
WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

Walton-in-Gordano - Walton Down - Walton Bay

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, A Brellisford, F Morgan

In Attendance: Seb Greene (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

3933 APOLOGIES: Cllr N Wilyman, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

3934 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3935 LAST MEETING MINUTES (March 14th) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

3936 MATTERS ARISING: None.

3937 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No reported crime. The police.uk website has still not been updated since January. Jen Clarke keeps us up to date, but if this site does not start to work soon, a complaint will be in order.

SpeedWatch: Another volunteer on board - Julian Colton of Roseway. The scheme will not work without more volunteers and some £300 in the budget for a speed gun, yellow jackets, etc. Subject on the May Annual Parish Meeting agenda for discussion.

Cycling on Footpaths / Mountain Bikers: Cllr Brellisford and Chris Joannou walked the footpaths off Walton Street. There was ample evidence of cycle use. Cllr Brellisford met some mountain bikers on the footpath from Brighton Cottages down to the Cliff path and got verbal abuse from them when he pointed out it was only a footpath. They had obviously ignored the notices put up by Cllrs Morgan and Wilyman. CJ will put up more signs with an NSC logo on them. He will also write to all the cycle clubs and groups he can find. Whilst enforcement is difficult and the ignoring of signs is commonplace, at least the effort is being made to curb cyclist use of public footpaths. There were complaints of uncontrolled cycle races down Walton Street on Saturday April 8th. The organisers of these will also get covered via CJ's actions; as well as the complaints having been already referred to the NSC events team and the police.

Walton Bay 'to Clevedon' Bus Stop: This is now budgeted for improvement. Cllr Morgan is attending a meeting from which she will come away with the new timetables of what is to be an improved service on the route.

3938 PLANNING

New: 16/P/0820/TPO & 16/P/0822/WT - Tree work on 12 trees/groups of trees at the Manor House. Number 7 (due for a crown lift) is under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), the rest are presumed not to be. However, the drawings and application list provided a confusion over the locations and descriptions of T1 (described as TT1) and T7, such that the meeting was unsure whether T1 was, or was not, subject to a TPO. For the avoidance of doubt, the meeting agreed that there should be no objection to the applications provided that T1 is actually not subject to a TPO. However, the comment to NSC should make it clear that, if T1 is subject to a TPO, the meeting would certainly not concur with it being felled on the basis of the reason given. **Clerk to so inform NSC, with a caveat concerning T1.**

3939 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Sewage leak at Barton's: Plans to repair/replace/e-locate the tank are apparently in hand pending a sale of the Park Home site.

Potholes - 1 at the bottom of Harley Hill, a 2nd opposite Highly Sprung at Walton Bay and the breaking up of the B3124 gully near sub-station. Repairs in hand.

Signage - 40mph sign coast-side at Walton Down needs re-fitting; redundant 30mph repeater post is leaning into the highway near Plumtree Cottage. These jobs are now on NSC worklist.

Parish Recycling Scheme: NSC inter-parish publicity and The North Somerset Times indicate that WalG is pipped at the post (only via the tiniest margin) by St George's, who were the best recycling parish in NS. Cllr Morgan has conducted a survey of the 98 Park Homes to see what waste they regard as critical for recycling. There was a good response - yet to be analysed - but paper, plastic, food, cardboard, metal seemed to be the order of the top items regarded as significant for recycling. Due to the special circumstances of these sites Cllr Morgan is to see if the Hampshire model of using a single bag for recycled waste - to be sorted by the NSC contractor at the refuse site - might be possible. Seb Greene said that new 2017 contracts are currently being worked on, so this is an ideal time to consider possible changes. NSC's Dan Cooper is prepared to come to a meeting, or to hold a Waste Event at the Hall, if that will help. Cllr Morgan is continuing her work on the project and the meeting extended an "impressed" thank-you for all the thought and work she has obviously put into it.

3940 OTHER MATTERS

No matters under this heading this month.

3941 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Ralston: asked about the planned Avon Wildlife Trust meeting in the Village Hall on April 20th and the conducted walks programmed for the summer months. Several members will try to be at the meeting and Cllr Morgan noted the walk dates. The Hall was not booked, nor the information made available to the Council, in time for the Hall meeting to be publicised in the Information Sheet. Again, it appears that the Common "public stakeholders" are being "told", rather than "being consulted". Members continue to be incredulous at the total lack of awareness Avon Wildlife Trust show in their relationship with the public who use, and have generational links with, the Common and from whom they are presumably wanting to seek their membership.

Cllr Brellisford: asked if there were any updates relating to the proposed Gordano Greenway; there were not. The meeting noted that, after many years, the final link in the Coastal path between Clevedon and Weston-super-Mare appears to be cleared for completion.

3942 FINANCE

2015-16 Final Accounts and Audit: these were reviewed prior to formal approval, which was given. Cllr Cannell read out the Annual Governance Statement section of the Annual Return to the External Auditor. This was a series of questions seeking confirmation the the Council has conducted elements of Governance in a way and with a rigour that is expected of it as a public body. Each question was considered and an affirmative answer was able to be given to each one. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed and dated this section of the Annual Return with the unanimous approval of the meeting. The accounts are now to go to the Internal Auditor, Roy Betts, before returning to the May meeting for signing off and sending to the External Auditor.

Cheques: 719 ALCA annual sub £54.55 720 Zurich Municipal - annual insurance premium £209.03. 721 Village Hall hire £9.00

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, F Morgan, N Wilyman

In Attendance: Seb Greene (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

3943 APOLOGIES: Cllr Andy Brellisford, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

3944 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FORMALITIES

Election Of Chairman And Vice Chairman: Cllr Cannell confirmed his willingness to continue as Chairman and this was agreed to unanimously without a vote. Cllr Cannell duly signed the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Cannell took the Chair. Cllr Ralston confirmed himself willing to continue in the role of Vice Chair and, this was unanimously confirmed without a vote.

Resignation of Cllr Morgan: Cllr Morgan's home has sold and she moves in two weeks. She hopes to be able to fulfil her commitment to the Waste Strategy event on May 25th, but will have left for Hampshire before the next meeting. She apologised for such short notice, but that is the nature of the Park Home property market. Cllr Cannell thanked her for the huge energy she has applied to her role as a Member, and in particular, the way she has represented the interests and concerns of the residents of Walton Bay. She will be missed.

Appointment Of Representatives To Outside Bodies: Cllr Ralston and Cllr Brellisford (in absentia) agreed to continue as representatives to the Gordano Greenway Steering Group. Representatives (2) to the Village Hall Committee of Management and to the NSC Standards Sub-Committee were not filled. It was agreed those representations would remain open pending the possible co-option of a new Member to replace Cllr Morgan.

3945 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3946 LAST MEETING MINUTES (11th April) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

3947 MATTERS ARISING: None.

3948 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: A theft (described in the classification 'other theft') in the area of the golf course in February (police.uk are always 2 months behind and provide no further detail).

Cycling on Footpaths / Mountain Bikers: Cllr Brellisford reports that the notices for footpaths across private property will not contain the NSC logo or carry information about fines. Enforcement will remain the issue, with no real solution to hand. Chris Joannou will write to known cycling groups seeking their cooperation in not using footpath-only routes, and in adequate marshalling of road events.

Walton Bay 'to Clevedon' Bus Stop: Cllr Morgan reports that the bedding in of services 88a & 88c is working, with bus arrival times and a map posted on the bus stops - but no indication of times beyond the stop - the traveller's arrival time at their destination. Timetables are presently only available on the bus, which is not satisfactory. **Clerk will share this concern with Paul Conolly.**

Clevedon Sprint Triathlon: has been notified via NSC. It will be on Sunday July 3rd and run along the B3124 - not up the Coast Road. **Clerk to publicise via Information Sheet.**

3949 PLANNING

Granted: 16/P/0820/TPO & 16/P/0822/WT - Manor House Tree work.

New: 16/P/1032/WT Church Farm gate. High Line for Western Power, removal of tree with roots damaged by cable work across Walton Brook. No objections. **Clerk to so report to NSC.**

3950 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Sewage leak at Barton's: Ongoing plans for repair. **Clerk to keep monitoring.**

Potholes - Harley Hill, marked for repair, B3124 gully near sub-station; repair done. Coast Road pothole above Highly Sprung???

Signage - 40mph sign coast-side at Walton Down re-fitted; redundant 30mph repeater post at Plumtree Cottage needs removing. Work due.

Parish Recycling Scheme: NSC will hold an open session and exhibition in the Village Hall from 2-6pm on May 25th. This will be publicised by a flyer to all homes. People will be encouraged to attend with re-cycling questions... what do I do with bonded paper/plastic? etc. The 3 categories of award for local efforts are bronze, silver and gold (which receives the maximum award of £350).

