.

1441 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Charlesworth: Yet three more bags of building rubble have appeared in the ditch by the Ash Track on Moor Lane. (Clerk offered to remove them). It is frustrating that we have to endure people who persist in the indulgence of such despicable, pathetic, and anti-social habits. But endure them, it seems, we must. The faded white lines on the road at Crosstree will contribute to a serious accident if they are not re-painted as a matter of urgency. **The Clerk was pressed to continue his pursuit of NSC with vigour on this matter.**

Cllr Rutley: Rumours circulated during the past month that the bus services via Walton Bay is to be re-routed, leaving Walton Bay with no bus service at all. Cllrs Jupp and Rutley canvassed for residents' views via the Newsletter and received 8 specific registrations of concern from people using the service several times per week in both directions. Those people are seriously alarmed at the prospect of losing their bus service, and in one case the consequent isolation will force them to sell their caravan. Clerk has established that no notice of service change (the service will be re-routed through the Gordano Valley, not terminated) has been sent to the traffic commissioners. The bus company cannot withdraw the service until 42 days after the lodgement of such notice. Nevertheless, Ray Shields of NSC confirms that it definitely is the bus company's intention to withdraw the service from Walton Bay. Individual residents

have contacted the bus company, Dr Liam Fox, as the sitting MP, and proposed a petition to lend the weight of numbers to their concern. Cllr Jupp proposed, and the meeting agreed, that the Clerk follow up initial contacts with NSC and First Badgerline by writing a forceful note to them both, expressing the strength of local concern. Clerk should also establish if the service is subsidised by NSC and if so, if that lends any power to NSC over a withdrawal of the service. In the event that the service is withdrawn, Clerk should also establish whether a fully funded service could operate, and what we can learn from the Community Bus and Syd's Bus operations that might offer a model of service to Walton Bay.

Cllr Cannell: Raised a general point arising from Mrs Strange's planning application at minute 1439 above, which was discussed before he was able to be at the meeting. Cllr Cannell raised no objection to the particular application and understands the pressure Mr and Mrs Strange are under to get their car off the highway, from where it has recently, twice, been stolen. Cars parked on the public highway can be eyesores. Getting cars off the highway into permanent parking on private property clears the particular eyesore but does significantly alter the "aesthetic" of the area. Whether by design, or by process, the juxtaposition of properties and highways that make up a community are altered forever once walls come down, driveways are widened, and front gardens are lost to parking and turning areas. Whilst we probably have to accept "progress" in such matters, we should do so in full awareness of the irrecoverable adjustments we are making to - in our case - our village environment.

1442 Finance:

Cheques: 2 cheques were prepared to replace one lost and one wrongly written (Village Hall for £4.50 ch306 replaced by ch309; and Weston-in-Gordano PC for £10.00 ch307 replaced by ch308). 5 items of expenditure were agreed to and cheques raised: SWEB for street light at Cross Tree £4.61 (ch310); Mrs M Rutley for April and May Information Sheets £10.40 (ch311); Cornhill Insurance re local governemt business policy, £122.22 (ch312); Council for the Protection of Rural England annual subscription, £17.50 (ch313); WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current, April Council meeting + Annual Parish Meeting, £9.00 (ch314).

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

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

R J Bell

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Minutes of Walton-in-Gordano Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Monday, May 14th 2001 at 8.45 pm, in the Village Hall

Present: **Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council:** Cllr Robert Baldwin (Chair); Cllr Ann Charlesworth (Vice Chair); Cllr Peter Jupp; Cllr Gordon Rutley; Cllr Brian Cannell. Clerk – Donald Hill.
North Somerset Council: Cllr Nigel Ashton
Village Hall Committee: Colin Greenhill
St Paul's Church: Sue Betts
Other Parish Residents: Maureen Rutley; Kenneth Dilley

Apologies: Rosemary Tucker – Women's Institute; Jocelyn Davis – St Paul's Church.

1.01 Introduction:

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2.01 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on Monday May 8th 2000 were circulated, approved, and signed as a true record.

3.01 Chairman's Report

The Parish Council meets once a month, except in August, usually on a Monday. The Chairman gave a brief report on Parish finances for the year to 31st March 2001 before moving on to mention some of the key items that cropped up during the year.

The Council started the year on April 1 st 2000 with a bank balance of	£1439
Total income for the year (including bank interest) was	£1867
Total expenditure for the year was	£1848
Bank balance at the end of the year was	£1458
Precept for the year 2001 – 2002 remains as for the previous two years at	£1800.

Accounts for the three years to March 31st 2001 are about to be audited and will be available to the general public.

Several expensive quotes were received for a notice board at Walton Bay, which was particularly needed since the demise of the Walton Bay shop. Thanks to the generosity of Graham Rowles, who made and erected on his own land, the board now in place, Walton Bay now has a notice board that is proving to be very useful.

In August Sara Talbot resigned as Clerk, due to other work pressures, and was replaced by Donald Hill. Sara was thanked for her contribution.

Problems surrounding new developments at Walton Bay Caravan Park continue to cause serious concern to effected residents. After much work by this council, by Councillor Ashton, and by North Somerset Council, it does appear that the new owner of the site is operating within his site licence and that there are no legal grounds the Council can employ in pursuing residents' concerns.

Problems of flooding remain unresolved. North Somerset Council assures us that they have, or are developing plans to solve those problems.

The balance of the grant to the Millennium Projects - £1050 – was paid during this year out of a provision carried forward from last year. There was a general feeling in the village that those involved in the various projects should be warmly congratulated, and the Chairman did so.

There are problems relating to bus services and bus stop positions currently engaging much Council time and effort.

Footpaths in the Parish remain closed; as they must, since the Parish is within an infected area via problems at Lawrence Weston. North Somerset Council are keeping in touch with the Council and with farmers about what will be the best course of action once our restricted status is lifted; but the view in the village appears to be that they should remain closed until we are certain the foot and mouth problem has been resolved.

The Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors for their sterling work for the village during the year, Val Baldwin for her work in keeping the central area of the village tidy, Maureen Rutley for her work in coordinating production of the Information Sheet, and all the unsung heroes who work tirelessly in the background in contributing to our very positive village life.

4.01 Report from North Somerset Councillor Nigel Ashton

Cllr Ashton is Chair of North Somerset Council's Housing and Social Services Committee. They spend £40million on these services and look after 6000 council houses. Last year's budget was the tightest ever for the Council; of the £130million funds, some 50% goes to education and 25% to social services. Historically, councils across the country have been hugely under-funded, with some running close to bankruptcy. It is true that extra funding is put in by Central Government from time to time; but typically, an additional £1.5million can include additional responsibilities costing £2.5million; an actual deficit of £1million.

Cllr Ashton gave some alarming figures on the growth of numbers in care and of the costs of supporting the care services. A survey of residents' priorities put roads at the top of the list and social services at the bottom. However, social services have to have financial support and, with the Council unable to set an "illegal" budget by spending more than their income, roads have suffered through a lack of maintenance over many years. Of 450 highway schemes on file last year, only 22 were dealt with. Most of the demands of North Somerset Council by Walton-in-Gordano fall into the category of highway maintenance for the three miles of roads in the Parish; these roads are far from being the worst in the District; and North Somerset Highway Services do a valiant job in struggling to keep a, what some may perceive of as a skeleton, service in place at all.

In terms of the volume and speed of traffic passing along the village roads, it seems that the speed limit has only proved to be a partial success; it is difficult to know what else can be done in a way that is sensitive to the particular character of the village. The situation is closely monitored.

The Walton Bay Caravan Park situation is a disgrace. However, in terms of what the site owner has done to date, it appears that he is operating within the law and that he is fully aware of just how far he can go. Nothing seems to have happened on the site for some weeks; the site almost gives the appearance of being derelict. Cllr Rutley interjected that the site was, indeed, taking on the characteristics of a tip - so much so that residents were seriously questioning the value of their paying Community Charges. Cllr Ashton said that if things were that serious, tidying up could be enforced via the Environmental Health section of Planning and Environment. The Clerk took a note to follow this up via the Parish Council.

With regard to the flooding down Walton Street and Moor Lane, Noel Edwards, North Somerset Council's Director of Planning and Environment, has involved himself directly in assessing the problem, and developing possible solutions that will actually control water flow during the heavy rainfall periods. The properties most directly affected by the threat of water ingress to houses during flooding are to have raised paving laid that will protect them from the average depth of water flow down the street. Although this is budgeted for the current financial year, Cllr Ashton is pressing strongly for the work to be done immediately - rather than to be left, and as a result delayed, by the onset of further heavy rains.

The floor of The Gordano Valley is four feet below the high water mark. This means that the consequently high water table will always present a problem (it is a wetlands based National Nature Reserve) of ground level saturation of the valley floor during periods of persistently heavy rainfall.

Cllr Ashton was asked questions about the Community Charge, Buses, and the Electoral Register.

