
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 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

Chairman Cllr Cannell had lost his voice, so the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair Cllr Ralston.

4049. APOLOGIES

Cllr Ashton (NSC), PC Clarke. Colin Medus (NSC Liaison)

4050. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4051. LAST MEETING MINUTES

March 13th minutes agreed and signed by Meeting Chair & Clerk.

4052. MATTERS ARISING

None

4053. EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Crime reported on police.uk in January - 0. There are local reports of cars being broken into, in Walton Street/Coast Road, during the past 2 weeks. Whilst these have not yet been verified, it will be 2 months before they appear on the Police UK website. Again, the meeting registered concern that the Police UK site was absolutely pointless in terms of being the central focus of up-to-date information. We are blessed with good local police support, which makes the difference.

SpeedWatch: Cllr Dickinson reported that none of the volunteers were active at the moment and noted that SpeedWatch was in the May Annual Parish Meeting agenda. She put out an appeal for more volunteers, which she will press at the Annual Parish Meeting.

4054. PLANNING

Decision Due: 17/P/0327/F Sunnybank, Walton Street - Realignment of drive.

4055. STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Culverts: NSC don't undertake cyclical maintenance of drains or culverts. A proactive regime would - if funds were available, identify potential problems. Instead, they follow up reports of blocked gullies and highway flooding and, following inspections, prioritise the cleaning of main drains and culverts. Our area engineer is constantly moving around our parish, and does carry out informal checks to ensure no problems appear to be emerging.

Potholes: The main ones along the Coast Road have been done. Others to be monitored are emerging outside Brook Cottage, Walton Street and at the bottom of Harley Hill (E. Clevedon).

4056. OTHER MATTERS

Village Hall: Cllrs Dickinson and Wilyman volunteered to act as the Parish Council Representative Members on the Village Hall Committee. **Clerk to so inform the Committee.**

Western Power Supply Lines: Myrtle Cottage Walton Street - chased, March 27th. Hi-Line will be clearing the tree tops to expose the wires during the next few weeks. **Clerk to monitor.**

Broadband: Recent roadworks in the Village were to put in ducting for a fibre loop to link provision at Walton Bay back to Portishead... but not to provision for the Village through which it is passing! CDS workshop date awaits the appointment of a main contractor. **Clerk to chase for workshop date.**

Traffic Matters: Awaiting NSC update as to the possible inclusion of Walton Street in any roll-out post study of the Clapton 20mpg scheme and if so, the roll out timetable.

4057. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Cannell: Moor Lane: Subsidence just before tip field is getting serious. **Clevedon Road:** Furniture near 7 Acre gateway (on left past Hall). **Clerk to report.**

Cllr Wyliman: Moor Lane: Rubble in old tip field gateway. Car bonnet on right just beyond the Ash Track. *(KE, the next morning, reported gravel along the Coast Road)* **Clerk to report.**

Cllr Dickinson: Cycle Races: Audrey Hollingsworth has pointed to a website listing timetables and routes of cycle races. Clerk is informed by NSC when the two regular ones are due through our Parish and publicises them via the Crosstree Chronicle - albeit well ahead of time. He has used websites to search for races but **will contact Audrey for the address of this one.**
Annual Parish Meeting: Could Village Agent be invited? **Clerk to do.**

4058. FINANCE

2016-17 Accounts to Financial Year End: Pre-circulated to members for approval prior to going out for internal audit to Roy Betts.

External Audit: The Annual Governance Statement for 2016-17 was read out to the meeting, agreed to, and signed by the Chair of the Meeting and the Clerk.

Cheques: 740 ALCA subscription £55.79. 741 Village Hall hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
at
Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.00pm**

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

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

Public Attendance: 0

4059. APOLOGIES: Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), Cllr Mike Ralston, PC Jen Clarke

4060 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Clerk reported that Cllr Cannell was prepared to seek re-election as Chair and asked if there were any other nominations. As there were none, and no objections to the nomination of **Cllr Cannell, he was deemed unanimously elected as Chair of the Council**, completed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and took the Chair. Cllr Cannell noted that Cllr Ralston was prepared to seek re-election as Vice Chair and asked if there were any other nominations for the post. As there were none, and no objections to the nomination of **Cllr Ralston, he was deemed unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of the Council**. There is no requirement for an on-going holder of this post to complete a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4061 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllrs Dickinson and Wilyman were re-confirmed as the Council representatives on the **Village Hall Committee** as recently appointed. Cllr Ralston was confirmed as the continuing Council representative to the **Gordano Greenway** project.

4062 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4063 LAST MEETING MINUTES

April 10th minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair & Clerk.

4064 MATTERS ARISING

None

4065 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: PC Jen Clarke reported to the Clerk that there has been a recent spate of thefts from cars (some unlocked) in Clevedon; she pleads that we do lock unattended vehicles at all times. Jen also reported that, apart from a couple of minor issues, we have had 2 thefts from motor vehicles in the last year - one on the 22nd March in which nothing was stolen, as the owner removed all valuables, but obviously damage was done to get into the van; the other theft was in July 2016. **Clerk to write to PCC re inadequacy of police-uk website for accessing crime data.**

SpeedWatch: Cllr Dickinson's report was made to the following Annual Parish meeting.

4066 PLANNING

New: 17/P/0951/F Orchard Lea, Walton St. Extension. No problems - Clerk to report to NSC.
Granted: 17/P/0327/F Sunnybank, Walton Street - Realignment of drive.

4067 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Moor Lane: Rectifying the subsidence just before tip field is 'in hand' via Mike Brown.

Fly-tipping: Cllr Ashton discussed with Clerk; all but the small amount of stone, has been removed. New opening schedules and procedures at the re-cycling depots may lead to a, hopefully only temporary, increase in fly-tipping, while the more recalcitrant among us get used to the new procedures.

Cycle Races: The recent St Peter's Hospice event (complained of in 2016) was unexpected. NSC consent is needed (and we are informed) re the two annual Portishead events run from the Lake Grounds - they were the subject of complaints originally. St Peter's have no need to so communicate for using the public highway; they have been informed of our concerns.