3951 OTHER MATTERS

Walton Common: Avon wildlife held a public meeting in the Hall on April 20th. Cllr Wilyman reported that there were 20-30 attendees, and that the event was very much an explanation of what was to be done on the private land over which they had a lease. There were two representatives from Avon Wildlife Trust and one from Natural England. 6 Dexters are due to go onto the Common imminently, with up to 25 planned. They will have the freedom of the common and a 'traffic signal' notice will be placed at the footpath entrances to indicate if cattle are on the Common or not. The site is one of only two known locations in Britain for the nationally rare moss Cheilothela chloropus. A variety of nationally scarce unimproved calcareous grassland communities are also found on the Common. Given the usual footpath regulation that dogs must be kept under close control, there are anticipated to be no movement restrictions for the public, notwithstanding that their only 'established' right is to traverse the footpath.

3952 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Ralston: Road Accident on Walton Street: a potentially fatal crash occurred outside Old Rectory Farm, and under the windows of the Manor House. There was traffic chaos and, miraculously, no death. Given that the Parish believes a 20mph limit to be a positive contribution to safety along this stretch of road, could not NSC contribute to the cost of this? **Clerk to establish background to accident via Jen Clarke and seek Cllr Ashton's views on the possibility of financial support.**

3953 FINANCE

2015-16 Final Accounts and Audit: Internal audit complete and ok. For sign off via this minute. **Clerk to dispatch to the External Auditor. Public notices to go to boards and website.**

2016-17 Accounts to date: reviewed and noted.

Cheques: 722 Village Hall hire (prepared and signed after the Annual Parish meeting, which finished at 9.45pm) £18.00

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

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Thursday, 12 May 2016

To: Attendees of Walton-in-Gordano Annual Parish Meeting, 9th May 2016

By e-mail:

Cllr Brian Cannell (Chairman), Cllr Mike Ralston, Cllr Floss Morgan, Cllr Nigel Wilyman, Don Hill (Minute Taker), Seb Greene (NSC), Kevin & Emma Edwards, Tony Barrow, Richard & Henry Kent, Grahame & Alison Stott, Sue Betts, Audrey Hollingsworth, Janet Brellisford, Richard & Sara Talbot, Reggie & Joanna Van Romunde, Rachel Dickinson

By post:

David & Patricia Parkinson, Arodene, Walton Down, BS21 7AR
Robin Hek The Gargoyle, Walton Bay, BS21 7AZ

Dear All

As you know, the purpose of approving the minutes of a meeting is for those who attended it to attest to the accuracy of the minutes as a true record of what took place: the process of approval is strictly for that purpose: "Matters Arising" can be raised at the next meeting.

I am sending all attendees sets of draft minutes for information and approval, with a view to them being signed at the **June 13th** meeting of the Parish Council.

If you are happy that the draft minutes are a true record of the meeting you need do nothing. If you feel they are not, please e-mail/write to me before **June 3rd 2016** indicating what you feel needs to be altered. I will then clarify alterations such that you all agree them before the Parish Council meeting.

Any points that the meeting has asked to be put before the Parish Council, or any other body, will be directed to that body to progress.

Kind regards



DON HILL
Minute Taker

MINUTES OF WALTON-IN-GORDANO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM ON MONDAY 9TH MAY 2016

Present: Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Mike Ralston, Floss Morgan, Nigel Wilyman, Don Hill (Minute Taker), Seb Greene (NSC), Kevin & Emma Edwards, Tony Barrow, Richard & Henry Kent, Robin Hek, Grahame & Alison Stott, Sue Betts, Audrey Hollingsworth, Reggie & Joanna Van Romunde, David & Patricia Parkinson, Janet Brellisford, Richard & Sara Talbot, Rachel Dickinson

3954 Apologies: Cllr Andy Brellisford, Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), Rosemary Tucker (WI), Brenda Matthews (WalG Social Club), Anne Charlesworth

3955 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of May 11th 2015: were circulated to attendees and approved in June 2015.

3956 Matters Arising: None

3957 Cllr Floss Morgan: Floss's intended move to Hampshire has been known about for some time. However, such is the speed with which the Park Home property market can work, that that move is now just two weeks away. Floss presented her resignation to the Parish Council meeting held earlier this evening. Cllr Cannell repeated his earlier thanks to Floss for the huge energy she has applied to her role as a Member, and in particular, the way she has represented the interests and concerns of the residents of Walton Bay. She will be missed.

3958 Reports to the Meeting: are attached to form a part of these minutes.

3959 Walton Street Traffic Problems: The idea of 'Stop' signs at the B3124 junction was raised, as was that of more urgently progressing the introduction of a 20mph speed limit, and traffic management devices such as speed bumps. The growing volume of traffic and the severity of some accidents makes action on these initiatives more urgent than ever. A driver had been cut from a car outside Old Rectory House during the weekend just past, resulting in untold chaos that the police had considerable difficulty in marshalling. Brian Cannell recounted the history of attempts to introduce a stop sign in the 'from-Clevedon' direction and the particularly complicated procedures for putting in a stop sign. He reminded the meeting of the considerable thought that was given by engineers to possible traffic management schemes when the major engineering work was completed. Regarding the most obvious device - speed bumps - being on a hill meant that they would tend to trap water and create an ice hazard, they create noise, both in themselves and in the deceleration and acceleration of traffic and they are unbeloved by ambulance drivers. Measures are in place in Wraxall and Clapton - why can't they be put in place in Walton? Don Hill said that he has been in touch with Clapton and their initiative is being closely monitored by NSC as a prelude to its possible extension to other areas. Introducing a 20mph speed limit would cost some £5,000. Police concern centres on a 20mph speed limit being unenforceable - might the money be more effectively spent on more overtly physical barriers to speeding? David Parkinson pointed out that, notwithstanding any downsides to a 20mph speed limit, those drivers observing it would enforce the limit on following traffic, which, given the volume of such traffic, was sure to significantly reduce average speeds. New localism means parishes are becoming more directly responsible for funding their own schemes of work and, to this end, the Parish Council has restructured its finances so that capital funds can be accumulated to this end. The meeting felt that work in Walton Street was too urgently needed to wait for funds to be accumulated - it needs to be done now. It was proposed that, given the problems are in, but not of the Parish, NSC should be pressed to at least make a contribution to the costs. A further idea - originally proposed by Mervyn Ross - was that costs might be covered by the raising of subscriptions. Sue Betts said - if the Church can do it, so can the Parish! Given the intensity of feeling about Walton Street traffic management, **it was agreed that the minute resulting from this discussion be passed back to the Parish Council to be progressed with urgency.**

- 3960 Walton Common:** Avon Wildlife Trust held a meeting in the Village Hall on April 20th in which they explained what their management plans are. Six Dexter cattle are due to go onto the Common very soon, that number rising to some 25 in the future. Given the public presence, these animals will tend to be older, less frisky ones. The cattle will have freedom to roam within the area of the electric wire. There will be a traffic-light-type system at the public footpath entrances to the Common indicating whether or not there are cattle there. Richard Kent pointed out that, unlike Cadbury Hill and some other public access sites with cattle, the Walton Common site is relatively open, so walkers are less likely to suddenly 'come upon' cattle in a way that might alarm either party. The usual access caveats will apply, in that dogs must be kept under close control and that a fairly permissive approach to movement on the Common will become acceptable as the cattle become established. The rights of Commoners, and Parishioners access rights are understood not to be affected. Beyond this, the key point is, as stressed by both Richard Kent and Nigel Wilyman, that the Common is not a 'common', it is private land, over which the owners - The Miles Estate, their managers - Avon Wildlife Trust, and their scientific overseers - Natural England, have full dominion. On that basis, complaints relating to illicit camping or mountain biking etc should be addressed to The Miles Estate. All along, the principal irritant re Walton Common and Avon Wildlife Trust, has been the latter's lack of communication. This has caused significant upset to many of the public who they rely on for their membership and resources, and has also done damage to their public image. Sara Talbot echoed this by saying that Avon Wildlife Trust are subject to legally enforceable public consultation protocols which they simply did not follow.
- 3961 The Information Sheet:** This is the principle communication vehicle within the Parish. It has been funded by the Parish Council, under various stewardships, for many years. It is currently possible due to the unstinting efforts of Audrey Hollingsworth, who gathers the entries, arranges the printing and organises a team of volunteer deliverers. There has never been a gauge of public reaction to the Information Sheet and its usefulness - so this evening proved to be just that. David Parkinson summed up the mood - he said 'it's why I am at this meeting - I read about it in the Information Sheet'. Emma Edwards, who, over the years, has moved around in many of the local parishes, said we are the envy of them in being able to successfully sustain enough worthwhile content to make the Information sheet a vital piece of Village kit - which is magically un-fussy and affordable to produce. Audrey Hollingsworth reports that she prints 180 copies per month and that some people also receive it via e-mail. Electronic delivery would obviously save the printing costs. The idea of lost e-mails, undelivered e-mails, accidentally deleted e-mails raised strong murmurs of support for the printed version. It is something you can hold, it has a sense of the Village about it in a way that an e-mail or web-based version simply would not. The Information Sheet is clearly much loved as it is. Audrey Hollingsworth was seen to smile.
- 3962 Community SpeedWatch:** Brian Cannell explained the history of us being unable to operate SpeedWatch in the past, although the possibility has been investigated on many occasions. The latest review - which came after the current year's budget was set - identified the area outside the Village Hall as one from which the scheme can operate. The police are keen for the Parish to proceed, but the scheme is dependant on having the kit (speed gun and high-vis jackets) at some £350 and volunteers (at least six to remain viable). Operation of the scheme would be self-governing, via a co-ordinator in a similar way to that of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Volunteers would be able to operate on a random basis that suited their personal timetables. The randomness introduces surprise for the traveller and is the main reason why sharing the kit with other parishes is not practical. There are presently three volunteers on the Parish Clerk's list. Don Hill asked anyone who wants to volunteer to contact him (contact details in any issue of the Information sheet).
- 3963 Parish Recycling:** Floss Morgan explained the NSC initiative - in the form of a competition - to raise awareness of how to re-cycle and what to re-cycle. With progress through bronze, silver and gold levels, a parish can achieve a maximum reward of £350 for creative improvements.