Any Community Charge increase is limited to 4.5% or will be subject to a penalty (it was suggested from the floor that the simplest way of conceiving this was as "rate capping"). Privatization or part privatization of services can achieve savings to the budget not necessarily because the private company will perform more effectively than the Council operation; but because, as an example, a Central Government grant towards the cost of a nursing home resident in a private home is higher than that for the same resident were they in a Council run home. North Somerset receives £209 per capita below the average for local authorities; it is deemed a "rich" area. However, its seaside towns have a higher than average number of residential homes for the elderly, and some significant areas of social deprivation. The expenses of supporting these through local government funding provision is far heavier than the District's "rich" status would imply.

There is serious concern from Walton Bay residents about the rumored withdrawal of their bus service. The issue is recent and is the subject of much effort by the Parish Council, in conjunction with North Somerset Council officer Ray Shields, to clarify the exact plans, and the social obligations if any, of First Badgerline and to press for a continuation of the service, even if that has to be in modified form. Cllr Ashton supports these efforts or, if it should come to it, investigations into an appropriate alternative form of service such as Community Buses or a "S yd's Bus".

Cllr Ashton had undertaken to provide the Parish Council with information about newly implemented restriction to the public availability of the Electoral Register. As his Monday evenings are taken up with North Somerset Council work in Weston-super-Mare, and he is consequently not able to attend as many of our Parish Council meetings (which nearly always fall on a Monday) as he would like, he offered the information at this meeting prompted by a question from the Chair. Central Government are placing new restrictions on the availability of Electoral Registers, which, for the first time, are subject to a rolling update rather than being updated just once per year. The Registers are allowed to be available to the public in such places as information centers and libraries. Single copies are available, in printed or electronic form, to individual councillors and clerks. Copies of the Register may be purchased at prices ranging from £5 per thousand names to £20 per thousand names, depending on the format in which they are provided. Any unauthorized copying or exhibiting of the register is subject to a heavy fine.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ashton for rushing back from Weston to be with us and for being so frank in his presentation.

5.01 Report from Village Hall Committee - Colin Greenhill

At the AGM on March 8th, Steve Russell retired from the Management Committee. He was thanked for his involvement. Rene Truby has recently been co-opted as a member of the Hall Committee.

The past year has seen the hall being redecorated by committee members and residents. A huge thank you was sent out to all who took part. Special mention was given to Gordon Rutley, Tony Barrow, and Audrey and Michael Hollingsworth, for their unstinting efforts and also to Joan Reed who put so much into the necessary clearing up after the sanding of the floor. A big thank you was also sent out to Ray Redmore, who valiantly undertook the rather daunting task of cleaning the outside walls, two of which have now been completed. The next major task is the roof. The gutter line is rusting and the body of the roof needs re-treating with tar. This work will probably require professional help.

Hall finances are sound, with over £5000 on deposit. There are 3-4 lettings per week, which is not bad for a small village. These lettings are of value beyond the fees they bring in - they contribute so much in keeping the hall "alive".

The old clock from the Congregational Chapel (next to Crosstree Cottage), which has been "resting" for years, has been renovated and provides a wonderful feature in the hall's entrance porch. There is a down side though - it is a five-day clock and requires the ministrations of Colin Greenhill on a basis that is quite outside our normal seven-day week! Assistant clock-winders are welcome for those periods when Colin and Anne are away from the village, during which times the clock currently winds down to a peaceful halt.

The Parish Council Chairman gave a big thank-you on behalf of the whole village, to Colin Greenhill and to all involved in the hall renovation. He also thanked Colin for keeping us informed of Hall matters.

6.01 Report from St Paul's Church by Sue Betts

St Paul's, is a member of the East Clevedon United Benefice, with an active membership of 25. The Church aims to be a focus for Christian Worship within the Communities of the Parish, and Benefice. They also set great store by extending their Community by charity giving (£1277 during 2000).

During every service of the Millennium Year, a special Millennium Candle was lit. After a long gap, the tradition of celebrating Plough Sunday has been restored. The afternoon Songs of Praise continues to be well supported, as was the traditional Rogation Sunday walk. Only a few people joined the July summer picnic, but the event proved highly enjoyable. The Flower Festival and the Harvest Festival continued the theme of looking outwards, beyond the Parish; the Flower Festival collecting for holidays for needy children and the Harvest Festival focusing on both our national plight within farming and the ever present pressures of food shortages around the world. During the Carol Service, members of the Church staged a performance of The Nativity - with the final scene in a real barn.

There are designated funds for the Churchyard, Maintenance, and Flowers. 2000 saw a deficit across all accounts of £2022, which was balanced by a transfer from the Capital Fund, which stood at £22676 at the end of the calendar year. Tax-free giving is increasing and the Churchyard Fund (specifically for maintaining the graveyard), now completely pays for graveyard upkeep. Somewhat disturbingly, 2001 is expected to also end with a deficit of £2000, eating further into the Capital Fund.

7.01 Report from the Women's Institute - Rosemary Tucker (read by Clerk)

There are 29 members, mostly from Clevedon, who meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Village Hall for a varied programme of speakers, demonstrations, and social evenings. There are plans to promote the WI among village residents during the annual Village Fete.

The past year saw talks on The Kennet and Avon Canal, Leather Craft, Osteoporosis, and Decoupage. Social evenings included parties for the WI 71st birthday, and for Christmas. In August there was a memorable (and hilarious!) evening devoted to "Memories Of Our Childhood". The annual Produce and Handicraft Show continued its tradition of high standards, and the Patchwork Group, Coffee Mornings, and Plant Sales all proved successful this year. Walton WI also participates in Yevo Valley Group activities, in particular, the annual Garden Party and the Carol Service.

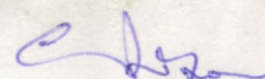
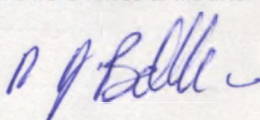
8.01 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Chairman thanked all those who gave reports to the meeting and all those who attended.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Addendum from the Clerk - quite unorthodox I am sure, to add addendums. BUT - no one, during the meeting, thanked the Chairman for his sterling efforts on our behalf during the past year. Strong sentiments of thanks were voiced to me after the meeting, and I think it proper to record them here - "on the record but off the minutes". Don Hill.



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In Attendance: Mr. D Hill – Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Nigel Ashton : P C Alex Duncan (who came, and briefed Cllr Jupp on traffic item just before meeting) : Mr A Moss

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MATTERS

1443 Election of Chair:

Cllr Cannell proposed Cllr Baldwin as Chair. This appointment was agreed to unanimously without the formality of a second. Cllr Baldwin accepted the post.

1444 Election of Vice Chair:

Cllrs unanimously voiced their wish for Cllr Charlesworth to continue as Vice Chair. Cllr Charlesworth accepted to post.

1445 Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Cllr Baldwin, as Chair completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office (DAO). It has not been the practice of this Council to require the completion of a DAO by the Vice Chair (optional for this office holder).

1446 Appointments of Representatives to Outside Bodies:

The Council appoints specific representatives to two outside bodies. Members were appointed as follows:

Village Hall Management Committee: Cllrs Baldwin and Cannell agreed to continue representing the Council on this committee.

Combined Community Safety Action Team for Clapton, Weston and Walton: Cllr Jupp agreed to continue as Walton representative for one more year.

1447 Subscriptions, Grants, and Donations:

REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS – both agreed

ALCA – Avon Local Councils Association	paid for 2001/2	£39.55
CPRE – Council for the Preservation of Rural England	paid for 2001/2	£17.50

REGULAR GRANTS – both agreed

Walton-in-Gordano Village Fete	due July/Sept 2001	£400.00
Crime and Disorder Committee	due Spring 2002	£10.00

SPECIFIC REQUESTS RECEIVED – none agreed due to minimal nature of precept. Clerk to so inform requesters.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Request Received</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Crimestoppers – West Country Charity	21.03.01	£35.00
NS Citizen's Advice Bureau	16.10.00	£?
North Woodspring Victim Support	25.09.00	£?
ALCA NS Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	20.11.00	£5.00
Curzon Cinema	17.01.01	£500.00 (over 2 yrs)

REGULAR MEETING MATTERS

1448 Minutes of last meeting:

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1449 Matters arising from minutes:

- a) **Emergency Services:** Cllr Jupp reported on visit to Ambulance HQ with Clerk. They have clearly put much work into identification of Walton Bay properties on the caravan sites and now have Moor Lane in their system. The system is impressive to see in action.
- b) **Highway Matters:** Performance to be monitored. Verge cutting and maintenance gang work is under way to everyone's joy; Cllr Jupp noted during the meeting that it exposed litter that will want removing. He wanted confirmation of exactly which sections of the Coast Road fall into the street cleansing schedule. **Clerk to find out from NSC.**
- c) **Walton Bay Caravan Park:** NSC officers have responded to Clerk's letter and are investigating rubbish and harassment issues.
- d) **Cash Pot:** No response from Cllr Dawes; somewhat of a lost cause if Walton Bay bus service is being withdrawn.
- e) **Electoral Register:** Cllr Ashton's findings reported to Annual Parish Meeting.
- f) **Traffic Speed on Coast Road:** PC Duncan has received no positive response re solid white lines at Cross Tree or speed metre for Coast Road. **He will be visiting HQ during the next few days to follow these matters up and will report back to the Clerk.**
- g) **Grant of permission:** O1/P/0780/F from last meeting - provision of parking area and turning bay for Mrs A Strange
- h) **Rubbish in Moor Lane:** This was gone when Clerk went to clear it; presumably taken by general maintenance gang.
- j) **Walton Bay Bus Service:** The Badgerline decision is firm and immutable. **Clerk to ask Ray Shields for NSC about alternatives.**

1450 Planning

Two full planning applications have been received:

O1/P/1048/F: Walton Bay Park Homes. Erection of 2-story dwelling and conversion of a redundant store and toilet block to garage. No objections were raised in principle; indeed, Cllr Jupp reminded the meeting that the Council had recently minuted their preference for controlled development of permanent dwelling in the Walton Bay area. However, Councillors did have problems with detail. The lack of dimensions makes it difficult to envisage the size of the house and this raised concerns about its encroachment on the eye line of properties above it. **Councillor Rutley agreed to sound out the feelings of surrounding residents towards the proposal and see if more precise measurements were available in time for the next meeting.**

O1/P/1053/F: The Sanctuary, Walton Bay. Conservatory extension. This application did not present a problem in principle. However, the levels/links between the present garage and the proposed conservatory are unclear. **Clerk to produce original plans, if available, at next meeting.**

1451 Clerk's Report:

During the month the Clerk had circulated post and action details. Additions were presented at the meeting and duly noted.

1452 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Charlesworth: Disturbed by untidiness of Cross Tree garden. Wide ranging discussion concluded that tree should stay; it must be able to breathe so shingle was suggested as a low maintenance alternative to garden (cost?). No action was proposed.

Cllr Rutley: No progress has been made re danger road signage at the complex of Walton Bay caravan entrances. **Clerk to chase.**

1453 Finance:

Cheques: 2 items of expenditure were agreed to and cheques raised: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current, June Council meeting £4.50 (ch315). Mrs M Rutley for June Information Sheets £5.20 (ch316).

Auditors RSM Robson Rhodes will conduct the triennial audit during September. First public notice to be posted August 1st.

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

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

Held on Monday, July 9th 2001 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall

Please note that there will be no meeting in August

Present: Cllrs: Mr. R Baldwin (Chair); Mr G Rutley; Mr B Cannell
In Attendance: Mr. D Hill – Clerk : Mr A Moss – North Somerset Council : P C Alex Duncan – Beat Manager
Apologies: Cllr Nigel Ashton - NSC : Cllr Ann Charlesworth : Cllr P Jupp

1454 Traffic Matters

These matters were taken first as P C Duncan had to leave. The Chairman thanked him for attending.

a) Traffic Speed on Coast Road: Due to pressure of use in the south of the force area, the police traffic flow metering equipment is not now going to be available for some time. It was suggested that we take up Cllr Ashton's offer of trying to access the North Somerset Council equipment for this exercise. Results from this equipment will aid the police in prioritising spot roadside speed checks. **Clerk to contact Cllr Ashton.**

b) Road Signage on Coast Road: Any valid effort to improve road safety will be supported by the Police Traffic Management Department. The proposed signage would not require specific police involvement as would, for example, a change in speed limits. **Clerk to pursue earlier correspondence with NSC.**

c) Road Markings at Cross Tree: Police experience suggests that long broken lines down the middle of the road supported by thick solid white lines down the sides of the road will achieve the desired effect of better "channelling" traffic through this combination of bends and crossroads. As the lines need re-painting as a matter of urgency, it was suggested that we proceed with this idea rather than press for solid lines that, as an alteration, will need further specific approval. A properly placed roundabout to replace the Cross Tree Oak was alluded to as possibly the only way to force traffic to decelerate through the lower village; the idea, known to have both supporters and detractors, was not pursued by the meeting. P C Duncan said that, in the final analysis, whatever might be done to control traffic, it is general driving standards that are in need of upgrading. **Clerk to pursue the outstanding re-painting request.**

1455 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday June 11th 2001, were approved and signed as a true record.

1456 Matters arising from minutes:

a) Walton Bay Caravan Park: NSC responded to residents concerns by confirming that the owner's redevelopment of this site has not breached any aspects of his licence. The duration of the redevelopment and the necessary upheaval surrounding such a major project needs to be compared to that surrounding any staged site development, be it for static or mobile residences.

b) Walton Bay Bus Service: The Clerk wrote to and spoke to Ray Shields about developments during the month, including the Nailsea Community Bus Scheme, (which also operates in Clevedon and about which Cllr Jupp provided some preliminary information), and the Countryside Agency's Parish Transport Grants. The Nailsea scheme is run as a charity specifically for the elderly and infirm and whilst not able to offer a regular service of the kind sought by Walton Bay, it would be able to provide for elderly and infirm should a need exist. Parish Transport Grants are very new. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to parishes or groups of parishes upon the submission and approval of a fully costed, jointly funded, operating plan. Walton Bay will be isolated in this area as the only place without a bus service. **Clerk to provide copy information on these schemes to Chairman.**

Due to developments surrounding new, medium term, weight limits at Yatton railway-bridge, NSC have to re-think Weston-super-Mare services that do not use the motorway (the X24/5 does). This MAY leave an opportunity to provide a service of some kind via Walton Bay. This would probably be a NSC subsidised service and result from a tender going out from NSC. Much work is being done and we are to be kept informed. If Badgerline win the tender to provide such a service they will expect the Coast Road to be clear of overhanging growth that currently impedes the route for large vehicles. **Clerk to liaise with NSC and Badgerline to establish which is the offending growth and to further liaise with NSC Highways as needed to ensure its removal.**

1457 Planning

01/P/0738/F: Stables for Ms Karen Wilkins at The Orchard, Coast Road – full permission GRANTED.

01/P/1048/F: Walton Bay Park Homes. Since the last meeting the Clerk studied the drawings to get specific dimension data, and contacted NSC Planning to both inform them of this Council's delayed response and to establish the process of local consultation with residents. The Clerk circulated a note to Councillors providing dimensions read off the application drawings, which indicated a reasonably sized property. NSC Planning will review the scale of the development in the context of the site as a matter of course. NSC Planning also confirmed that the normal processes of local consultation would be pursued. Cllr Rutley confirmed that this had started by the posting of notices and that he had not received any adverse representations relating to the proposal. The meeting agreed that, in the light of the new information and assurances, they would raise no objection to the proposed development. **Clerk to so inform NSC Planning**

NSC Planning

01/P/1053/F: The Sanctuary, Walton Bay. Conservatory extension: Following the last meeting, the Clerk reviewed the plans in detail and by comparison to the original application. He also discussed this Council's concerns in being able to understand the plans with the NSC planning department. The plans as submitted here bear little relation to the original set that this council has on file so these originals were of little help in amplifying an understanding of the current application. Neither the Clerk, nor NSC Planning, nor Cllr Cannell (whom the Clerk consulted as having raised the original query), could understand the levels/links between the garage and the conservatory as presented in the application. NSC Planning assured the Clerk that the application would be turned back for clarification if further examination of it indicated that our concerns were real. This information was included in the note referred to above re application 1053 and circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Jupp had earlier reported to the Clerk that the property already has a conservatory. Against this information Cllr Cannell asked if we were considering an application for new-build, for a conservatory extension, or for retrospective planning permission? The application does not make this clear. This Council retained its position from last month's meeting that there was no objection in principle to the addition of a conservatory to the property, but that the plans as submitted required significant clarification. **Clerk to so inform NSC Planning.**

1458 Clerk's Report:

This month's Post and Action report was circulated. The 28 items were reviewed. Some had been dealt with under minutes 1456 and 1457 above; the following actions were agreed in relation to the remainder:

Item 302 – NSC Health Promotion Service Avon: The Healthier Food in North Somerset Project want to know of clubs/activities/farm shops in the parish. **Clerk to inform them of Church Farm Shop.**

Item 312 – Mud on Harley Hill/Moor Lane: Clerk has submitted a request for action form to NSC Highways due to a recurrence of this problem.