Highway Repairs: Valley Rd (Police HQ to B3124) closed from 8pm-6am on May 10th-12th.

4068 OTHER MATTERS

Western Power Lines: Opposite Myrtle Cottage Walton Street awaiting Hi-Line periodic clearing of tree growth around the lines which is understood to be due soon. Clerk

Broadband: CDS workshop Clerk has chased for date but one is still not available.

Traffic: Awaiting NSC update as to inclusion of Walton Street in any 20mph roll-out

Annual Parish Meeting: Village Agent, Sarah Friend, has agreed to attend.

4069 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman noted that the potholes at the bottom of Harley Hill have been marked for repair. No date is yet available for when the work will be done.

Cllr Dickinson reported that the new 'rt junction' sign on the Coast Road towards Clevedon above Two Acres is overgrown. Clerk undertook to clear when next in Walton Bay.

4070 FINANCE

2017-18: Accounts to date pre-circulated, reviewed and noted.

2016-17 Accounts: Internal audit complete. Annual Return completed and signed by Chair and Clerk. Clerk to send off to external auditors and post

Cheques: 742 Zurich Insurance £224.00. 743 Village Hall hire £18.00 (including following APM)

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

MINUTES OF WALTON-IN-GORDANO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017

Present: Cllr Brian Cannell (Chair), Don Hill (Minute Taker), Sarah Friend (Village Agent), Cllr Rachel Dickinson, Cllr Nigel Wilyman, Kevin & Emma Edwards, Robin Hek, Grahame & Alison Stott, Deb Tovey, Sue Betts.

4071 APOLOGIES: Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), Cllr Mike Ralston, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Andrew Francis, Ann Charlesworth, Rosemary Tucker

4072 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MAY 9TH 2016
These were circulated to attendees and approved in June 2016.

4073 MATTERS ARISING
None

4074 REPORTS TO THE MEETING
Reports were presented from the Parish Council, St Paul's Church, The WI, The Village Hall Committee, The Social Club, The Village Agent and SpeedWatch, and are attached to form a part of these minutes.

4075 DISCUSSION
Parish Maintenance: The Cross Tree lower branches need pruning. Clerk to liaise with Adrian Leonard - planning consent may be needed as this will be tree work in a conservation area.

Pothole Reporting: Brian Cannell explained how easy this is via the North Somerset Council website once you find your way around. It was also mentioned that telephone reporting via Council Connect on 01934 888 888 was the route for those without computer access.

Cross Tree Chronicle: The funding shift from public body to community enterprise (The Social Club) has allowed for considerably greater editorial freedom and the new name and format are proving a great hit. Circulation is over 200 and there is also a small but growing e-mail distribution to some 20 addresses. A call goes out from the editors, Emma and Kevin Edwards, for more contributions and photographs for inclusion.

Phone Box: This was mentioned several times as a useful transit repository, particularly as the phone has now been removed. There was a re-run by Brian Cannell of the reasonings against purchasing the box for £1, which are thoroughly recorded in the Parish Council minutes and were prompted by some enquiries from outside the Parish that had been put to residents and also fielded by telephone via the Parish Clerk. Don Hill reminded the meeting that the initial offer resulted in a flyer - about the box and seeking proposals - which went to every household in the Parish, along with the Information Sheet as a prelude to the original decision being taken not to purchase the box (*people from outside the Parish did not receive this, hence their enquiries*). Emma reminded us that BT service personnel had told her the box would prove so difficult to move from its enclosed location that it is likely to be in place for a long time yet.

Speed Limits: Don Hill reported that Cllr Ashton has asked NSC Highways to contact him as soon as proposals specific to Walton Street are available. The success of the Clapton scheme has meant that considerable work was needed to prepare a roll-out of the scheme to other parishes keen to tap in to the idea. Don has had confirmation from NSC that he will be sent the Walton Street proposals during the next few days. The hope of the 40mph stretch of the Coast Road becoming a 30mph zone does not look to be possible on the near horizon, as it does not fulfil criteria that would have to be applied under current legislation. However, the meeting was reminded that the 30mph limit through the Village took some 25 years to achieve... so the far horizon may be just far off rather than impossible to reach!

SpeedWatch: Deb Tovey asked what the limitations were re SpeedWatch operations. Rachel Dickinson reported that they cannot take place in the rain, or in the dark. Our scheme is also limited to the single location outside the Village Hall, due to visibility and safety issues at other locations. The police have not, apparently, been keeping to a commitment to conduct their own checks in other parts of the Parish, presumably because of cost constraints. Getting approval for signage that is acceptable - legal - in both police and insurance terms, for use within the scheme and finding suitable locations for the signs is proving less easy than expected, although efforts to resolve the issues continue. Concern was raised that motor-bikers were speeding through the Village along the B3124 at truly excessive speeds during some evenings. **This concern to be passed to the Parish Council for the Clerk to follow up with the police.**

Broadband: Cllr Ralston was not able to update the meeting as his non-attendance was unplanned. The evident confusion about what exactly will change due to the inclusion of the Parish in the Connecting Devon & Somerset 2nd phase roll-out and the unexpected work by BT at Walton Bay remains. Clarification is awaiting the appointment of the contractor for our area who will replace BT. Unfortunately there has been some legal challenge to the original appointment of a contractor in our area - the other areas have their contractors already confirmed.