She gave an example, particularly relevant to the Park Home sites in Walton Bay, where waste-vehicle access problems and the lack of site-based facilities mean there is no formal recycling done. The Hampshire model is to use black bags, as now, for waste, and transparent bags for ALL recycling, which is then sorted at the waste depot by the waste contractors. NSC are to hold a recycling event and exhibition in the Village Hall on May 25th between 2-6pm. Everyone is asked to go along to share their re-cycling queries and to learn the detail of how to re-cycle the many multi-composition items we puzzle over each day. As Tony Barrow reminded us, 'North Somerset Life' - the mention of which, like our own Information Sheet, seemed to illicit a hum of approval - offers ever updated information on what can and cannot be re-cycled. Floss mentioned that Walton-in-Gordano, with only 33% of its waste not being re-cycled, is second only to St George's in re-cycling efficiency throughout North Somerset.

3964 Broadband: Grahame Stott reported that - worst of all possible worlds - the telephone cables supplying the lower part of the Parish from Clevedon, are aluminium. Although BT have ruled out the provision of fast broadband to the lower Parish (it appears to be on the way to Walton Bay via Portishead), they might at least be persuaded to upgrade the cables. Their want to hang on to ownership of Open Reach, suggested Grahame, might be making them more flexible in their service model. An un-costed possibility was raised, some time ago, that NSC might be able to beam signals into some the remoter areas around Castlewood. Seb Greene undertook to see if this option has any life, but warned that it has already been ruled out once, on cost grounds. Various alternatives were mentioned by those who have needed to invest in better broadband. Mike Ralston noted these as part of the matrix of information he keeps abreast of as the first phase of the super-fast broadband project draws to a close.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

WALTON-in-GORDANO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 12TH 2016 REPORTS FROM INTEREST GROUPS

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council - Cllr Brian Cannell, Chairman

This last year the Parish Council has dealt with the usual mix of planning, road maintenance and local event issues. The three main local issues that have caused concern have been Walton Common, Cycling activities and Community SpeedWatch. More on all of these later. As of May 9th, Walton-in-Gordano Parish Councillors are Mr Brian Cannell, Mr Mike Ralston, Mr Andy Brellisford and Mr Nigel Wilyman and Miss Floss Morgan. After discussions, Councillor Brian Cannell was re-elected as Chairman at the May Parish Council AGM. Councillor Mike Ralston was also re-elected as Vice Chair. Councillor Mike Ralston represented the PC on the Village Hall management committee. Councillor Floss Morgan was our representative on NSC Standards Sub committee. Councillors Mike Ralston and Andy Brellisford, represented WaIG PC on the Gordano Greenway project to ensure our voice was heard in this forum. After the Council's AGM earlier this evening, representation of the Village Hall Committee and NSC's Standards sub-committee remain open, while Cllrs Ralston and Brellisford continue to represent us on the Gordano Greenway project. North Somerset Council is regularly represented at the Parish Council meetings by Sebastian Green. Councillor Nigel Ashton, as Leader of North Somerset Council whilst not able to attend the Parish Council meetings this year his advice and support are valuable resources that the Parish Council greatly appreciates. We continue to work closely with our local police beat manager, PC Jenny Clark, who attends council meetings as her shifts allow, Fortunately, this last year, there have been only a few instances of reported crime in the parish, but we need to remain vigilant in how we leave our homes, outbuildings and property so we don't unwittingly assist potential criminal activity. Neighbourhood watch schemes continue to operate in various parts of the Parish. This year, as in the last, there have been only a few planning applications within the Parish, again perhaps reflecting the current financial climate. There has been a drive by local councils to improve the recycling rates across the country. To this end, we have been encouraged to develop a Parish Recycling Incentive scheme. This initiative is very ably lead in Wa-i-G PC by Councillor Morgan. There continues to be problems with cycling activities within the Parish.

The two main areas of concern are the road races / organised activities and Mountain bikers on footpaths. Some progress has been made with better marshalling of cyclists travelling along the Coast Road, Walton Street and the junction of the B3124. Unfortunately, much of the good work can be very quickly undone by a small number of thoughtless individuals who appear to disregard highway safety or other road users and shout abuse at anyone who criticises them. We continue to work with the Police, Local council and user groups to try and resolve the problem. The other main cycling activity that causes much concern are mountain bikers using the public footpaths along the Coast, Common and local woods towards the Golf Course. These are not cycle paths and should not be used for this purpose. We, along with North Somerset Council have erected No Cycling notices at the entry and exit points of these paths within our Parish, but the abuse both of the facility and of any members of the public that challenge the cyclists continues. This is not a local issue but a national problem. Councillors continue to work on this problem with the local authorities and land owners. The Gordano Greenway activity has been quiet for the last months, but continues to be monitored by Councillors Ralston and Brellisford. The future use and management of Walton Common also raised in profile during the year. Whilst it is accepted that the Common must be managed, the communication to and the understanding of, both current users and those holding Commoners rights to the Common has been poorly handled by Avon Wildlife. We have been presented with a fait accompli by Avon Wildlife, that has understandably caused much anger amongst many people within the Parish. The Parish Council had invited Avon Wildlife to this meeting to address the concerns of the Parish, but we have had no response to these requests. The PC will continue to try and negotiate with Avon Wildlife on this matter and will keep the Parish informed as we get any information. Community SpeedWatch. There has been a resurgence in interest in the Community SpeedWatch following a proposal by the Police that we could locate this by the wall of the Village Hall. We are seeking volunteers to man this as well as investigating how we can procure the equipment as this has a cost that came too late to be included in this year's financial budget. The Parish Council continue to fund the regular monthly Information Sheet that Audrey Hollingsworth so ably edits, published and, with her team of willing helpers, distributes. **Moving to Finance.** The Budget for 2016/17 was set during the January 2016 Parish Council meeting at a level of £4014. This included a number of provisions for the coming year along with a modest increase in Clerk's pay. Taking into account reserves, and a NSC Council Tax Supplement, the total precept for 2016/17 is £3800. Whilst it is true that Walton is one of the smallest parishes in North Somerset, our precept for 2016/17 ranks 28th out of 39 in terms of cost to a Band D property, so we continue to be in the cheapest 1/3 of all parishes in North Somerset by precept. I would like to thank those who have shown an interest in the Parish and it's Council over the last year and encourage those who have yet to do so. Finally, on behalf of the Parish, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors: Mr Mike Ralston, Miss Floss Morgan, Mr Nigel Wilyman and Mr Andy Brellisford - not forgetting the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Don Hill - for their hard work and support over the last year.

North Somerset Council

Seb Greene introduced himself and explained his role. Parish Liaison Officers do their work on a voluntary basis, outside their normal day-to-day work. They provide a link between the Parish Council and Clerk and the wide range of operating units within North Somerset Council. They both put the right people in touch with each other, and, where appropriate, help to move processes from communication to action. Seb offered his involvement during the open discussion, or afterwards if anyone wanted to contact him; he also took notes during the sessions to feed back to colleagues.

St Paul's Church - Sue Betts,

2015 was a truly memorable year for our village church in many ways. At the start of the year we knew we had a difficult job ahead of us to pay all the bills necessary to keep our church going. I'm not going to bore you with endless figures but we need nearly £700 a month just to pay for the Parish Share, the money we have to pay to keep our clergy team and that is before all the other bills such as electricity, insurance, maintenance, grass cutting – the list just keeps going on. As you have probably already heard we did it and with some money to spare! This is all due to the support of the people in this room, in this community and beyond so thank you, I can truly say that it could not be done without you. There have been so many highlights in 2015 including our Mouseketeer winning trip to London also two very generous anonymous donations, hopefully our sincere thanks have got back to

these donors. Sadly we have said goodbye to some faithful members of our church community over this past year, they are greatly missed. This year are looking forward to two 'village' weddings – one has ready happened - and the development of a servery in the church (when the architect pulls his finger out) so there will be even more tea and cakes!