1459 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Rutley: Planting at Brook Cottage, in the narrowest part of the Coast Road, is spreading onto the roadway forcing vehicles to take avoiding action. **Clerk to approach owners to ask for their cooperation in trimming back their plants.**

Cllr Baldwin: After last month's discussion about the garden around the Cross Tree Mrs Baldwin weeded and dug the site. Cllr Baldwin approached John Flowers asking for advice on possible gravelling of the site. No costs were discussed or actions decided upon, but the possibility of gravelling moves a step closer. It is the Queen's Jubilee next year; is there any way in which the village community may want to mark this occasion? **Cllr Rutley will ask Mrs Rutley if she will put a piece in the next Information Sheet to gauge opinion on if, and if so, how, "the village" should proceed.**

1460 Finance:

Cheques: 3 items of expenditure were agreed and cheques raised: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current, June Council meeting £4.50 (ch317). Mrs M Rutley for July Information Sheet £5.20 (ch318). D Hill for 3 months Clerk's Fee £250.00 (ch319). Balance after these cheques was reported as £1904.01.

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday **September 10th** in the Village Hall.

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

R J Baldwin
D M Hill

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

Held on Monday, September 10th 2001 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Mr. R Baldwin (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr B Cannell; Mr P Jupp
In Attendance: Mr. D Hill - Clerk
Apologies: Cllr Nigel Ashton - NSC; Cllr G Rutley; Mr A Moss - NSC

1461 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday July 9th 2001, were approved and signed as a true record.

1462 Matters arising from minutes:

- a) **Traffic Speed on Coast Road:** Request passed to Transport Policy Section by Peter Bailey, new Senior Engineer.
- b) **Road Signage on Coast Road:** Being investigated by Peter Bailey per his letter of August 1st. Report awaited.
- c) **Road Markings at Cross Tree:** Job sheet reply: "The defect has been inspected and will be considered for future work.
- d) **The Cross Tree:** On and off over the years, the idea that the Cross Tree be replaced by a roundabout has been mooted. A piece was put in the parish Information Sheet seeking views. The result was a tirade of horror, both written and verbal. All but one of the responses was for the retention of the tree. Each of the responses pro-retention was, to put it mildly, passionate. A suggestion that gravel be laid under the tree for easier maintenance, and that the black bollards be replaced by cats eyes, was developed to a point where the **Chairman undertook to discuss the gravel matter with John Flowers** to see how this might best be done and at what cost.
- e) **The Queen's Jubilee:** The queen has expressed a wish that no specific extravagance should be involved in this celebration. The meeting agreed that, notwithstanding individuals deciding to do things, the council will not allocate funds to events or commemorations that may be planned.
- f) **Walton Bay Caravan Park:** Nothing further to report.
- g) **Walton Bay Bus Service:** New service 660 started August 28th and runs to end March 2002. Clerk notified all households in parish. Funding will be difficult to argue for beyond March if the service is not adequately used over its whole route. An alternative service to Portishead and Nailsea from Walton Bay may be a possibility if service 660 is withdrawn in March.
- h) **Overhanging growth on lower part of Coast Road:** Badgerline still concerned as they run the Sunday service via Walton Bay. Also, specific complaints have been received re overhanging plants at Brook Cottage and Mrs Long's cottage. **Clerk to contact property owners to ask for overgrowth to be cut back.**

1463 Planning

01/P/1048/F: Walton Bay Park Homes. Planning refused on grounds of scale, on being over 50% of existing, and to confirm that existing is a residence and not a holiday home.

01/P/1053/F: The Sanctuary, Walton Bay. Conservatory extension: Clerk reported Council's concerns re levels per last meeting. Further information/decision awaited.

1464 Clerk's Report:

July/August Post and Action report was circulated. Some on-going items were covered above under matters arising. The meeting wished to record congratulations to the Fete and Hall committees for their sterling efforts in making such a success of this years Fete.

1465 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Charlesworth: Re-enforced her concerns about road markings at Cross Tree (minute 1462 c above), rubbish on Moor Lane, more of which appears as soon as SITA have removed the old lot, and the cleaning of the brook along the roadside in Moor Lane. The Clerk reported that SITA are keeping to their road cleaning schedule and that the general purpose maintenance gang has brook clearing on its next work sheet. It is expected that, due to staff changes at NS Highways, the maintenance gang schedule may slip. The clerk

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undertook to keep a watchful eye to ensure the promised work is not neglected.

Regarding the brook as it runs behind the houses in Moor Lane, owners were informed in a letter from The Gordano Valley Internal Drainage Board that they were not responsible for keeping the brook sides and bottom clear; this work will, in future, be undertaken by the Board. As nothing has happened, and needs to before winter rains return, **the Clerk was asked to write to the Board's Jill Harris to ensure that the work gets done.**

Cllr Jupp: Re-enforced Cllr Charlesworth's concerns about the constancy of litter dropping.

Detailed plans for 80 homes at Charlcombe Park have now been submitted to NSC. Outline planning permission has already been granted. At the outline stage this Council raised concerns about the infrastructure pressures such a development would bring. The response was that an impact study demonstrated that there would be no such effects. Given the increased volumes of personal and service traffic that such a scheme will, by definition, generate, and given that it will not all be compulsorily funnelled towards Portishead there HAS to be increased pressure on the Coast Road, which is already experiencing significant increases in traffic from other developments in the area and due to expect more with the development of Walton Bay Caravan Park. In the interests of long term road safety Cllr Jupp would like to see the existing stretch of 40mph roadway between Walton Bay's 30 mph zone and Redcliffe Bay's 30 mph zone converted to 30mph and the speed limit enforced. **Clerk to seek reactions from NSC and police.**

Cllr Baldwin: The owners of Charlcombe Park have bought Two Acres at Walton Bay. Fears have been raised that development - and disruption - similar to that at Walton Park Caravan Park may occur. It is understood that most of the properties at Two Acres have Mobile Home status and are consequently protected from unwanted development. Those that are not will be subject to the risks of termination inherent in their agreements with the site owners. There appears to be a concerned and vocal residents group developing to monitor the owners' intentions. This Council needs to keep a close watching brief in terms of residents' concerns and infrastructure implications.

When are the fingerboards to be replaced on the Cross Tree signpost? Clerk has seen the actual posts but the men were not appropriately equipped to carry out the work in August due to the difficult position of the post. They will be back.

The Chairman noted that the recent coverage of the Council by the Clevedon Mercury embraced the whole Council and its work and did not, as the paper wanted, simply focus on the Chairperson. He felt the result to be significantly more realistic as a mirror of parish affairs.

1460 Finance:

Cheques: Items of expenditure were agreed and cheques raised as follows: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current meeting £4.50 (ch320); SWEB for street light £4.61 (ch321); M Hollingsworth re contribution to fete marquee £400 (ch322); D Hill for 3 months Clerk's Fee £250.00 (ch323). Balance after these cheques was reported as £1496.57.

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

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

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

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

Present: Cllrs: Mr. R Baldwin (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr B Cannell; Mr P Jupp
In Attendance: Mr. D Hill - Clerk; Sergeant Chris Gardner - Avon & Somerset Police
Apologies: Cllr Nigel Ashton - NSC; Cllr G Rutley; Mr A Moss - NSC; PC Alex Duncan, -Avon & Somerset Police

1467 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday September 10th 2001, were approved and signed as a true record.

1468 Matters arising from minutes:

- a) **Traffic Speed on Coast Road:** Monitoring being done at Portishead end; WIG monitoring planned for November.
- b) **Road Signage on Coast Road:** As last month, being investigated by Peter Bailey per his letter of August 1st. Report awaited.
- c) **Road Markings at Cross Tree:** It is accepted that work needs doing, but no date yet.
- d) **The Cross Tree:** Clerk discussed gravelling with John Flower. **Clerk to ask John Flower for quote.**
- e) **The Queen's Jubilee:** No further comments or reactions received.
- f) **Walton Bay Caravan Park:** Nothing further to report.
- g) **Walton Bay Bus Service:** Service does not seem to be used through WIG section of route but possible extension to Congresbury once Yatton Bridge renovated may mean service 660 continues in the next financial year.
- h) **Overhanging growth on lower part of Coast Road:** Clerk has written to property owners and awaits their confirmation that the work has been completed. Cllr Jupp reported that the Brooke Cottage work has been done.
- i). **Planning:** Walton Bay Park Homes - new house/The Sanctuary - conservatory; nothing further to report.
- j) **Councillors Reports - Cllr Charlesworth** Clerk has written Cllr Ashton, copy to Director of Planning and Environment raising concern that yet again, neighbours have had to clear the brook in Moor Lane in the absence the General Purposed Gang doing the work as agreed with the Clerk. Clerk also raised concern that the SITA contract did not appear to be operating with the vigour we witnessed earlier in the year. A response is awaited. No date yet for the road painting at Cross Tree. Work on the brook behind Moor Lane was carried out by the Gordano Valley Internal Drainage Board during September. The Council expressed its thanks to the Drainage Board for their prompt and efficient service.
- k. **Councillors Reports - Cllrs Jupp and Baldwin -** Re Charlcombe Park see minute 1469 below. No one has returned to fit the new signpost fingerboards; the job is on the Clerk's list of outstanding matters.