Gordano Greenway: There has been little progress of the initial ideas during the past year.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

WALTON-IN-GORDANO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 8TH 2016 REPORTS FROM INTEREST GROUPS

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council - Brian Cannell, Chair

This last year the Parish Council has dealt with the usual mix of planning, road maintenance and local event issues. As of May 8th, Walton-in-Gordano Parish Councillors are Mr Brian Cannell, Mr Mike Ralston, Mr Nigel Wilyman and Mrs Rachel Dickinson. 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. Councillors Wilyman and Dickinson will represent the PC on the Village Hall management committee. Following Councillor Floss Morgan's leaving we have no representative on NSC Standards Sub committee. This year we co-opted Mrs Rachel Dickinson as a Parish Councillor to replace Councillor Floss Morgan. Councillor Andy Brellisford also resigned due to a re-location just outside Axbridge in November. We thank Andy for his work with us especially in relation to Cycling activities within the Parish and representation with the Gordano Greenway. North Somerset Council is regularly represented at the Parish Council meetings by Sebastian Green. Seb. Green left North Somerset in October and was replaced by Colin Medus as liaison officer. 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. Neighbourhood watch schemes continue to operate in various parts of the Parish. This year, as in the last couple, there have been only a few planning applications within the Parish, again perhaps reflecting the current financial climate. Broadband Internet speed continues to be a problem with most of the parish. There are a number of national and regional initiatives that we are investigating via Councillor Ralston to improve our digital connectivity. There continues to be some problems with cycling activities within the Parish. We continue to work with the Police, Local council, Land Owners and user groups to try and resolve the problem. The Gordano Greenway activity has been quiet for most of the last year, but continues to be monitored by Councillor Ralston. Community SpeedWatch. Following a resurgence in interest in the Community SpeedWatch Councillor Dickinson has headed up a group of volunteers that is developing the activity in the Parish. Equipment has been procured and discussions are on-going regarding signage. A new Village Agent - Sarah Friend has taken over the activities from Emma Edwards. Sarah came along to the Nov PC meeting to update us on what services she can offer to the parish. After many decades of wanting better vehicle parking for the Village Hall, there is now a possibility of some land being available for this. The Parish Council is guiding and assisting the Village Hall committee with contacts in North Somerset planning department to move this forward. Audrey Hollingsworth retired from editing the monthly Information Sheet and this has now been taken over by Emma and Kevin Edwards with a new name and separate funding - Cross Tree Chronicle. As this is no longer paid for from public funds it opens up greater opportunities for development in the future. Many positive comments have been received for the new format. **Moving to Finance.** The Budget for 2017/18 was set during the January 2017 Parish Council meeting at £3114. After including provisions for future election expenses (£300) and capital expenditure (£800) the amount of the precept from North Somerset was £4214. 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, Mr Nigel Wilyman and Mrs Rachel Dickinson - not forgetting the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Don Hill - for their hard work and support over the last year.

St Paul's Parish Church - Sue Betts, Church Warden

Every year when I write this report I look back to the previous year to pick out the highlights of our church life. There are always events which will stick in your memory; the baptisms, weddings and funerals, festivals and celebration services. There have been so many different ways people have come together to enjoy sharing time together. Just as important as the highlights is that our parish church is always there going on from one day to the next, that the door is always open and is there for everyone to use as they wish at any time. This would not be possible without all of your support whether that is as donations or as time given; both is very much appreciated. In 2016 we have received some generous legacies from Barbara Palmer, Gordon Russell and Ken Dille which have allowed us to put up a shed in the churchyard and to start on the conversion of an area in the church into a tiny kitchen which will be very useful as we do a lot of eating and drinking. It has been a slow process waiting for 'planning permission' but work has begun and the plumbing is now in place. Many people, most of them volunteers have been and will be involved in this project, our grateful thanks to them all. We have lots to look forward to in 2017 as well. Coming up this month is our traditional Rogation Service at 11.15am on Sunday 21st followed by our Parish Picnic on the Manor lawn. Guess what after all these weeks of dry weather I bet it rains! Also in May the aliens are coming on Bank Holiday Monday 29th, a kind of treasure hunt around the village for the young and young at heart. On Saturday 3rd June we are welcoming Bob and Rene Truby's granddaughter Daniella Zamparelli, a professional opera singer to our church for a concert - see me for tickets afterwards!

Walton-in-Gordano Women's Institute - Rosemary Ticker (Vice President) (read by Don Hill)

Once again we have had a good year with our membership at 21. Every year we raise money for a local charity, and one we or our families can benefit from. Our 2016/17 charity was MARLENS from Clevedon and we presented them with a cheque at the March meeting when we heard about the work they are doing on the Clevedon seafront. At our 87th birthday luncheon we were entertained by Tim Lewis and Sheila Furness, a very popular couple, whom we have seen many times before. This year they gave us their take on "Toad of Toad Hall". We have had a variety of good speakers during the year - a testament to the hard work put in by our Speaker Secretary; and our monthly competitions have proved very popular. Our annual coach trip is always well supported by members and it is also open to people within the parish to join us. We have also had many social get-togethers to which we welcome friends and members. New members are always welcome to visit us at one of our meetings and perhaps join us. Thank you.

Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Committee - Deb Tovey, Chair

The Village Hall is part way through a programme of refurbishment. The painting of the external walls has been completed and we are just awaiting warmer weather for the front doors to be glossed. Internally, most of the walls and ceilings have now been painted and some of the white goods in the kitchen have been replaced. Unfortunately, one of the table tennis players got a bit carried away and crashed into the wooden panelling near the Fire Exit Doors in the Hall, causing some damage which we're aiming to have repaired soon. We also want to complete the painting and replace the flooring in the kitchen, rear lobby and toilets this year. The main item of interest recently has been the possibility of turning a part of the field next to the Hall into a Car Park. Initially, we were told that, as the Hall is in the Green Belt, we would never be given Planning Permission for the change of use, but very recently, we have been told that there may be "Special Circumstances" for that permission to be given as parking on the highway is becoming a hazard. We will be pursuing all avenues. Hall Hirings have increased, helped by the new "Hire This Hall" large-print sign outside. It is used for a diverse range of events such as weddings and family parties, table tennis, art classes, Social Club events and committee meetings. We give our grateful thanks to Bob and Val Baldwin for all they do in arranging the hirings and for the upkeep of the Hall. Without them we would flounder and possibly lose the use of a vital asset for the Village Community.