Village Hall Committee of Management - Floss Morgan, Chairman

Once again the Village Hall has been ticking over with regular and one-off bookings. The hiring analysis shows dog training, table tennis, art group and the WI to be regular activity users and the Parish Council to be regular meeting users. Activities and meetings took place every month during the year with several social events for the whole village and wider community to attend plus several private parties and one-off activities bringing in revenue. The number of bookings have increased from 95 in 2014/15 to 176 in 2015/16. Additional events have included a wedding, gospel group, photo shoot and art lessons. Additions to the inventory have been sugar bowls, tea towels, tablecloths for the 12 small tables and table covering for 3 large tables. A major expenditure this year, 2016, will be internal decoration of the hall and external painting of the end wall. The work is being undertaken by Richard Sergeant. The first part of the work was completed March 2016 at a cost of £1247, with the all-weather 'Hall For Hire' notices being put up. The next phase will begin in May 2016 with painting the ceiling and panels at a cost of approximately £1050. As of 9th April 2016 the bank balance was £5420.41. Once again, thanks must go to Bob and Val Baldwin for their excellent work with cleaning and maintenance of the Hall.

WI - Rosemary Tucker *(read by Don Hill)*

The women's institute in the village is flourishing; our numbers stay constant; we have several members who have belonged to Walton in Gordano Women's Institute for over 20, 30 and 40 years. All this is testament to our organisation, which has just celebrated its 86th birthday, and to the national WI, which celebrated its 100th in 2015. One member went to a garden party in Buckingham palace, another went to the Royal Albert hall for the AGM. As an institute we had a long weekend in north wales visiting LLAINFAIR PG for lunch where the first WI was started. We had a full coach for a most enjoyable trip. We have an interesting programme of speakers, outings and social events, and we are always happy to welcome visitors and new members to our friendly group. The village Information Sheet is an invaluable source of information about our activities.

WalG Social & Events Committee Report - Brenda Matthews, Chairman *(read by Emma Edwards)*

The WalG Social & Events Committee runs from August to August. Last August we gave the church and the hall £1000 each from the profits we made. In August 2015 we set up an Arts Club which meets every Saturday afternoon, this helps the hall with a weekly rental income. In December 2015 we had another cheese/wine and quiz night which was well attended and enjoyed by all. In April 2016 we held another concert in the hall and this was also well attended and enjoyed. Also throughout the year we have organised several coffee mornings and the next one will be on June 18th in the village hall. The next big event will be the village fete on July 16th which we plan to make bigger and better than previous years, weather permitting. May we take this opportunity to ask for volunteers to help in any way that you can as without the help and support of the villagers we could not put on this event. Also, if anyone would like the events committee to help them organise any social gathering/events, or to join the committee, please contact either Andrew Francis via email ralf.789@sky.com or Brenda Matthews at g.matthews1@hotmail.com tel 873408 or any other committee member. An additional reminder that on Sunday July 17th - the day after the fete - we are holding the fete's 80th birthday event in the Village Hall, with lunch, cricket and other activities that will contribute to a convivial event - do join us!

Village Agent WERN - Emma Edwards

Thank you for inviting me this evening and embracing the village agent role. This year this village has benefited from a new art group, scrabble afternoons, coffee mornings. These events are for the benefit of the whole Gordano Valley, encouraging parishioners from all three villages to mix. I would like to also thank the Parish Council for funding the crime prevention afternoon last year, I hope to organise more this year. Village Agents can provide support for individuals and communities - as always please just ask.

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**Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall
Monday 13th June 2016 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), A Brellisford, N Wilyman

In Attendance: Seb Greene (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

3964 APOLOGIES: Cllr M Ralston, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

3965 COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR: An application is at hand from Rachel Dickinson; if there is no response to the Notice of Vacancy, it was agreed that it be considered at the next meeting.

3966 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3967 LAST MEETING MINUTES (May12th AGM & APM) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

3968 MATTERS ARISING: None.

3969 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No crimes showing on the police.uk site for April.

SpeedWatch: (consolidated from points raised at various stages of the meeting) Rachel Dickinson, coordinator, reported. There are now 12 volunteers. Police are awaiting the appointment of a new co-ordinator at their end. Rachel is waiting to hear from Jen Clarke on this, but hopes to hold an initial meeting of volunteers in the Village hall during June. She is also meeting Deb Tovey, Chair and Secretary of the Hall, to discuss equipment storage and access for SpeedWatch. The Parish Council has received an offer of SpeedWatch funding from The Social Club. As SpeedWatch will operate independently of the Council, the meeting agreed it to be more appropriate for this offer of funding to be direct to SpeedWatch via Rachel, once it has established a structure within which to receive and manage the funds. Rachel concurred with this approach and will contact Andrew Francis, of the Social Club, accordingly. **Clerk to respond to Andrew Francis with this outcome.**

Walton Bay Buses: Timetables to hand. Clerk to place in Walton Bay Newspaper box.

Clevedon Sprint Triathlon: has been notified via NSC. It will be on Sunday July 3rd and run along the B3124 - not up the Coast Road. Information in July Information Sheet entry.

3970 PLANNING

Granted: 16/P/1032/WT Church Farm gate; tree fell.

3971 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Sewage leak at Barton's: Ongoing plans for repair. **Clerk to chase progress.**

Potholes: Moor Lane repair due - it was noted that a lot of patching is in progress locally.

Signage - redundant 30mph repeater post at Plumtree to be removed. **Clerk to chase.**

Parish Recycling: NSC held an open session/exhibition in the Village Hall on May 25th. It was poorly attended and Floss could not be there. It is hoped it will be repeated at the Fete.

20 mph Speed Limit on Walton Street: Clerk has contacted Cllr Ashton to see if there is an analysis of the Clapton scheme and to ask what funding contribution NSC might make.

3972 OTHER MATTERS

Governance: Clerk will keep documents and website updated, but it was agreed to move the formal annual review from June to February/March each year, ahead of the financial year end and the annual financial and governance audit.

Walton Common: The Council was copied on an e-mail to Avon Wildlife Trust, from a Clevedon resident who has used the Common for 30 years and originally registered his concerns about new management plans with this Council. It appears from this e-mail that the 'traffic light' system for warning that cattle are on the common is not being clearly understood. Members will be watchful of the Trust's remedies in the light of this.

Village Hall: Deb Tovey, Chair and Secretary of the Hall committee has contacted the Clerk to seek Parish Council representation on it. With Cllr Morgan's departure there is no member of the Council on the Committee either in a representative or elected capacity. The Council presently has no-one to appoint, as all current councillors have 'done their stint' in that role over the years. Historically, and in terms of the small print on the Charity Commission Scheme, the Parish Council may be - and has proved to be in the past 'may be or not' - the 'last port of call' in terms of rescuing the Hall in the event of crisis. In the absence of a link via a representative Trustee, the Clerk has suggested that, as the Council's 'Responsible Officer', he be an informational link between the Village Hall Committee of Management and the Parish Council. In that context, he would need copies of agenda, minutes, accounts, and audits to keep the Council properly informed. The Clerk has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Hall Committee himself for 5 years until fairly recently. This new relationship would be an arms length one that would in no way involve him or the Council as Hall Trustees and will only pertain at times when the Council is unable to appoint the representative members (up to two) that the Hall 'Charity Commission Scheme' provides for.

3973 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

As well as looking for the repair of the pothole along Moor Lane, the open section of Walton Brook, highway weeds and overhanging hedges at Sunnybank and Orchard Lea have been reported to members as concerns. **Clerk to contact the relevant agencies and owners.**

Village Agent: Emma Edwards's resignation as Village Agent was noted and regretted. It is unlikely to be filled for three months. Cllr Cannell was unanimously supported in proposing that the **Clerk contact Emma on behalf of the Council to express its regret at her departure and to thank her for her significant contribution in the role.**

Cliff Path: Cllr Brellisford said there are 'Spongy' planks on some wooden walkways along the Cliff Path that appear to be unsafe. **Clerk to alert Andy Carroll.**

3974 FINANCE

2016-17: Accounts to date were reviewed and noted. The monthly SO to the Clerk is 5p too much. It was agreed that this be adjusted via the Standing Order Variation in March 2017.

Cheques: 723 Village Hall hire £6.00.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 5th September 2016 at 7.30pm

(note: there was no July meeting as there was no quorum and, as usual, there was no August meeting. This meeting was moved to the 1st Monday of the month to ensure a quorum.)

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, N Wilyman, R Dickinson (after minute 3976)

In Attendance: Seb Greene (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

3975 APOLOGIES: Cllr A Brellisford, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

3976 COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR: Rachel Dickinson's application had been pre-circulated. It was reviewed, and unanimously accepted by a show of hands; she completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Register of Member's Interests and joined the meeting.

3977 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3978 LAST MEETING MINUTES (June 13th 2016) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

3979 MATTERS ARISING: The recent triathlon was mentioned as having 'blocked' some residents in at Walton Bay. There were no formal complaints received this year.

3980 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No crimes showing on the police.uk site to end of June.