1469 Planning

01/P/1624/RM: Charlcombe Park: Plans received and urgent response requested. The Council's concerns re traffic were aired in a full letter from the Clerk to Noel Edwards, Director of Planning and Environment at NSC and copied to Cllrs. Three points were covered 1. Pressure of traffic on the Coast Road during development. 2. Cllr Jupp's suggestion that the 30mph restriction be continued beyond the WIG boundary through to Redcliffe Bay. 3. Cllr Baldwin's concerns re the pressure of further development at Walton Bay consequent upon the former owners of Charlcombe Park having bought Two Acres Caravan Park. On the first point the Clerk reported to the meeting that NSC have agreed with the developers that temporary construction access signs will be erected that will divert construction traffic away from the Coast Road. Reactions re the other two points are awaited. Sgt Gardner pointed out to the meeting that residents will need to monitor use of The Coast Road by less obvious construction traffic and also the speed of traffic on that road. Lapses should be reported as, over time, observance of construction traffic restrictions can become lax. In relation to the possible extension of the 30mph limit, Sgt Gardner explained that there were two key criteria that police and NSC decision makers use. Firstly, finance dictates that suggested work be prioritised - actual accident statistics (not non-reported accidents and near misses) form the principle evidence for a decision. This (sadly) means that resources tend to FOLLOW, rather than PRE-EMPT accidents. In reality, self-regulating schemes such as traffic calming, (e.g. through the narrows at Weston-in-Gordano) often prove the most effective form of speed regulation, This brings up the second key decision criteria - enforcement. Enforcement demands police personnel and equipment; it also, in the context of speed, requires that offending traffic can be stopped and questioned in a safe way. In its parts, The Coast Road is either undulating or twisting (as is the Clevedon/Portishead road through the lower village)- it is also narrow with few natural pull offs. This tends to mean that monitoring is possible but enforcement is very difficult to carry out safely.

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01/P/1861/F: The Stables, Walton Street. Loft Conversion: Application considered to be a positive improvement to the overall look of the property. **Clerk to so inform NSC.**

1470 Clerk's Report:

September Post and Action report was circulated. Critical items have been covered elsewhere in these minutes

1471 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Charlesworth: Continued to press her concerns re rubbish in Moor Lane; The Clerk pointed the meeting to his recent letter to Cllr Ashton/Director of Planning on the rubbish and other outstanding issues. There was a recent leak of oil into the brook behind the houses in Moor Lane; Cllr Charlesworth wished to record her thanks at the promptness of Environmental Health in ensuring that any damage consequent upon the leak was minimized.

Cllr Cannell: Supported Cllr Charlesworth's continuing worries about Moor Lane rubbish. He is also becoming increasingly concerned about the narrowness of the lane from the old tip road and up Harley Hill. Moor Lane is experiencing increased traffic flows as Riding Stables expand; it is also becoming somewhat of a rush hour rat-run as drivers seek to avoid never-ending motorway chaos. Cllr Charlesworth pointed out that developments at Conygar Quarry will increase traffic flow still further. The narrow section of Moor Lane suffers from surface water retention and mud as well as being in part on a hill. There is clear evidence, from drainage channels dug into the verge, that the road was originally several feet wider and has been allowed to develop into a single-track road through neglect of maintenance. The Clerk confirmed to the meeting that NSC Highways have accepted that the narrow section of Moor Lane needs to be brought back to its original width. Unfortunately the key NSC staff who accepted this point and were minded to do something about it have left the authority. The matter is on the Clerk's list of outstanding matters. The Clerk told the meeting that he will have to start again with getting to know new personnel and persuading them to address this list of outstanding matters with some serious sense of urgency.

Cllr Jupp: The issues arising out of the Charlcombe Park development formed a thread throughout the meeting and are summarized at minute 1489 above. Issues of crime and disorder was raised at various points during the meeting, as a result of a communication from NSC/Avon and Somerset Police and recent crime in the village; These points turned to Cllr Jupp as the Council's representative on the Combined Community Safety Action Team for Clapton, Weston, and Walton, From WIG being a virtually crime-free zone, the past 18 months has seen a significant spate of domestic and car thefts. Indeed, on the night of Friday October 5th, several properties were entered by thieves; a car was broken into and a scooter stolen (but recovered, albeit damaged). Sgt Gardner undertook to take notes of these incidents after the meeting. The Chairman pointed out that there had been no enthusiasm in the village for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Sgt Gardner suggested that law and disorder prevention strategies, operational tactics (for example the consistent reporting of suspicious circumstances and car numbers several of which members and the Clerk were able to recount but had not reported) and the issues of community well-being that surround the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme might form a project that the Combined Community Safety Action Team may feel they wished to address.

1472 Finance:

Precept: Reported that 2nd half of precept - £900 received and deposited 24th September 2001.

Cheques: Items of expenditure were agreed and cheques raised as follows: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current meeting £4.50 (ch324); SWEB for street light £4.61 (ch325). Balance of both accounts after these cheques - £2138.25.

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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D M Hill

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

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

Present: Cllrs: Mr. R Baldwin (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr B Cannell; Mr P Jupp
In Attendance: Mr. D Hill – Clerk; PC Jarrod Bartlett - Avon & Somerset Police; Cllr Nigel Ashton - NSC
Apologies: Cllr G Rutley

1473 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday October 8th 2001, were approved and signed as a true record.

1474 Matters arising from minutes:

- a) **Traffic Speed on Coast Road:** Still planned for November. Data re an exercise near The Ship pub were supplied by Cllr Ashton.
- b) **Road Signage on Coast Road:** Peter Bailey report per his letter of August 1st not yet forthcoming. **Clerk to chase.**
- c) **Road Markings at Cross Tree:** It is accepted that work needs doing, but no date yet. **Clerk to chase.**
- d) **The Cross Tree:** John Flower's quote is awaited. **Clerk to chase.**
- e) **Walton Bay Caravan Park:** See 1475 below.
- f) **Walton Bay Bus Service:** Nothing further to report.
- g) **Overhanging growth on lower part of Coast Road:** All requested work has been done.
- h) **Planning:** Walton Bay Park Homes – new house/The Sanctuary – conservatory; nothing further to report.
- i) **The Brook – Clearing of open sections:** Moor Lane done. Coast Road section between Church Farm and Rectory Farm to be done shortly.
- j) **SITA Street Cleansing:** **Cllr Ashton investigating performance of SITA contract re street cleansing and rubbish bin emptying.**
- k) **Charlcombe Park:** Nothing further to report.
- l) **New signpost fingerboards at Moor Lane Junction:** **Clerk to chase.**
- m) **The Stables Loft Conversion:** Decision awaited.
- n) **Neighbourhood Watch:** To date no interest in committing to this scheme has been aroused within the village. **PC Bartlett undertook to make some door-to-door calls- hopefully before the Christmas - in an attempt to get at least a scheme under way in at least part of the village.**
- o). **Narrowness of Moor Lane at Harley Hill End:** **Clerk to press Mike Brown for action to get this widened.**

1475 Planning

01/P/1994/F Walton Bay Caravan Park Street Lighting. Planning request for lighting on site (some 10' tall). Local concern expressed, via Cllr Rutley, re possible overhead cabling and also light spillage. **Cllr Ashton to take up with Case Officer Kit Stokes at NSC.**

01/P/2015/F Single Story Extension at Arodene: Cllrs saw no problems with this application. **Clerk to so inform NSC case officer.**

1476 Clerk's Report:

October Post and Action report was circulated. Critical items have been covered elsewhere in these minutes but the items below were specifically discussed at his juncture:

- a) **Combined Community Safety Action Team:** Cllr Jupp sought input in the form of incident details relating to the recent spate of crime in the village. This would be helpful in discussing possible future initiatives. It also highlighted, again, the lack of a neighbourhood watch scheme in the village.
- b) **Road Signage at Caravan Site Entrances on Coast Road:** Inaction on this issue is becoming alarming. Driving habits on this stretch of road mean that residents are at peril each and every time they emerge from their homes. Several staff changes at NSC over the past year seem to have prompted the "loss" of this issue. **Clerk to check the history of this issue and press for action**

(see also 1474 b above).

c) NSC Neglect of Smaller Communities: Statistics about what needs to be done versus what can be afforded persistently seem to leave smaller communities "out in the cold". Given the levels of community charges they pay, small rural parishes seem to reap a far poorer return on their investment than do the towns. Cllr Ashton explained something of the structure of the community charge and precept system and the decision processes NSC have to get even the most urgent works attended to. A read through past minutes highlights things that do not get done, or which, having been done, fall back into neglect. As the list of non-performance (for example road signage) and poor performance (for example rubbish) continue to swell the length of our "Matters Arising" section this sense of neglect or indifference on the part of NSC will persist. Notwithstanding that, the meeting was sensitive to the efforts Cllr Ashton has been putting in on behalf of the parish.

d) Horses on The Common: A letter was received from Mrs Wills expressing concern that horses were using The Common. Whilst horses are not permitted on the common there are some specific properties the occupants of which do have rights to take horses up there. Cllrs did not feel that, at this time, there was enough specific evidence that owners other than those with rights were taking horses up to The Common. Should more solid evidence arise then the matter could be addressed again. **Clerk to write to Mrs Wills.**

1477 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Charlesworth: Continued to press her concerns re rubbish in Moor Lane and white line re-painting at Cross Tree. Dealt with under minute 1474 above.