Walton-in-Gordano Social Club - Andrew Francis, Chair *(Read by Emma Edwards)*

The current Chair of the Walton-in-Gordano Social Club is Andrew Francis and he is supported by a great group of villagers who form the committee. New members are always welcome and we are always looking for volunteers to assist with events and activities. The club has once again arranged and hosted a number of events in the village over the last 12 months. This has included Coffee mornings which we put on as a free event, Quiz Night with a Cheese Supper, Music events and the annual Fete. As a result of these events we have donated £1500 to the Church and another £1500 to the Village Hall. This was achieved entirely from and by the Social Committee and volunteers without support or donations from other village groups or bodies and is a fantastic achievement for the village as a whole showing we have a very vibrant community. We retain a balance of funds which is used to arrange and fund the annual fete and which is also available to support other village events, clubs or activities and we are happy to receive requests for funding. We have also taken over the Village newsletter, the Cross Tree Chronicle, which we hope will provide a focal point for information in the village.

Village Agent - Sarah Friend, WERN

Thank you for inviting me this evening. I took over the role of Village Agent from Emma last year and know I have a hard act to follow. I have attended one Parish Council meeting and your lovely Christmas fair where I was warmly welcomed at both. Rachel Dickinson and I had a brief conversation about holding a joint surgery up at Walton Bay to make ourselves more accessible to the residents that live there. This is something we would like to take forward, but at the moment we are struggling for a venue. With the warmer weather we have toyed with the idea of a gazebo. Please let us know if you think this would be useful. I hope in the coming year to attend more of your village events, time permitting. I am available to provide support for individuals over 50, whether it's a quick question about something or something more complex. I can visit you at home, help over the phone or via email. Please just ask. Thank you.

SpeedWatch - Rachel Dickinson, Coordinator

The SpeedWatch Scheme in the village has now been up and running for a few months. We have one authorised location which we can safely record the speed of drivers passing through the village, by the Village Hall. The Police have agreed to also carry out speed checks in areas which are too dangerous for volunteers such as on the Coast road the main road from Portishead. Unfortunately we have only been able to recruit and train four volunteers. As there needs to be a minimum of two volunteers out on each SpeedWatch session this restricts our ability to be out recording speeds for the Police to follow up. During the time the SpeedWatch has been operational we have reported 71 cars for speeding out of 3690 cars passing through during our SpeedWatch sessions. The maximum speed recorded outside the Village Hall was 50mph. We took part in a day of action against speed on the 20 January 2017. 34 SpeedWatch schemes operated on the day running 40 sessions. 436 drivers were reported out of just over 11,000 vehicles passing through the SpeedWatch areas. The Police write to drivers who are caught speeding. Their details are kept on a central database covering all the schemes. Repeat offenders can be visited by the Police and if necessary the Police will carry out a formal speed check and prosecute the driver accordingly. It has been suggested that the best deterrent would be to have some large signs stating how many drivers have been reported for speeding like those in Weston in Gordano. Although these are a very good idea they do not form part of the official SpeedWatch scheme and in fact the Weston in Gordano signs are the only ones in our SpeedWatch area. It has not been necessary to have them in other areas. If we are to install them it is essential that they are lawful. The content needs to be correct, and I have repeatedly asked the Police to confirm what they will allow on the signs and await their instructions. The location also needs to be lawful. Until suitable sites can be found and the correct approvals obtained it will not be possible to install the large signs. In the meantime it will be possible to install some A4 signs through the village using the same design as the Clevedon SpeedWatch group have up around Clevedon. We now have a price for them and the Social Committee have agreed to support the purchase of the signs. Next week I will be confirming the locations so that we only order the right number of signs. If you have a good location within the village such as a lamp post or private gate post please let me know as soon as possible so we can add the location to the preferred list. The best way for the SpeedWatch scheme to work is for more volunteers if you are able to offer just one hour on a couple of occasions in the year that will increase our chances of reducing speeds within the village. Please contact me for more details.

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Minutes of the Meeting at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7.30pm

There was no meeting in June. The next meeting will be on Monday September 11th.

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

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

Public Attendance: 2 - Mr & Mrs Ross re Minute 4081 - they live adjacent to Lorraine Field

4076 APOLOGIES

Cllr Ralston, due to an extended business meeting, as later advised; Cllr Ashton (NSC), PC Clarke (*as police attendance at every meeting is no longer within the beat officer's brief, apologies from PC Clarke will not be listed in future*).

4077 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Dickinson re speed limit issue at Minute 4083.

4078 LAST MEETING MINUTES - May 8th Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting minutes were, agreed by the meeting and signed by Chair & Clerk. All attendees of the Annual Parish meeting had been circulated drafts of the meeting for their approval.

4079 MATTERS ARISING - None

4080 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Clerk was 'phoned by PCC's office. The police.uk (now Home Office run) doesn't provide the currency or detail we seek, but basic national data about the police and policing. Our local beat keep in touch - very well in our case, but there is no longer a provision for them to regularly attend Council meetings.

Motor-bikers speed along the B3124: Cllr Dickinson confirmed that the problem is on Thursday evenings between 7pm and 10pm. **Clerk to update PC Clarke.**

SpeedWatch: Cllr Dickinson reported that A4 signs are on order and that 3 large signs are to be ordered. Parish entry and mid points are identified for sign placements.

4081 PLANNING

New: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field - Installation of 14 Park homes on Lorraine Field, Walton Bay as the 4th - and final - part of the Barton Development (the other 3 stages have been sold). This is a re-application following the granted, but lapsed 2007 application 07/P/2535/F for 12 Park Homes, to which the Parish Council did not object. The plan is ostensibly the same as the original 2007 one except that what were 2 holiday chalets have now been incorporated into the application as being re-placed by Park Homes. Standing orders were suspended so that members could have an open discussion on the application to include Mr & Mrs Ross - who will be submitting their own observations directly to NSC. The meeting resumed and Mr & Mrs Ross left. Two concerns emerged from the discussions. **1.** Over the years a significant mass of material has been disposed of onto Lorraine Field, significantly altering the ground levels. This new proposal is therefore likely to be more prominent - ergo intrusive - on the skyline as seen from the Coast Road than in the original application. **2.** Although the original application was revised to include a more splayed entrance to the site,

traffic and traffic speeds have increased over the intervening 10 years. The size and angle of the splay needs to be re-visited to ensure that it will be both adequate for the safety and visual needs of those entering and exiting the site and for the safety and visual needs of passing road traffic. **Clerk to submit these concerns to NSC.**

Granted: 17/P/0951/F Orchard Lea Extension.