SpeedWatch: Rachel organised a mini-stall at the Fete to promote SpeedWatch. A volunteer training meeting is to be held in the Hall and suggestions were offered as to how internet signals might be available so that the police on-line training programme can be used. There seems to be police money available towards purchasing the speed gun equipment, which will be valuable in that the social Committee donation can then be devoted to the essential signage and kit purchases that will be needed. Audrey Hollingsworth has pointed Rachel to contacts in Weston-in-Gordano who's long experience in this area may prove useful in terms of both setting up, and in developing possible areas of cooperation.

3981 PLANNING

There are no 'in process' applications.

3982 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Potholes: Mike Brown has marked for repair areas in Moor Lane, Walton Street and the Coast Road and is obviously 'keeping an eye' on repair needs. Other areas are emerging along the Coast Road that will need attention over the next few months. There is a drainage cover at the top of the Birch's/Two Acres drive that is loose, noisy and with fraying foundations. **Clerk to liaise with Mike Brown.**

Signage: Loose pole by Plumtree still not removed. **Clerk to chase.**

Sewage Leak at Barton's: Ongoing plans for repair. Clerk to chase update from Carl Smallwood.

Cliff Path: 'Spongy' planks on Cliff Path bridges; Clerk to ask Andy Carroll for update.

20 mph Speed Limit on Walton Street: Awaiting outcome of Clapton scheme assessment. Clerk to follow up.

Housekeeping: Walton Brook, Sunnybank and Orchard Lea hedges: Owners contacted.

3983 OTHER MATTERS

Village Hall: No more heard re Clerk providing a link to Hall Committee.

Information Sheet: Audrey Hollingsworth handed over to Emma and Kevin Edwards after July. Audrey has run the Information Sheet for us with loyalty and diligence over the years and members want their unanimous thanks for her work to be minuted as a record of sincere gratitude.

Broadband: BT Community Fibre Partnership - Cllr Ralston updated members on the work that has been put in and was able to report that publicity to date has led to about half the needed registrations of interest. Another piece seeking registrants is going into the October Information Sheet.

Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve: Clerk to return the requested pro-forma, confirming an interest in principle in attending a proposed meeting on this subject.

3984 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman: Walton Brook; In noting that the Internal Drainage Board is due to do their annual maintenance behind the Moor Lane properties, Cllr Wilyman is concerned that the highway section of the Brook is also in dire need of attention again. Clerk to contact Miles Estate.

Cllr Dickinson: Residents at Walton Bay - specifically at Sandbanks - are feeling isolated from the village, given that there is no locally accessible meeting place up there, that Floss has now moved away and that there is currently no Village Agent. They suggested possible informal meeting over coffee or some other mechanism to help their sense of involvement. Cllr Dickinson was happy to take a specific representative interest in Walton Bay matters and will see how best to open up future council contacts; she will, in so doing, be cognisant of the Village Agent role when a new person is appointed.

3985 FINANCE

2016-17: Accounts pre-circulated and noted.

Financial Regulations: revision based on new NALC model were discussed & approved.

Cheques: 724 A Hollingsworth re Info Sheet Apr-Jul £36.00 725 HMRC for PAYE Apr-Sept @ £27.90 per month £167.40. 726 Village Hall hire £6.00.

Bank Mandate: Clerk to raise new one talking off Floss Morgan and adding Rachel Dickinson.

Seb Greene 'slipped in' - as a modest aside almost - that this would be his last meeting as he is moving to a new job in Northamptonshire. His quiet competence has been greatly appreciated during his time with us - he has always "been there" for the Clerk when called on. Having got over the shock of the sudden news, the meeting forbore a eulogy, in favour of a seriously genuine "thank you" and good wishes for him in a fortunate Northamptonshire!

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 10th October 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), N Wilyman, R Dickinson

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

3986 APOLOGIES: Cllr M Ralston, Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

3987 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Dickinson re her Cllrs Report at 3994 below.

3988 LAST MEETING MINUTES (Sept 5th 2016) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

3989 MATTERS ARISING: None

3990 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Crime reported on police.uk in July. Golf Course lay-by area - 1 vehicle crime (Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle). The police.uk crime notification system neither provides up-to-date data, nor follow-up information. Clerk has complained to the PCC about this.

SpeedWatch: Registration of volunteers in hand. Equipment provision coming via the police. An initial training session booked to follow this meeting.

3991 PLANNING

16/P/2256/F: Barton - new sewage facility to eliminate leaks onto Cliff Path. No objections.

3992 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Potholes: Areas marked for repair in Moor Lane, Walton Street and the Coast Road.

Signage: Loose pole by Plumtree removed.

Cliff Path: 'Spongy' bridge planks - in Clevedon section - repaired. Medium term repairs being done within WalG pending possible re-build with new National Coast Path money due in 1917/18.

Walton St 20 mph: Implications of Clapton scheme, in relation to Walton, under review.

Walton Brook, Walton St: NSC has cleared the Church Farm section.

Walton Brook, Moor Lane: Reported to Miles Estate, but clearance already done by Richard Talbot.

3993 OTHER MATTERS

Broadband: Registrations of interest now over 50; quote request now with BT.

3994 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman: two papers - on the Information Sheet and on Traffic - were introduced and will form agenda items for the November meeting. New signs have appeared on the golf course urging walkers to keep to the footpath; however, the footpath is not clearly delineated so this may prove a problem.

Cllr Dickinson: A recent TV piece about Walton Common used a map indicating land attached to Hackswood House (Cllr Dickinson's home) as being in the public access area; this is being corrected.

3995 FINANCE

2016-17: Accounts had been pre-circulated, were reviewed and noted.

Bank Mandate: Cllr Dickinson's details completed.

Tree Signs: A new VE 50th anniversary sign in the Hall garden and reinstatement of the Cross Tree sign needed. Clerk to arrange.

Cheques: 727 Information Sheet Aug-Sept-Oct £27.00. 728 Village Hall hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm

Before the commencement of the meeting Andy Brellisford called in to the hall to report that he has been able to move to Cross. He consequently resigned as a Councillor and did not attend the meeting. Members were sorry at their loss, but pleased for Andy; they thanked him for his thoughtful and assiduous contribution and, particularly, his work on cycling issues. The Clerk will instigate the search for a new Councillor via NSC and known interested parties immediately, and will report to the December meeting.

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), Cllr M Ralston, N Wilyman, R Dickinson

In Attendance: Sarah Friend (Village Agent) for Minute 4000 Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

3996 APOLOGIES: Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

3997 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3998 LAST MEETING MINUTES (October 10th 2016) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

3999 MATTERS ARISING: None

4000 VLLAGE AGENT: Sarah Friend, Emma Edwards' replacement introduced herself and her work. Members thanked Sara for taking the time and looked forward to cooperating with her. Cllr Dickinson and Sara arranged further contact in relation to Walton Bay.

4001 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Crime reported on police.uk in August - one anti-social behaviour on B3124 near Hackswood. PC Clarke had no crime to report for October.

Transport: The Clerk reported that the Walton Bay bus stops have been converted to new disability friendly ones. At the 'to Clevedon' stop, there is a vast improvement to access for all passengers.

4002 PLANNING

Decision Due: 16/P/2256/F: Barton - new sewage facility.

4003 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

The Coast road continues to be watched by the Clerk and Cllr Dickinson. The marked potholes and covers are still awaiting repair - but the Moor Lane work has been done.

4004 OTHER MATTERS

Broadband: BT quote due mid-November. Another company offering a wi-fi service has approached Cllr Ralston and remains an option if BT proves too costly. There may be grant sources available in relation to these quotes that will actually bring per household costs to an affordable level.

Telephone Box: The Cross Tree service is due to cease and the box is again on offer to the Parish Council for £1. Minute 3231 Sept 2009 & 3240 Oct 2009 refer to the previous - rejected - BT offer. Particular concerns related to maintenance costs; the fact that the box sits on private - Miles Estate - land; insurance costs; cleaning costs; vandalism (the Walton Bay box was constantly vandalised until its removal). The meeting decided that these concerns still pertain and that, particularly as it is not a 'collector's item' in telephone box terms, the offer to purchase will not be taken up.

Defibrillator: With the telephone box as a possible home, Cllr Dickinson had suggested installing a defibrillator there. This has been an oft-raised subject over recent years. *Minute 3920 Feb 2016 (part)*

reads: *The majority of the population live on private home parks, where the owners/residents would be the drivers of possible site-based installations and the associated upkeep. Unlike concentrated population zones - Weston-in-Gordano and Kenn, for example - there are relatively low population numbers in the Parish off the home parks, and they are largely strung out along the Coast Road. The meeting felt a single installation, that was effectively only available to a small number of the population was not currently viable.* Whilst this remained the view of this meeting, the matter was considered important. It would need several defibrillators dispersed through the Parish to provide a full service to residents. Siting, maintenance, training, security and funding are among a range of issues that need to be considered. Cllr Dickinson has contacts who could help as and when the decision is taken to start installations. Members agreed to remain alert to the possibility but not to progress the matter at this stage. Cllr Ralston raised the possibility of First Aid courses - possible grant-supported - and Cllr Dickinson agreed to include this on her discussion agenda with Sara Friend.