Cllr Cannell: Supported Cllr Charlesworth's continuing worries about Moor Lane rubbish and Cross Tree white line re-painting.

Cllr Jupp: Re-iterated his concern for action re Walton Bay road signage.

Cllr Baldwin: There are some 13 wooden steps forming part of the pathway from Plumb Tree Cottage, past Hackwood House, and onto Walton Common. These steps were constructed by NSC Footpaths but have now collapsed and are in a dangerous condition. **Clerk to contact NSC Footpaths asking for repairs to be carried out.**

New Clerk: Cllr Baldwin reported that due to a planned move away from the district, the present clerk, Donald Hill, will need to leave his post sometime next spring. After an approach from Mr Hill, the Clerk of Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council - Catherine Dixon - has consulted her council and agreed, with their blessing, to take on the Clerkship of this Council concurrently with her work for them. Cllr Jupp has met Mrs Dixon through his work with the Combined Community Action Safety Team; Mr Hill has liaised with her over several matters during the course of his tenure, and she is of course, known to Cllr Ashton. Cllrs saw the benefits that could arise out of such an appointment and were in agreement to it in principle. **The Clerk is to invite Mrs Dixon to this Council's December 10th meeting with a view to Cllrs meeting her as a group prior to decisions being taken.**

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1477 Finance: 15/12/01

Cheques: Items of expenditure were agreed and cheques raised as follows: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current meeting £4.50 (ch326); Mrs M Rutley, for Aug/Sept/Oct/Nov Information Sheets £20.80 (ch326). Balance of both accounts after these cheques and the addition of 51p interest - £2113.46.

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday December 10th in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

Held on Monday, December 10th 2001 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Mr. R Baldwin (Chair); Mrs A Charlesworth; Mr G Rutley; Mr P Jupp
In Attendance: Mr. D Hill - Clerk; PC Jarrod Bartlett - Avon & Somerset Police; Cllr Nigel Ashton - NSC; Mrs C Dixon
Apologies: Cllr B Cannell

Mrs Dixon attended as prospective clerk from January 1st 2002 (per November minutes). She was welcomed and introduced by the Chairman prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1479 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday November 12th 2001, were approved and signed as a true record.

1480 Matters arising from minutes:

- a) **Traffic Speed on Coast Road:** Discussion of the results re the check at Charlcombe Bay threw up a possible difference of interpretation. Cllr Jupp, experienced in statistical work, understood that 95% of traffic passing through the check averaged 50.8 mph. PC Bartlett was not sure that this interpretation was correct. PC Bartlett offered to confirm the measurement criteria used for the analysis.

Two counts done around Brook Cottage - the wrong place. They are needed to measure SPEED along the stretch of road from Harbour House to Arodene. Clerk to contact John Gear at NSC Transport Policy / Peter Bailey at NSC Highways to get checks re-done.

- b) **Road Signage on Coast Road:** Peter Bailey to contact Cllr Rutley during this week with a view to a site meeting. Clerk to check that this happens.
- c) **Road Markings at Cross Tree:** Clerk followed up with Mike Brown at NSC Highways. He undertook to re-look at the problem. Clerk to chase in new-year.
- d) **The Cross Tree:** John Flower's verbal quote was £80. Matter deferred by chairman.
- e) **Walton Bay Caravan Park:** See 1481 below.
- i) **The Brook - Clearing of open sections:** Section between Church Farm and Rectory Farm to be done during December. Clerk to check with Mike Brown if it has not been done by new-year.
- j) **SITA Street Cleansing:** Cllr Ashton told the meeting that there was much dissatisfaction throughout the district. NSC are reviewing the current arrangements. He will keep the meeting informed of progress.
- l) **New signpost fingerboards at Moor Lane Junction:** Mike Brown to follow up reason for delay and seek to get this long outstanding item attended to (people have actually been to do the job at least twice but have not come properly equipped). Clerk to chase again in new-year if nothing has been done.
- m) **The Stables Loft Conversion:** Planning and Listed Building permissions granted.
- n) **Neighbourhood Watch:** PC Bartlett made visits in the village; there was interest in principle, but there were no offers of help with co-ordination. The meeting learned that Barbara Palmer, of Park Homes, may be interested. PC Bartlett will contact her.

- o) **Narrowness of Moor Lane at Harley Hill End:** Mike Brown reviewing costs. He would not be averse to the Parish Council getting the work done (at the PC's cost), possibly by a local farmer, if the need was deemed too urgent to fit within NSC Highways cost/time capabilities. **Clerk to follow up with Mike Brown in the new-year.**
- p) **Combined Community Safety Action Team:** Cllr Jupp feared, reluctantly, that this forum was still very much a talking shop with no strong sense of direction or purpose. Much of the ground covered was but a repeat of what was happening with parish councils already. PC Bartlett sympathised with this concern but felt that, given time, the group could well start making a positive and significant contribution to issues of crime and dis-order within the Gordano Valley.
- q) **Collapsing Steps on Footpath from Plumtree Cottage to Walton Common:** Clerk has established that, because these steps – some 13 in all, are wood rather than concrete, they will be a matter for Richard Broadhead at NSC Public Rights of Way. **Clerk to write to RB to seek repair of the steps.**

1481 Planning

01/P/1994/F Walton Bay Caravan Park: Street Lighting: Revised application for lighting bollards rather than lighting standards. Meeting has no problem, provided there are no standards and no possibility of voltage drop to surrounding properties. **Clerk to so inform case officer.**

01/P/2229/F: Walton Bay Caravan Park: LPG Tanks: the meeting has no problems with these tanks providing they conform to health and safety regulations. **Clerk to so inform case officer.**

01/P/2217/F Walton Bay House: Scaled down plan: submitted together with clearer detail of what it is to replace. Meeting has no problem in principle given that the revised scale is more in keeping with the site and its surroundings. **Clerk to so inform case officer.**

01/P/2015/F Single Story Extension at Arodene: Decision awaited.

1482 Clerk's Report:

November Post and Action report was circulated. Critical items have been covered elsewhere in these minutes but the items below were specifically discussed at his juncture:

Item 417: The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001: Previously circulated. Noted by all councillors. **Clerk to Prepare and circulate copy for approval at January meeting prior to it being lodged per regulatory requirement.**

Item 423: NS Neighbourhood Watch Association: Neighbourhood Watch District Co-ordinator funding. In view of current position in village re NW, and the lack of precept provision, it would not be logical for this Council to participate in the proposed funding. **Clerk to so respond.**

1483 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Charlesworth: Rubbish (SITA contract under review per minute 1480 (j) above). No Tipping Signs: continues to press for these to be replaced as deterrents to tipping. White lines at Cross Tree (renewed pressure being exerted via responsible NSC inspector Mike Brown (per minute 1480 (j) above). Damage to Moor Lane 1st Bridge rail; this is not deemed a safety hazard by NSC Highways but **Clerk will renew request for action via Mike Brown.**

Cllr Rutley: Re-echoed concerns expressed some months ago about possible loss of community charge revenue to NSC due to the "uncontrolled" nature of Walton Bay development – particularly as many are second or empty homes and not liable for

the full charge. Further concerned as to how NSC becomes aware when properties change to being in full occupation. Cllr Ashton explained that, due to the averaging method used by local authorities to compute community charges, there is not the significant charge loss that may seem to be the case at first look. True, it may be possible for houses in full occupation to slip through the net for a period; but officers do make periodic occupancy checks of all such discounted addresses so, in theory, evasion of community charge can only be minimal.

Cllr Jupp: Attended recent NS Community Safety Forum in relation to their Audit 2002-2005; somewhat of a PR exercise. NS Cllr J Dawes was very vocal re the money that goes into funding Avon & Somerset Police J Division and how little Portishead gets out of it. Cllr Jupp filled in a survey form that he shared with the meeting for their approval. **Clerk to return survey form.**

Cllr Baldwin: Proposed that Mrs Dixon be appointed as the Council's new Clerk as of January 1st 2001. This proposal was unanimously accepted without recourse to a formal motion.

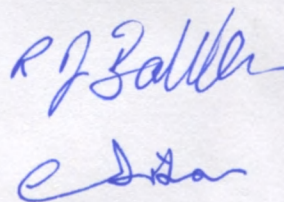
1484 Finance:

Audit Report: The meeting felt that they maintained proper and adequate control of the Council finances. No expenditure occurs other than at a meeting; every piece of expenditure is set out under the finance section of the minutes of that meeting. Despite the fact that it has always been implicitly and overtly the case, the meeting nevertheless agreed unanimously that, with immediate effect, the Clerk shall be the formally appointed finance officer of the Council.