4082 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

Moor Lane & Coast Road: Comprehensive patching work done via jet-patching.

Parish Maintenance: Cross Tree lower branches need pruning **Clerk to ask NSC Tree Officer - or possibly the Miles Estate - to do work on this, and the Ash Tree in Moor Lane which is dropping branches. Both are potential traffic hazards.**

'Right junction' sign on Coast Road overgrown by hedge. Farmer cuts in Autumn.

4083 OTHER MATTERS

Walton St: Power lines in Walton St due for Hi-Line clearing. **Clerk monitoring.**

Broadband: CDS workshop date continues to be delayed.

Speed Limits NSC proposals were reviewed, for a possible Walton Street 20mph speed limit on the full length of Walton Street, from just above Taggart House, down to the Cross Tree. Members were happy with those proposals. (See attached map)

In drawing up the proposals, NSC had to take into account revised central government guidance about the positioning of speed limits. The 30mph signs on the B3124 and Moor Lane are deemed too far out - they should be within sight of buildings. It is proposed to bring them closer to the centre of the Village - at Manor Drive, Plumtree Cottage and the barn just below Home Farm Cottage in Moor Lane. This repositioning is, say the pundits, deemed to give a more correct message to motorists that they are entering a built-up area: given the speed at which many of them travel, the meeting dryly observed that those on the B3124 will be through the Village before they have registered that they are supposed to slow down. It would also mean ALL the homes in Moor Lane would fall outside the 30mph limit and be in a 40mph 'buffer zone'.

Given that this Council are working towards reducing the Coast Road speed limit from 40mph to 30mph, the proposals for Moor Lane would appear against all reason.

Needless to say that, whilst enthusiastically embracing the Walton Street 20mph proposal, the Parish Council is not best pleased about the proposal to 'tinker' with the hard-fought-for 30mph limits. The Council will be resisting any attempts by NSC to implement these proposals and is heartened only by the probability that there is not enough money to do so for the time being anyway. **Clerk to relay the concerns of the Council re the 30mph proposals to NSC along with its approval of those for 20mph.**

4084 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None

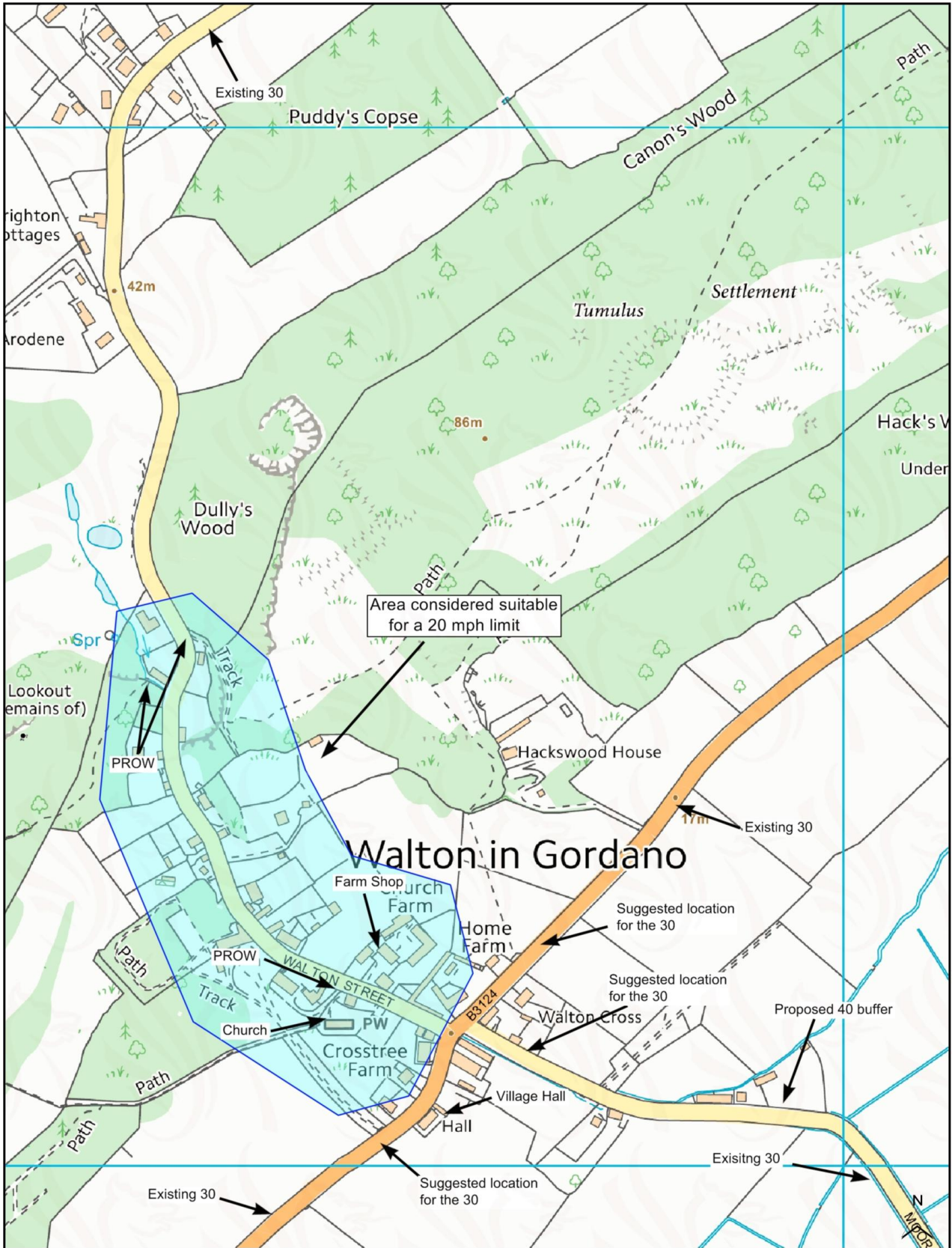
4085 FINANCE

2017-18: Accounts to date pre-circulated, reviewed and noted.