Information Sheet: The Social Club propose the launch of an information publication in January 2017. As this is likely to eclipse the scope and usefulness of the Parish Council-funded Information Sheet, the meeting decided not to continue publishing its Information Sheet after the December 2016 issue. It was agreed that in recognising that the Information Sheet has proved popular over many years, if its replacement publication falls by the wayside at any time in the future the PC will be prepared to step into the breach and start publishing its own version again.

Traffic Matters: A resident has again drawn attention to the speed of traffic as it passes through the village centre. Although there is a 30 mph speed limit in place, it is rarely adhered to. Historically this has always been the case but, with the massively increased volume of traffic in recent years, the problem is exacerbated to a point where more needs to be done to help manage the situation - ideally within the 'ethos' of the village as a place with a heart, rather than as a racetrack. Features such as WeIG's 'false gates', a central double white line on the B3124 and rumble strips were mentioned. The new SpeedWatch scheme will help. Solar powered VARs were also suggested. Single white site-lines down the edges of Walton Street was another possibility. Blocking off the from-Clevedon entry to Walton Street was also proposed (*but after the meeting someone pointed out essential large traffic from Clevedon could not negotiate Walton Street from the Old Shop side of the tree*). **Clerk to raise the issue in depth with Frank Cox, David Fish etc at NSC and report back.**

Adrian's Project Services: A possible Parish Orderly service. **Clerk to investigate services and costs.**

4005 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman

- 1. Moor Lane Brook:** This work has been done thoroughly - thank you to whoever did it!
- 2. Fracking:** licences are being considered within an approximate triangle from Minehead to Clevedon and Street (*they are "under consultation" because they cover environmentally sensitive areas*). The meeting noted that there may be possible cause for concern but did not move to take the matter further at this stage.
- 3. Moor Lane Power Supplies:** Western Power have put in new cables. Open Reach wires from the pole opposite Rivendell are touching these new cables and could become hazardous. Cllr Wilyman's attempts to get the utility companies to investigate have been politely ignored with the usual platitudes. **Clerk to approach Western Power to see if they will 'put right' the work that their operatives were apparently responsible for.**

4006 FINANCE

2016-17: The pre-circulated accounts were reviewed and noted.

Tree Signs: VE Day 50th plaque shown to and admired by members; Bob Baldwin will install it. Cross Tree plaque with Cllr Cannell, who will re-paint the lettering and ask the Miles Estate if it can be fixed to a wall adjacent to the tree.

Cheques: **729** Emma Edwards re Information Sheet Nov/Dec. £18.00. **730** D Hill, reimbursement of Village Hall VE Day 50th plaque cost £89.70. **731** Village Hall hire £9.00

Future Meetings: Clerk produced a schedule of meetings to March 2018 assuming that they would continue to be held on the 2nd Monday monthly except August; the meeting agreed that they should. **Clerk to book the Hall via Bob Baldwin accordingly.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 12th December 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), Cllr M Ralston, N Wilyman, R Dickinson

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

4007 APOLOGIES: Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

4008 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4009 LAST MEETING MINUTES (November 14th 2016) agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

4010 MATTERS ARISING: None

4011 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Crime reported on police.uk in September - 0. PC Clarke provided an up-to-date nil report but mentioned that there had been a recent spate of crime in Weston-in-Gordano. Cllr Ralston reported that Myrtle Cottage, currently under renovation, was the subject of a white-van raid; it is understood nothing was taken.

4012 PLANNING

Decision Due: 16/P/2256/F: Barton - new sewage facility.

4013 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Coast Road at Two Acres Junction: Clerk noted that the large drainage cover was bouncing out of its housing as traffic was crossing it. It was marked up for repair some time ago; **Clerk to chase Mike Brown for a repair date.**

4014 OTHER MATTERS

Moor Lane Power Supplies: The problem has been reported to Western Power (WP) and a response is awaited. There is a WP line down Walton Street with sheathes on it; these have slipped down the line and are now bunched below Myrtle Cottage. This has happened before in the village and resulted in domestic shorting under adverse weather conditions. **Clerk to contact WP about this.**

Councillor Vacancy: NSC has received no nominations, so the post is now open for co-option. Members will canvas possible parties. **Clerk to contact someone from Walton Bay who recently expressed an interest.**

Broadband: BT quote running late but contact with BT very much 'live'. Other options are available, but the BT quote will supply a benchmark for the alternatives should recourse to them be deemed needed.

Traffic Matters: It has been indicated to the Clerk that now is not the time to present the ideas at last month's minute 4004. There has been yet another squeeze on expenditure for the rest of this financial year. Cllr Ralston suggested that the need for a costings update on the Walton Street 20mph scheme would provide a platform on which to include the elements of the 'holistic village' ideal from minute 4004. **Clerk to progress.**

Adrian's Project Services: A formal quote is awaited. Provisionally, the idea of a contracted village keeper service was welcomed and a budget provision for two visits a year was agreed; this would be in the region of £400, subject to receipt of quote. **Clerk to include as an element of 2017-18 budget.**

4015 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Dickinson: SpeedWatch now has 3 trained people and is going active in the village area.

4016 FINANCE

2016-17 Accounts to date: Pre-circulated, reviewed and noted.

2017-18 Budget: Preliminary thoughts for incorporation in January Budget' - village keeping as above.

Cheques: 732 HMRC PAYE Oct-Dec £83.70. 733 Village Hall hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), Cllr M Ralston, N Wilyman, R Dickinson

In Attendance: Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

4017 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Colin Medus as our new NSC Parish Liaison Officer. Colin hopes to be able to attend alternate meetings.

4018 APOLOGIES

Cllr N Ashton (NSC), PC Jen Clarke

4019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dickinson re Minute 4026 - "Concealed Entrance" sign (she lives in Hackswood House).
Cllr Ralston re Minute 4027 - "2017-18 Budget (his firm, Solsoft, supplies the website & e-mail facilities).

4020 LAST MEETING MINUTES

The December 12th 2016 meeting minutes were agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

4021 MATTERS ARISING

None

4022 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Crime reported on police.uk in November - 0. PC Clarke indicated no reported crime for December.

4023 PLANNING

Granted: 16/P/2256/F: Barton - new sewage facility.

4024 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Coast Road at Two Acres Junction: Enquiry with Mike Brown re repair date of drainage cover.

4025 OTHER MATTERS

Western Power Supply Lines: Issues near Rivendell, Moor Lane (Cllr Wilyman reported that WP have attended and declared the wires safe), and Myrtle Cottage Walton Street - recently reported.

Broadband: BT quote still awaited. WalG is now included in a Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) 2nd phase roll-out workshop: Cllr Ralston hopes to attend once a date is confirmed.

Traffic Matters: Cllr Ashton will be walking the Village with Colin Medus.

BT Phone Box: The Miles Estate has offered the Box site at a nominal rent of £1 per year plus legal costs in drawing up the agreement. This does not impact the arguments behind the original, or the recent decisions not to purchase the box. However, various possibilities were given an airing - with an instinctive want to conserve underlying the discussion. Ultimately, the meeting decided that, as interest groups come and go, wax and wane, the buck stops with the Parish Council, who, as the party to which the BT offer is made, would have to foot the initial costs. Reluctantly, it was agreed that the original decisions should stand and that the Box should not be bought. **Clerk to so inform the Miles Estate... with thanks for their thoughtful intervention.**

Councillor Vacancy: Clerk to write to recent applicant asking for attendance at some meetings to gain familiarity with the process.

4026 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Dickinson: Speedwatch - 7 motorists reported from 800 passes. Is placement of publicity signs in Hall garden possible - they can't go on the highway. Meeting thought it a good idea.

Village Agent - Hopes for a meeting with Sarah Friend by early February. **"Concealed Entrances" Sign:** There is a redundant signpost pole by the Plumtree Cottage Lay-by. Could it be used for a sign to warn of the Hackswood House and field entrances on the left of the B3124 towards Portishead? **Clerk will investigate.**

Cllr Wilyman: Information Sheet - This first Social Club edition looked good, with obvious scope to develop. **Village Hall Car Park** - After decades of pleading for a car park, it is hugely disappointing that the most obvious hurdle - the land available being agricultural land in the Green Belt - was overlooked. Whilst this may have to be the accepted position for now, **the Clerk was asked to do some research into what might ultimately be possible.** **Village Hall Parking in Moor Lane** - it has been reported that this can get very untidy, especially in the summer when the hedges are full. Sometimes it is so bad that normal - including farm - traffic cannot negotiate the highway. **Clerk to ask the Hall Committee if they could put a prominent notice in the Hall asking people to park with due consideration.**

Cllr Ralston: Parish Council Information Sheet Entries - members noted there was no editorial entry in the January edition - simply contact information for the Clerk and Councillors. The Clerk said that future numbers will include meeting dates and directions to the Parish Council web address: he had intended to submit editorial information as significant items came up, or regular topics developed. The meeting wanted to maintain a regular monthly editorial presence in the publication as had happened over recent years with the Clerk's monthly entries. After discussing various ideas about how to do this most effectively, the meeting decided they would like the focus to be on the minutes of the monthly meeting, via a "what we are doing" entry, with a pointer to the parish website included. This would bring Parish Council affairs directly into people's homes. **Clerk to re-institute his monthly editorial entry.**

4027 FINANCE

2016-17 Accounts to date: Pre-circulated, reviewed and noted.