Cheques: Items of expenditure were agreed and cheques raised as follows: WIG Village Hall for hall hire re current meeting £4.50 (ch328); Cheque 329 - cancelled, having been made out to Mrs M Rutley for the information sheet only; RSM Robson Rhodes, for Triennial Audit £142.76 (ch330); D H Hill, Clerk's fee for Oct/Nov/Dec £250 (ch331); Mrs M Rutley, for December Information Sheet and clerical materials £12.90 (ch332). Balance of both accounts after these cheques and the addition of 45p interest - £1703.75.

The next meeting of Walton in Gordano Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday January 14th in the Village Hall.

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



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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2002 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs R Baldwin (Chair), B Cannell, Mrs A Charlesworth, P Jupp
P C Jarrod Bartlett (Beat Manager)
Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)
1 parishioner

1485 APOLOGIES: Cllr G Rutley

1486 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (10.12.01): These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1487 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- a) **Traffic Speed on Coast Road** – PC Bartlett to confirm the measurement criteria used for the analysis.
- b) **Road Signage on Coast Road** – Awaiting developments.
- c) **Road Markings at Cross Tree** – Awaiting developments.
- d) **The Cross Tree** – Awaiting developments.
- e) **Walton Bay Caravan Park** - Nothing to report
- i) **The Brook – Clearing of open sections** – Awaiting developments.
- j) **SITA Street Cleansing** – Clerk had received phone call from North Somerset seeking Parish Council's views on clearance of rubbish in Moor Lane. Cllrs still not happy – Clerk to advise North Somerset.
- l) **New signpost fingerboards at Moor Lane Junction** – Awaiting developments.
- n) **Neighbourhood Watch** – PC Bartlett waiting to see Barbara Palmer re starting up group.
- o) **Narrowness of Moor Lane at Harley Hill End** – This is on North Somerset's works list to be done, but not in the immediate future. Cllrs. concerned that if they paid for these works, it could set a precedent.
- p) **Combined Community Safety Action Team** – Nothing to report

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q) Collapsing Steps on Footpath from Plumtree Cottage to Walton Common –
Acknowledgement received from North Somerset Council regarding repair of steps.

1488 PARISH COUNCIL (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT ORDER) 2001 – **CONSIDERATION OF CODE FOR WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL**

The Code of Conduct had been previously circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Baldwin proposed and Cllr Jupp seconded that it be adopted. All agreed. The written undertaking and declaration of acceptance of office (also previously circulated) will be signed in the future (Cllr Jupp signed his and passed to Clerk). North Somerset Council letter suggesting composite advert for adoption of Mode Code on 1st April 2002. Form to be completed and returned by Clerk.

1489 PLANNING

North Somerset Council's letter advising of North Area Planning meeting on 3rd January 2002.

01/P/1053/F – The Sanctuary, Down Road – Permission refused for erection of front conservatory.

01/P/2015/F – Arodene, Down Road Permission granted for erection of single storey extension to provide disabled facilities and wheel chair access.

02/P/0006/F – Sunnybank, - Application received for proposed refurbishment and double storey extension to existing dwelling. Following discussion Cllrs did not have any objection and Clerk to inform case officer.

1500 CLERK'S REPORT

ALCA – Advice of meeting on Wednesday 13th February. NALC legal update on wages/holidays. Soc. Of Local Clerks Somerset mtg Feb 9th. NOTED.

DTLR – Strong Local Leadership – Quality Public Services: The Way Forward for Parishes – CIRCULATED.

Somerset Lieutenancy, County Hall, Taunton – HM Golden Jubilee – pack material and funding information. Golden Jubilee Garden Party for all those born on 6th Feb 1952 – details passed to Village Hall Committee.

Local Agenda 21 – Advice of 2002 meetings + Networks newsheet – NOTED.

Gordano Councils Transport Group – Notes from meeting on November 19th. Next meeting January 21st - NOTED

CPRE – Planning Update/Rural Matters – CIRCULATED

North Somerset Council – Highways, December Information Sheet - NOTED

- “Keep Warm Keep Well” poster/booklet – NOTICEBOARD
- Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy Nov. 2001 – CIRCULATED
- Environment Act 1995 – Part IV – Review & Assessment of Air Quality Consultation on Stages 2/3 – Report available – Clerk to request copy.

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- Proposal for weight restriction of 7.5 tons on Moor Lane first bridge. Comments sought from Parish Council. Concern that bridge may be stable, but road either side not so. If weight restriction implemented, there could be hardship for businesses, i.e. farmers, milk tankers, transportation of horses to/from riding stables Following discussion Clerk to ask North Somerset for sight of engineer's report.

1501 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Charlesworth – Had noticed that Clevedon residents given bags for rubbish over holiday period –different cleansing services.

Cllr Cannell – Advised that local parishioner had failed to catch two youngsters trying to break in to Home Farm. PC Bartlett to call at Home Farm. PC Bartlett advised that Clapton and Portbury had been having problems with male person aged @ 25, travelling around in blue Renault 5, committing 2 offences a week.

Cllr Jupp - concerned about traffic speed on Coast Road.

Cllr Baldwin – had received invite for Councillors to visit Harbor House (Cintre Community). Clerk to arrange meeting.

Clerk to advise North Somerset Council and Bank of change of Clerk.

1502 FINANCE

Current balance £1694.18

Invoice received from SWEB for £4.61 cheque (333) signed. Cheque (334) signed for £4.50 for Village Hall.

Advice from ALCA of 2002/2003 Affiliation Fee of £41.55 –NOTED

North Somerset Letter requesting precept requirement. Following discussion Cllrs. agreed on £1850.00. Clerk to advise North Somerset.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46

NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2002

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2002 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs R Baldwin (Chair), B Cannell, Mrs A Charlesworth, P Jupp, G Rutley
Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)
Cllr Nigel Ashton (part of the meeting)

1502 APOLOGIES: P C Jarrod Bartlett (Beat Manager)

1503 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (14.01.01): These were agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

1504 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) Traffic Speed on Coast Road – PC Bartlett still to confirm the measurement criteria used for the analysis. Letter from Highways advising further survey between Arodene and Squire's Cottage to be undertaken.

b) Road Signage on Coast Road – Clerk had received letter from Highways saying meeting would be set up with Cllrs. Rutley and Jupp. No meeting yet arranged.

c) Road Markings at Cross Tree – Awaiting developments. Clerk to write to Highways.

d) The Cross Tree – A 'sleeping policeman' barrier had been put across the driveway to Home Farm Cottage and had diverted the overflow from the brook down Moor Lane, which had been particularly bad due to heavy rains just prior to the parish meeting. However, cars had splashed through the water on the road causing flooding at Cross Tree. Cllr. Ashton said that North Somerset Council and contractor are in dispute over works not completed. Another contractor is to complete the work. The gully will be cleaned. Clerk had received phone call from Evening Post reporter seeking details of the flooding for article in paper.

e) Walton Bay Caravan Park - Nothing to report

i) The Brook – Clearing of open sections – Awaiting developments. Clerk to write to Highways.

j) SITA Street Cleansing – Clerk had spoken to Ian Reed at North Somerset Council. Clerk to arrange for Mr Reed and Councillor Charlesworth to meet on site.

l) New signpost fingerboards at Moor Lane Junction – Awaiting developments. Clerk to write to Highways.

n) Neighbourhood Watch – PC Bartlett waiting to see Barbara Palmer re starting up group. Cllr. Charlesworth volunteered to be co-ordinator for Moor Lane if a group is set up.

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o) Narrowness of Moor Lane at Harley Hill End – This is on North Somerset's works list to be done, but not in the immediate future. Cllrs. concerned that if they paid for these works, it could set a precedent. Clerk to write to Highways.

p) Combined Community Safety Action Team – Next meeting March 13th 2002.

q) Collapsing Steps on Footpath from Plumtree Cottage to Walton Common – Repair of steps now completed.

1505 PARISH COUNCIL (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT ORDER) 2001 – CONSIDERATION OF CODE FOR WALTON IN GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

All Councillors had now signed a new Declaration of Acceptance of Office and written undertaking adopting Code of Conduct.

1506 PLANNING

North Somerset Council's letter advising of North Area Planning meeting on 7th February 2002.

01/P2390/RM Charlcombe Caravan Park Down Road, Redcliffe Bay – submission for residential access road, sewers and retaining walls. Development is not within Parish or adjacent to. No comment.

01/P/1994/F and 01/P/2229/F Walton Bay Caravan Park – Permission received for erection of 3 no. LPG tank enclosures with LPG tanks and street lighting.