2016-17 Accounts: Still with external auditors.

Cheques: 744 HMRC re PAYE £86.40 **745** Hall Hire £9.00

The meeting closed at 8.50pm



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WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), PC Jen Clarke & SC Lucie Skinner, (Police), Don Hill (Clerk),

Public Attendance: 0

4086 APOLOGIES - Cllr Nigel Wyliman, Cllr Nigel Ashton

4087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

4088 LAST MEETING MINUTES - (July 3rd) were agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4089 MATTERS ARISING - none

4090 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: There has been no recent reported crime, but speeding and SpeedWatch issues were covered, as well as the proposed Walton Street 20mph limit. The response from the Weston Bike Night organisers was positive, but it will be next Spring before their influence on the speeding element of their Thursday evening fraternity can be judged, as the meets in WsM are only during spring and summer.

SpeedWatch: New signage is either up, or permission from NSC and property owners is being sought to put it up. Of the large statistics signs, one will go on the end wall of the Village Hall, and other suitable locations are being sought. Cllr Dickinson suggested the Gateways Futures - white gates at village entrances - flower planters, etc as possible aids to motorist awareness. Clerk to add to the next agenda.

4091 PLANNING

New: 17/P/2073/WT The Manor - Work on 8 trees reviewed. No objections.

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. In view of concerns about levels, the application paperwork has been reviewed by members and it appears that site levels on this new application are virtually identical to those on the original. This will obviously require a re-profiling of the site, to take it back to the original and adherence to the original levels will need to be checked by NSC as construction ensues. Our ward Councillor, Nigel Ashton, is monitoring the progress and outcomes.

4092 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Cross Tree/Moor Lane Ash tree - NSC's Jason Cox investigating. Clerk to chase.

Walton St: The Western Power electricity lines in Walton St have been excellently cleared by Hi-Line.

4093 OTHER MATTERS

Broadband: CDS contractor - Gigaclear - appointed. Workshop date still awaited. Frustration mounts!

Speed Limits: NSC's introduction of 20mph speed limits, will hopefully be completed during this financial year. Adjustments of 30mph limits are the subject of ongoing discussion.

Quiet Lanes: Yatton PC are promoting these (see attachment). The meeting felt Moor Lane should link to the Avon Cycleway along the back of the valley as part of the scheme. Clerk to so inform Yatton PC.

Waiting Restrictions in Parishes: Problems in Pill & EiG PC are not relevant to this parish and members therefore felt unable to make a contribution. Clerk to so inform Pill & EiG PC.

4094 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS - none

4095 FINANCE

2017-18: Accounts had been pre-circulated, were reviewed, and noted.

2016-17 Accounts: External audit complete and published. No audit fee due.

Cheques: 746 HMRC re PAYE £86.40. 747 Hall Hire £9.00

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

QUIET LANES *(culled from the CPRE Brochure)*



This is the Countryside Agency's Quiet Lanes sign. It can be seen on signposts.

Country Lanes are an integral part of our rural environment but the volume and speed of traffic, and the presence of heavy lorries can make them uninviting and intimidating.

Quiet Lanes are a positive way of:

- providing a chance for people to walk, cycle and horse ride in a safer environment;
- widening transport choice; and
- protecting the character and tranquillity of country lanes.



Read in conjunction with: The Quiet Lanes and Home Zones (England) Regulations 2006 (Department for Transport Circular 02/2006) - summary included here.

Speeding traffic is a huge and increasing problem in villages and along country lanes. Under the *Transport Act 2000*, local authorities are able to designate roads for which they are responsible as Quiet Lanes. CPRE promotes the concept of Quiet Lanes, as part of a wider strategy to promote environmentally sustainable transport and lower speed limits on country lanes and through villages. CPRE would like to see more country lanes with higher traffic flows designated in order to deliver real change in people's transport choices and in driver behaviour.

Walk, cycle and ride in safety: Quiet Lanes are designated minor rural roads catering to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and the mobility-impaired, encouraging drivers to respect more vulnerable road users.

Widen transport choice: Quiet Lanes can encourage journeys on foot or bicycle, and for recreation. Lower speed limits (ideally 20mph say CPRE) and discrete signage can encourage drivers to slow down and promote a more tranquil rural environment.

Quiet Lanes as a network: Quiet Lanes work best as a network of lanes which can link local residents to, for example, the local shop or school, and connect lanes around a village centre or to a nearby village.

Quality of life: By reducing the intimidating effects of traffic on rural roads, building community links and encouraging healthy, recreational activities, Quiet Lanes play a key role in improving quality of life.

Measures to deliver the aims of Quiet Lanes should be in keeping with the local character of the area. Examples include varying verge maintenance, soft landscaping, removal of road signs, road surface treatments or even planting grass in the middle of the road. Traditional traffic calming measures such as speed cushions, humps and high visibility signs are often more appropriate to urban areas.

The sign of a successful Quiet Lane is that it looks similar to the existing lane. Quiet Lanes should be designed to protect and enhance the local character and distinctiveness of the countryside. Signs should be discrete whilst indicating clearly to road users that they are in a Quiet Lane.