2017-18 Budget: The pre-circulated draft budget was reviewed. After minor adjustments it was approved as attached to these minutes.

Cheques: 734 Village Hall hire £9.00

4028 NEXT MEETING

Two members cannot make the due date for the next meeting thus it would not be quorate. It was agreed to hold the meeting the Monday before - February 6th - subject to hall availability. *(Clerk's note: Hall booking - ergo meeting - confirmed)*

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council Summary Budget for Financial Year 2017-18

| Column >>>> | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| | General Fund <i>(detail on attached sheet)</i> | Election Provision | Capital Provision | Total Business a/c (Columns A+B+C) | Treasurer's Account | Total Funds (Columns D+E) |

Estimate to 31 March 2017

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| B/F 1/4/16 | 1908.68 | 522.24 | 500.00 | 2930.92 | 150.00 | 3080.92 |
| CT Support Grant | 136.00 | | | 136.00 | | 136.00 |
| Precept | 3800.00 | | | 3800.00 | | 3800.00 |
| Interest | 2.05 | | | 2.05 | | 2.05 |
| Precept Transfers | -1100.00 | 600.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Expenses | -2758.62 | | | -2758.62 | | -2758.62 |
| Bal to c/f @ 31/3/17 | 1988.11 | 1122.24 | 1000.00 | 4110.35 | 150.00 | 4260.35 |

Budget to 31 March 2018

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|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| b/f @ 1/4/17 | 1988.11 | 1122.24 | 1000.00 | 4110.35 | 150.00 | 4260.35 |
| CT Support Grant | 69.77 | | | 69.77 | | 69.77 |
| Precept | 4214.00 | | | 4214.00 | | 4214.00 |
| Interest | 2.00 | | | 2.00 | | 2.00 |
| Precept Transfers | -1100.00 | 300.00 | 800.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Expenses | -3100.00 | | | -3100.00 | | -3100.00 |
| Bal to C/F @ 31/3/18 | 2073.88 | 1422.24 | 1800.00 | 5296.12 | 150.00 | 5446.12 |
| | | | | | <i>Check</i> | <i>5446.12</i> |

WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL FUND BUDGET: 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2018

EXPENSE ANALYSIS

| ITEM | IN | OUT | BALANCE | NOTES | Clerk | Clk Exp | Hall | Pub Lt | Ins/Sub/Aud | Inf Sht | A/O | Web | TOTALS | |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| As Reported at Dec 2016 | 3937.45 | 2159.37 | 2,586.76 | | 1,255.95 | 235.80 | 60.00 | 47.38 | 273.58 | 81.00 | 89.70 | 115.96 | 2,159.37 | |
| Jan-Mar Totals: South'n Electric | | 18.00 | 2,568.76 | | | | | 18.00 | | | | | 18.00 | |
| Solsoft | | 48.00 | 2,520.76 | | | | | | | | | 48.00 | 48.00 | |
| Clerk pay & expenses | | 413.55 | 2,107.21 | | 334.95 | 78.60 | | | | | | | 413.55 | |
| Interest | 0.60 | | 2,107.81 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| HMRC re 3 months PAYE | | 83.70 | 2,024.11 | | 83.70 | | | | | | | | 83.70 | |
| WalG Village Hall | | 36.00 | 1,988.11 | | | | 36.00 | | | | | | 36.00 | |
| | | | 1,988.11 | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| INCOME & EXPENDITURE TOTALS | 3938.05 | 2758.62 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| | | | | Total Expenses | 1,674.60 | 314.40 | 96.00 | 65.38 | 273.58 | 81.00 | 89.70 | 163.96 | 2,758.62 | 0.00 |
| Total General Fund to C/F | | | 1,988.11 | | overpaid 60p | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerk overpaid 5p per month. | | | | <i>Actual 2014-15</i> | 1,644.00 | 314.40 | 117.50 | 62.90 | 263.74 | 81.00 | 0.00 | 264.96 | 2,748.50 | |
| 60p to be adjusted off final SO | | | | Budget 2116-17 | 1,674.00 | 315.00 | 180.00 | 65.00 | 360.00 | 120.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 2,914.00 | |
| Clerk's Pay at £11.08 per hr | Gross | -PAYE | NET | Estimate 2016-17 | 1,674.00 | 315.00 | 96.00 | 66.00 | 274.00 | 81.00 | 90.00 | 164.00 | 2,760.00 | |
| Per Year | 1728.00 | -345.60 | 1382.40 | Budget 2017-18 | 1,728.00 | 315.00 | 120.00 | 70.00 | 280.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 201.00 | 3,114.00 | |
| Per Month | 144.00 | -28.80 | 115.20 | Add Election Prov | | | | | | ^ | | | 300.00 | |
| | | | | Add Capital Prov | | | | | | ^ | | | 800.00 | |
| | | | | Precept | | | | | | ^ | | | 4,214.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Village | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Maintenance | | | | |

Web - £16.67 per month inc VAT, to Solsoft. This will include domain renewal charge.

WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs B Cannell (Chair), M Ralston, N Wilyman

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

4029. APOLOGIES: Cllr Dickinson, Cllr Ashton, PC Clarke, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison)

4030. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4031. LAST MEETING MINUTES - January 9th agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

4032. MATTERS ARISING: None

4033. EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Crime reported on police.uk in November - 0. PC Clarke e-mailed that there was no reported crime in the Parish, but there was a theft of a horse trailer on January 6th from Clevedon Lane, and a couple of vehicles in Portbury had items stolen from them between the 23rd and 26th.

4034. PLANNING: None

4035. STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Coast Road at Two Acres Junction: The water company inspection cover has been repaired.

B3240 Possible "Concealed Entrances" Sign: These only used in relation to concealed road junctions.

Village Hall Car Park: Awaiting NSC contact details.

Parking on the B3124: on the Hall side, between the bus stop and Moor Lane, has become common. Cllr Wilyman witnessed an HGV - not speeding - come round the 'blind' bend towards Clevedon and miraculously avoid a collision with cars parked in relation to a Children's event - the outcome could have been different. This parking issue is probably best resolved via more specific parking advice from the Hall Committee pointing hall users to Moor Lane for parking and specifically advising them not to park on the B3124 between the bus stop and Moor Lane.

4036. OTHER MATTERS

Western Power Supply Lines: Myrtle Cottage Walton Street - reported.

Broadband: CDS 2nd phase roll-out workshop date awaited. Cllr Ralston reports:

We previously asked BT to provide a quote under the Community Fibre initiative, whereby they would cost the 'gap' funding required from the community (the figure in addition to what they would get direct from the government) to provide enhanced broadband. It is attached and is a rather alarming £83K! This is for a new 'All-in-One' fibre cabinet to effectively replace cabinets 4 and 33. Obviously, we can't afford this amount, however we may be able to if the voucher scheme (£500 per household with less than 2mg) was 'pooled' and set-off against the gap funding required. The voucher scheme is currently 'on-hold'.

Now, there is actually another set of ways to achieve our aims, but we are awaiting information from Connection Devon & Cornwall(CDS), which despite the name, is the body organising enhanced broadband for rural communities including North Somerset. Basically, these guys are the conduit of the government funding initiatives to get broadband out to the countryside. We have had notice that we have been designated 'priority status' and that we are guaranteed at least 30mg by 2020 (worst case). CDS will be announcing the contractor to supply new services to our area by the end of March. Importantly, this is NOT BT! When this is announced we will be given an indication as to when this alternative service will be delivered by (hopefully this year and not 2020). So we should know by the March or, at the latest, April.

Furthermore, and to make things even more complicated, BT confirmed today that Walton Bay, served by cabinet 33, is going to get (probably this year) FTTP (BT Fibre to the premises), which is an astonishing minimum of 50mg but can go as high as 330mg! Unfortunately for some of them, one homeowner has refused a wayleave, so a number of the properties won't get anything! Maybe didn't understand the request and consequent implications of refusing it.

There is so far, and this is changing almost daily, no plan for the 'Village' part of the Parish.

So, I have asked BT to requote for Fibre to the premises for the whole village. When this is in, we can then discuss it with CDS who will by then have a better idea as to what they would like to do for the village relative to the funding available, timescale and particular broadband contractor appointed. It may be that we decide to utilise BT if there is funding available (e.g. a new voucher scheme) as they can provide a faster new service in a more timely manner than having to wait for the new CDS contractor. However, if the new contractor is incentivised they may be the better option.