Letter received by Clerk from a parishioner at Walton Bay Caravan Park. He was concerned at activities at the Caravan Park and that he had not seen any planning applications posted on site. Copy of the letter had been sent to Cllr. Ashton. Clerk to write to Planning Dept. about posting of planning applications. Councillors concerned at setting a precedent on licenced site.

1507 CLERK'S REPORT

Re letter in last minutes from North Somerset and proposed weight restriction of 7.5 tons on Moor Lane first bridge, Cllr Cannell had met with Daryl Parker, structural engineer, who advised that supporting beams of the bridge had deteriorated. Cllr Cannell had made a report and following discussion it was agreed that Clerk to write impressing importance of the wide usage of heavy vehicles in Moor Lane and the need for repair of the bridge. All councillors were urged to write to North Somerset expressing the importance of this action.

Following Cllr. Baldwin's suggestion that chippings be put round the 'Walton' tree, Clerk was asked to write to ascertain if reflector bollards were required to remain in place. Reply from North Somerset Council confirmed this and suggested that chippings could overflow onto road. Following discussion, Clerk to go back to North Somerset Council that stons around the tree could be raised so chippings would be enclosed and/or chippings set in cement.

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North Somerset – Availability of training for 2002 celebrations and events – NOTED

- Advice of addition to Register of Electors
- New Ethical framework and parish councils conferences – 6.3.02 & 7.3.02
- NOTED.
- Highways January Information Sheet – NOTED
- Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 – Section 60 Public Rights of Way Improvement Plans – Consultations on Draft Guidance issued by DEFRA -
- Duties of local authorities – NOTED
- Blue Skies tourism event 14.2.02 – NOTED
- Cancellation of Standards Committee meeting on 23/1/02 – NOTED
- Local Agenda 21 meeting 23.1.02 – NOTED
- Waste Local Plan – Adopted Version – public notice - NOTICEBOARD
- New Community Database for North Somerset – Set up cost of £50 plus
- annual contribution of £75. Following discussion councillors felt this would
not be of use to parish council.

North Somerset Drug Action Team – Introduction letter from co-ordinator - NOTED

Gordano Councils Transport Group – Minutes of meeting 21.1.02. Next meeting 4.3.02. –
NOTED

ALCA – Advice of Code of Conduct workshops/Increase in insurance premiums- NOTED

Community Action – Rural Transport Conference 27th February 2002. - NOTED

1508 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Charlesworth – suggested a portable flood sign be kept in the village. Cllr. Ashton to look into this. There are two willow trees with red crosses on in the brook outside Riverdale. It is assumed that they are to be felled.

Cllr. Cannell – Concerned at the bridge in Moor Lane (see Clerk's report). Concern at flooding from the brook into and down Moor Lane.

Cllr. Rutley – Concern at verge on coast road near Walton Park Caravan Park. Earth has been removed and councillor believes this could enable more cars parking and creating a hazard. Cllr. Ashton to look into this. He also said there was a very large pothole near the Ship public house. Clerk to write to Highways.

Cllr. Jupp – Concern that hardcore has been put dumped on the verge on the coast road where earth has been removed. The cliff path below the caravan park has been diverted and the fence now ready to collapse because bases of caravans have been made about 4' above original ground level. Also a septic tank has been put in place near the path.

1509 FINANCE

Current balance £1685.07

Cheque (335) signed for £4.50 for Village Hall.

Cheque (336) signed for £10.40 for printing of December/January information sheets.

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North Somerset Council acknowledgement received for precept of £1850.00

Following ongoing enquiry into cheque for £10 paid by Lloyds Bank. Bank had rung clerk to say £10 put in bank as they could not ascertain to whom the cheque had been paid.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45

NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2002

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PRESENT: Cllrs R Baldwin (Chair), B Cannell, Mrs A Charlesworth, P Jupp,
Mrs C Dixon (Clerk)
Cllr Nigel Ashton (part of the meeting)

1510 APOLOGIES: Cllr. G Rutley

1511 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (11.02.01): These were agreed and signed by the
Chairman and Clerk.

1512 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) Traffic Speed on Coast Road – PC Bartlett still to confirm the measurement criteria used for the analysis. No further survey between Arodene and Squire's Cottage had been undertaken. There was a rumour that the 30mph speed limit from Portishead end of the Coast Road would be extended to Charlcombe Caravan Park. Clerk to ascertain what is happening.

b) Road Signage on Coast Road – Still no meeting had yet been arranged with Cllrs. Jupp and Rutley.

c) Road Markings at Cross Tree – Awaiting developments. Clerk to add to Parish Gangs list of jobs.

d) The Cross Tree – Chairman said the local landowner had telephoned North Somerset Council and had been promised new drains and clearance of the brook. This could take six months to progress.

e) Walton Bay Caravan Park - Nothing to report

i) The Brook – Clearing of open sections – Clerk to add to Parish Gangs list of jobs (due in parish at end of March).

j) SITA Street Cleansing – Mr Reed had not contacted Councillor Charlesworth to arrange a meeting. Cllr. Cannell had spoken to Mr Reed, when he saw him walking down Moor Lane. Mr Reed said he did not have the resources available to keep coming and clearing Moor Lane. Suggestion that Mr. Reed be invited to speak at Annual meeting.

l) New signpost fingerboards at Moor Lane Junction – Clerk to add to Parish Gangs list of jobs.

n) Neighbourhood Watch – No information as PC Bartlett not at meeting.

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o) Narrowness of Moor Lane at Harley Hill End – Clerk to write to Highways.

p) Combined Community Safety Action Team – Next meeting March 13th 2002.

q) Collapsing Steps on Footpath from Plumtree Cottage to Walton Common – Clerk to chase for repair/replacement.

1513 PLANNING

North Somerset Council's letter advising of North Area Planning meeting on 14th March 2002.

02/P0006/F – Sunny Bank, Walton Street – Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension – Planning permission granted.

02/P0387/F – Kia Ora, Coast Road, Walton Bay – alterations and extensions to existing pair of semi-detached bungalows – Following discussion no objections were made.

1514 CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing further from North Somerset Council re weight restriction on bridge in Moor Lane. The Mercury had contacted the Chairman about the bridge.

Clerk had spoken to North Somerset Council re the Walton Tree and tree officer to have a site visit and offer suggestions.

Reference rubbish and movement of earth from verge on Coast Road, Cllr Ashton said works are required to put this in order either by the person who did it or by the Council who will charge for its reinstatement. Councillors wanted to see reinstatement of sloped verge to deter parking and make for easy drainage.

Reference portable flood signs, Cllr Ashton had requested these for storage in village, but North Somerset Council were checking the legal implications before releasing them.

Letters from North Somerset – Details of Tree Preservation Order process – Clerk to obtain list of trees with TPO.

- General Purpose Gangs – Parish Council Allocation – Walton
- May, July, October, February - - -
- Advice of Traffic Census – NOTED –nothing in Walton.
- NSC Local Transport Plan – Comment form required – Clerk to complete.
- Advice of new Chairman for Flax Bourton PC - NOTED
- New Ethical Framework – Submission to Standards Board for England (clerk to complete) and Register of Gifts (not applicable).
- Advice of Standards Committee meeting on 13th March.
- Community Leisure Matters Magazine – CIRCULATED

North Somerset Domestic Abuse Forum – Leaflet – NOTED

DEFRA – Posters for Campaign against illegal poisoning of wildlife – NOTICEBOARD

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1514 CLERK'S REPORT (continued)

ALCA – advice of publication prices – NOTED and membership renewal notice (see item 1516). NALC Legal Guidance on Ethical Framework - NOTED

Golden Jubilee Commemorative products leaflets – NOTED

CPRE – Letter and literature re Government Planning Green Paper – NOTED

Victim Support Avonvale – Letter seeking volunteers for group – NOTICEBOARD

Gordano Councils Transport Group – Minutes of meeting held on 4th March which agreed constitution for Group – NOTED

North Somerset Community Legal Services Partnership Newsletter – CIRCULATED

Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter – CIRCULATED

Libraries information leaflet – NOTICEBOARD

Civil Protection Magazine – CIRCULATED.

1515 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Charlesworth – One of the two willow trees with red crosses on in the brook outside Rivendale had been felled, but the roots had been left. Possibility that this had been carried out by sub contractors.

Clerk asked to chase Highways re rubbish in Moor Lane, especially polystyrene packing.

Cllr. Cannell –

Cllr Rutley –

Cllr. Jupp – Concern at rubble and bricks on verge on Coast Road. Bonfire on that site on evening of PC meeting

1516 FINANCE

Current balance £1670.17

Cheque (337) signed for £4.50 for Village Hall.

Cheque (338) signed for £41.55 for A L C A membership renewal.

Letter from Michael Hollingsworth seeking £500 donation for hire of marquee for village fete.

Request to be put forward for decision at annual meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45

NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2002

C. J. Ballin

C. Dixon