Approach signage could route traffic away from a Quiet Lane, which might have a narrow lane entrance to deter through traffic. **False cattle grids** are raised parallel bars across the road surface which cause a gentle rumble as vehicles pass over them. These are aimed to raise driver awareness that they are entering a Quiet Lane. **Landscape features**, such as hedges, verges, walls and wayside trees can be sensitively managed to improve the landscape, retain local character and make travel easier for cyclists, walkers and horse riders. Examples include building verges out with logs or grass to narrow the lane width and facilitate better crossing, and planting shrubs at 's' bends. Good and well-planned design of Quiet Lanes is essential and the local community should feed into this process from an early stage.

Who has priority on a Quiet Lane? Currently, no user group has priority. CPRE believes motorised traffic it should respect the presence of walkers, cyclists and horse riders who should have priority.

What about enforcement? Quiet Lanes are essentially self-enforcing. Enforcement largely depends on advertising the Quiet Lanes and maintaining public awareness about their purpose.

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Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk),

Public Attendance: 1

4096 APOLOGIES - Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison)

4097 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

4098 LAST MEETING MINUTES - (Sept 11th) were agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4099 MATTERS ARISING - none

4100 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

POLICE - no reported crime.

TRANSPORT

SpeedWatch: There is a new volunteer from Walton Bay in the team. The smaller A4 notices are to be erected when the volunteers can timetable the work.

Speed Limits: NSC's Walton Street 20mph limit due. 30mph limits under review.

Roadwork Signage: Some has been left on Moor Lane, near the electricity sub-station. It is 'littered' on roads and pavements all over the district in the wake of the recent intensive road maintenance programme and some of it is clearly a health and safety risk. Clerk to report our specific case to NSC and to ask what clearance policy is in place to ensure that these expensive bits of kit are properly removed from work sites.

B3124 - Heavy Lorries: There are two sorts of – increasingly regular - road closures; the planned and the unplanned. For our community the most regular closure occurrences are on the M5 motorway as they affect travel between junction 19 at Portbury and junction 20 at Clevedon (the recent unplanned closure of the A369 at Portbury Hundred being a critical exception). The planned closures tend to be notified well in advance, and are supported by clear diversion routes that are designed to keep traffic flows away from the secondary road system. For unplanned closures, drivers must rely on local knowledge and 'sat nav's. Lorries have 'Lorry Navs' which should guide them forward via the 'A' road system and away from secondary roads in a way that is supported by their company traffic management policies. It is becoming increasingly obvious that lorry drivers are ignoring 'the rules' and are using the B3124 as a link between junctions 19 and 20 of the M5 when there is an unplanned closure, which, by definition, will tend to be un-signposted.

In June 2017, Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council (WeIG) noted, presumably diverted, lorries passing through the village, and confronted the lorry companies. The companies tended to respond with assurances that those drivers contravening the good-practice routing options that they are expected to observe, will be disciplined. One company suggested that the B3124 communities seek a 7.5 Ton weight limit on the road; something WeIG are pursuing with NSC, with our Ward's Cllr Ashton and MP Liam Fox copied in. *(Clerk's note: 7.5 ton restriction signs tend to have a caveat notice attached saying 'except for access'. This notice makes it difficult to prove a violation without having followed the route and 'access' pattern of the vehicle being observed – it would also require*

signage along the Coast Road to avoid shifting the problem up there and down Walton Street). In order to address the problem of routing during an unscheduled closure, we need to know, firstly, what guidance to drivers NSC and the Highways Agency have in place. If there is none, should there be, and what form should it take? **Clerk to pursue this via our Parish Liaison Officer, cc the PCC.**

Gateways Futures: The idea of Village Gateways - and Planters at the gateways and elsewhere - was raised at the last meeting and put down as an agenda item here. These treatments at the entrances to/exits from communities are known as Gateway Futures and their key purpose, besides providing an community aesthetic, is to aid motorist's awareness of the fact that they are entering a populated area. With such a short stretch of B3124, and with its twists and turns concealing what few properties run adjacent to it, this feature would be particularly significant in our village.

The meeting has already listed Moor Lane as a possible 'Quiet Lane' and agreed that, despite the present volume of traffic, the same status should be sought for Walton Street in an attempt to discourage the use of the Coast Road as a main traffic artery.

In September 2015 the Parish Council received a design and costings for community entry signs at Walton Bay, costing some £870. With similar signage for Walton Down, these items fall within the scope of the Gateway Futures concept, and the Council's Capital Provision as it builds over the coming years. The B3124 village entry signs were renewed by NSC in recent years. The larger entry junction signs on the B3124 are on the NSC works programme for imminent renewal with ones of an improved design.

In preparing for this discussion, Cllr Dickinson has been in touch with NSC's David Bailey and is due to walk the parish with him to pursue what will and will not be possible both at the Parish entries and in terms of planters, signage, traffic calming and road markings etc. In the light of Barbara Wyliman's recent e-mail, she has also included, on her agenda, the Clevedon-end entry to, and the exiting problems from Moor Lane of and onto the B3124.

Barbara has proposed planters be placed under the Cross Tree noticeboard, on the slate ledge under the Moor Lane public light, on the Mounting Stone, adjacent to the Cross Tree Pill Box, and to replace the disused BT telephone box. Relevant permissions would, of course, be needed. Regular planter upkeep would have to be arranged on a long term basis. Appropriate costings for the purchase, maintenance and insurance of all Gateway Futures items would need to be put in place. Next steps: **Clerk to contact Miles Estate re possible removal of telephone box and its replacement by a planter or other greenery. Clerk to get some preliminary costings for Gateway Futures materials.**

4101 PLANNING

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. New Site-levels drawings + plot 1 plans.

Granted: 17/P/2073/WT The Manor - Tree work.

4102 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Cross Tree: Tree work done.

Gully Behind Home Farm Cottage: the one nearest Moor Lane was not cleared. **Clerk chasing.**

4103 OTHER MATTERS

Broadband: Gigaclear will be installing Fibre To Premises broadband in our area over the next 3 years with speeds from 50Mbps (£41.30 monthly) to 1000Mbps (£76.60 monthly). There is

an activation fee of £100 and a charge (£130) for taking fibre from door to router. Not cheap, but genuine fibre to home super fast broadband, rather than just the fibre to cabinet in the first phase. Gigaclear and CDS are currently finalising the rollout schedule and will then communicate with properties involved. Households can register interest by visiting: <https://www.gigaclear.com/postcode-checker/connectingdevonandsomerset> and giving their postcode. This does not commit them to anything, it just allows Gigaclear to keep them informed.