In summary, it looks like we will get better broadband, but from who and when and for how much is still unclear, but we should know fairly soon - by the spring hopefully.

Traffic Matters: Cllr Ashton to walk the Village with Colin Medus.

Village Hall Parking in Moor Lane: Tidy parking notice now part of Terms & Conditions of hire and also posted in Hall.

4037. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Ralston: Commented very favourably on Cross Tree Chronicle - echoed by all members

Cllr Wilyman: Verge cracks are appearing in Moor Lane that will need watching; Clerk promised to keep an eye on them and liaise with NSC area engineer Mike Brown as needed.

Cllr Cannell: Outside the Parish - on the A369 just past the de-restriction signs towards Bristol, the road surface has been breaking up badly for some time. Clerk to forward this worry to NSC/PTC.

4038. FINANCE

2016-17 Accounts to date: Pre-circulated to members, reviewed and noted.

2017-18 Budget: Precept request has been acknowledged by NSC.

Cheques: 735 Village Hall hire £6.00 Standing order variations re website costs and Clerks pay signed.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Mike Ralston, Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wilyman

In Attendance: Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 2

4039. APOLOGIES

Cllr Ashton (NSC), PC Clarke

4040. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mike Ralston, as the applicant re the planning application at agenda item 6 - minute 4044.

4041. LAST MEETING MINUTES

February 6th minutes agreed and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

4042. MATTERS ARISING

None

4043. EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Crime reported on police.uk in December - 0. Jen Clarke away, so no update from her.

4044. PLANNING (Cllr Ralston left the meeting for this item)

New: 17/P/0327/F Sunnybank, Walton Street - Realignment of drive and alterations to access to include additional stone boundary walls to either side, timber shed, timber gates and parking area. The original application of 2012 has lapsed. This re-application was overlaid with the original and found to indicate some minimal but useful realignment of the route. Members reflected on the Council's response to the original application at minute 3526 of September 10th 2012 and unanimously agreed that this re-presentation held to the original view that there was no objection to the application. **Clerk to so submit to the case officer.**

4045. STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Village Hall Car Park (report shared with Village Hall Committee, Claire Flower and the Miles Estate):

Clerk researched building in the green belt and spoke at length with NSC Planning. Planning permission will be needed for a change of use of the field to a car park. It is, of course, in the Green Belt and therefore, by default, deemed "inappropriate" development. However, a case can be made indicating that there are Very Special Circumstances (VSC) for a car park to be granted planning permission. For the Hall, the particular VSC is the parking chaos and danger that can regularly arise on Moor Lane and the B3124 at this busy and popular venue. There is also a significant community benefit - a car park would enable the long term security of the hall as a positive community asset and would be crucial to its survival as such, given the

historical and future changes in traffic pressures. Someone will need to submit a planning application that will involve quite a bit of work to submit and will need to be accompanied by details of the proposed car park and carefully presented VSCs.

Cleeve Parish Church - in the green belt on the A370 Weston to Bristol road - put in an application in November 1996 (96/1489) - that was granted - for off-road parking, as vehicles were parking on the grass verge which was a highway safety issue. The agent for the project was Roger Ford, of Cleeve. See also: 12/P/2068/F - car park for 173 spaces for GE Oil and Gas at High Street, Nailsea (on the Wraxall side of Nailsea). Although this application was for a much larger car park - and it was controversial at the time - it gives an idea of what is critical. Application 09/P/090F/F – for a car park for village hall at the Burial Ground, Clevedon Road, North Weston is also relevant and has details on the NSC planning website.

A contact to possibly act as agent to the project was suggested as Ben Lewis, Renplan Consulting Ltd, Office 207, The Hive, 6 Beaufighter Road, Weston super Mare BS24 8EE. He handles difficult-to-get-through cases, used to work at North Somerset Council, and knows his way around it. From a highways perspective, the key consideration will be that the entrance has adequate splay, to allow safe access to and exit from the site in both directions. Kevin Edwards reported that two sets of outline plans exist, for two very different size sites (an optimum of some 20 vehicles was floated as a possible guide to size. If there is no provision for an additional gateway onto the road, then agricultural access will need to be through the proposed car park. The plan is to retain the grass surface and to lay a specialist breathable cover over it. There is clearly a lot for the Hall Committee to develop, with their chosen agent, into the plan. Kevin asked what role the Parish Council might play in the process. Discussion resolved this into being one that was positively supportive of those responsible rather than of becoming actively involved. The most positive contribution would perhaps be for the Council to appoint the two representative members to the Hall Committee which it is entitled to do under the Charity Commission scheme via which the Hall is administered. The Clerk and two Members have served significant spells on the Committee in the past but **Clerk to put the matter as an agenda item for the April meeting.**

Parking on the B3124: Issues re February minute 4035 shared with Hall Committee who were asked to point hall hirers to the dangers of parking between the bus stop and Moor Lane.

Gullies: Parish gullies are being emptied during March.

Mounting Stone: NSC have received a complaint asking for it to be removed after a user of the hall tripped over it. Clerk pointed Members to a similar complaint received some years ago and where the Council consulted specialist bodies and considered lighting and painting options, rather than removal, but ultimately voted to keep the stone as it is. Members at this meeting also unanimously decided to keep the stone as it is.

(Clerk's note: Original complaint appeared in the minutes in September 2006, and concluded in Minute 3043 (part), February 12th 2007 as under:

Mounting Stone (Sept 2006)

Consensus is that, as the stone is on the pavement, responsibility for safety (and insurance claims) lies with highways – they accept this. If pressed, NSC would simply remove the mounting stone; they know this would not be a popular move and propose to hold the matter in abeyance.)

4046. OTHER MATTERS

Western Power Supply Lines: Myrtle Cottage Walton Street - reported - **Clerk to follow-up.**

Broadband: Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) 2nd phase roll-out workshop date awaits the appointment of a main contractor. With Walton Bay/Walton Down being candidates for BT's fibre-to-home broadband, BT have supplied Cllr Ralston with a new quote relating to Walton-in-Gordano Village (the parish below Taggart House, on Walton Street). This is £38,741.00. However, with the Village now being candidates for supply via CDS, we need to

await information on exactly what the CDS offer is and what grant support might be available to assist in funding it. Cllr Ralston will continue to keep Members alerted to progress.

Traffic Matters: Our Gordano Valley Ward Councillor, Nigel Ashton, toured the Parish with Colin Medus, highlighting various problems and ambitions that are before the Parish Council. The 20 mph for Walton Street remains on the agenda and for more information relating to progress, the **Clerk to contact NSC's David Bailey**.

Governance Documents: A complete set of updated documents, as listed under, was pre-circulated for annual review. Alterations were minimal except that the Financial Regulations we re-cast based on the new NALC model set, issued to coincide with changes to auditing regulations and possible future devolved responsibility opportunities. The Annual Risk Assessment form, CD was agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The documents as updated were approved by the meeting.

AA **Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Cllr**
AB **Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Chair**
AC **Register of Members Interests**
AD **Code of Conduct**
AE **Standing Orders**
AF **Financial Regulations**
BA **Clerk's Employment Contract**
BB **Staff Appraisal Form**

BC **Disciplinary & Grievance Policy**
BD **Pension Declaration of Compliance**
CA **Publications Scheme**
CA1 **Publication Scheme**
CB **Who We Are & What We Do**
CC **Complaints & Equalities Procedure**
CD **Risk Assessment**

4047. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman: queried when culverted sections of the brook were due for inspection. **Clerk to contact NSC's Phil Bush to find out.**

Cllr Dickinson: reported that the **SpeedWatch** team had registered a significant number of offenders so far during March. Despite the initial enrolment of volunteers there are only 4 able to actively participate in the scheme at the moment; more are needed if it is to be sustainable. There are problems being faced by SpeedWatch teams in relation to police liaison; these are being ironed out by the SpeedWatch volunteers' liaison group. Notices - the official SpeedWatch ones and the local, large 'numbers reported' notices such as appear in Weston-in-Gordano to such significant effect, are still proving difficult to find locations for, but the team are working to resolve this problem within the required, very strict, guidelines.

Cllr Cannell: (Matter relating to Portbury Parish Council) - noted that the pothole he reported, past the final roundabout out of Portishead towards Bristol, near the 50mph sign, has not been repaired. Clerk had visited the site but had not yet reported it. Colin Medus noted the problem to take it forward and said that the most effective way to report potholes is via the NSC website. *(Clerk's note: for a whole range of matters, visit <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/do-it-online/connect/> to see the list of services that can be reported or requested and to select the one you need).*

4048. FINANCE

2016-17 Accounts to date: Noted. A bank error prematurely cancelled standing orders for February/ March re Solsoft and Clerk's pay. Cheques were issued as under to correct this.

Cheques: **736** HMRC re PAYE for Jan/Feb/Mar £83.70. **737** Solsoft re website charges for Feb/March £31.20. **738** D Hill pay & expenses for Feb/March £275.70. **739** Village Hall hire £9.00

The meeting closed at 8.40pm