4104 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Dickinson:

1. **Village Hall:** The hoped-for car park presently appears not to be going ahead.
2. **Walton Street Somerset Stones:** These keep rising, not helped by being clipped by increasing traffic. NSC area engineers, and locals, tend to re-bed them before they get reported.

Cllr Wyliman:

1. **Public Footpath:** The 1st gateway between Arodene and Brighton Cottages used to have a stile. This has been replaced by a lockable gate, that could restrict freedom of access. *Clerk to check the position with NSC's Andy Carroll.*
2. **Walton Brook:** Walton Street open section. Clarity was achieved re the Moor Lane open section of the brook, the position in Walton Street remained unclear. *(Clerk's note: Post meeting the Clerk remembered that NSC have continued to clear the Walton Street section on the basis that their work on the retaining wall and utilities reverted the responsibility from the landowner as a riparian duty, to NSC.) Clerk to chase NSC to get the brook cleared.*
3. **Village Maintenance:** *Clerk to follow up the budgeted programme with Adrian Leonard.*
4. **Graveyard Maintenance:** who is responsible? The Church authorities.

4105 FINANCE

2017-18: Accounts pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

Social Club: Application for 2018 fete Marquee Donation. For the past two years the former donation budget has been replaced by the capital budget under the increasingly constricted financial framework parish councils have to operate under. As central government strategy means there is little leeway to grow the budget, and as the capital budget needs to accumulate to fund a range of projects and capital replacement over coming years, the meeting decided that, however reluctantly, that in the present financial climate, there was not the scope to re-establish the donation budget head, and that the Social Club application must necessarily not be granted. *Clerk to so inform the Club.*

Cheques: 748 Hall Hire £9.00

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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

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

Public Attendance: 1

4106 APOLOGIES - Cllr Nigel Ashton

4107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Dickinson re village gateway and traffic issues on the B3124, at the village entry from Portishead - where her property entrance is located.

4108 LAST MEETING MINUTES - (Oct 9th) were agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4109 MATTERS ARISING - none

4110 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No reported incidents during the month.

Speed Limits: NSC's confirmation of the draft Walton Street 20mph speed limit order is to hand. Cllr Ralston suggested that, at some future date, a 20mph speed limit on the B3124 between Plumtree Cottage and Manor Drive might be put in place. Moor Lane/B3124 30mph speed limit re-positioning, to accord with present practice, is not currently under consideration.

Roadwork Signage: in Moor Lane now removed.

B3124 - Heavy Lorries: With some 200 HGVs passing along the B3124 every 24 hours, Colin Medus provided some background to the issues raised at the October Minute 4100. The company Elgin, working through its offshoot roadworks.org, provides core information on all forms of traffic disruption. Superior sat-navs, and most traffic managers, will have contingency routes programmed for planned road closures. These should also kick in if an unscheduled road closure occurs. However, many folk do not have sophisticated kit, many 'trust to luck' in travelling beyond the signed diversions, and many simply have to find their way into the resultant congested zone because that is where they are going. A key problem for North Somerset is the lack of cross-links between the M5, the A38 and the A370. The South Bristol Link road is an example of how things can be improved. A link between a new M5 Junction 21A and the A38 via the proposed Banwell by-pass will also provide significant relief. However, this and other projects are part of North Somerset plans to the mid 2030s and beyond, not immediate panaceas. Effectively, with the sea on one side and the closure-ridden M5 on the other, the Gordano valley can be effectively 'locked in' during an unscheduled closure and, with the police having absolute control over post-incident road closures, there is little, beyond the Elgin information flows and long term driver education, that highway authorities can do to ameliorate the problems caused. Cllr Wilyman suggested that may be police investigative strategies must be changed, to minimise the appalling and increasing disruption these unscheduled road closures cause to through-travellers, locals and the economy. Members thanked Colin for his detailed and frank input into their attempts to grasp the complexity of of the unscheduled road-closure issue.

Village Gateways: - Cllr Dickinson briefed members per the attached report. Clerk contacted Miles Estate re possible removal of telephone box - Cllr Cannell will follow up. Recycled Plastic easy-maintenance gates 1m-1.5m are £500-£700 each - excl. attached signage.

4110 PLANNING

New: 17/P2579/F Castle View, Coast Rd., New single story side extension. **No objections.**

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. New Site-levels drawings + plot 1 plans.

Colin Medus left the meeting

4111 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Gully Behind Home Farm Cottage: In hand via Area Engineer.

Arodene Footpath: New gateway is freely opening and does not present a PROW issue.

Walton Brook: Walton St open section clearance in hand via Area Engineer. **Clerk to chase Miles Estate re regular clearance of Moor Lane open section, and NSC re silt build-up in the under-road gullies at Rivendell.**

Village Maintenance: 2 days of work done last week.

4112 OTHER MATTERS

Broadband: No further updates.

4113 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Cannell: Moor Lane ash tree close to wires. **Clerk to report to Western Power.**

Cllr Wilyman: Verge from Portishead entry into village could be cut back to improve visibility and visual amenity (possibly part of the village gateway project?). Dog poo-bag litter all over the golf course walks areas. Cllr Wilyman will write a complaint to the press. Possibly anti-litter warning signs could be erected, but probably at cost the the parish - no immediate follow-up was proposed. Carpet fly-tipped on left towards Moor Lane bridge. **Clerk to report.**

4114 FINANCE

2017-18: Accounts were pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

St Paul's Church: Put a cogent application for a Churchyard maintenance grant. This was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The meeting reluctantly agreed that their response must be same as that to the Social Committee in October, at Minute 4105. **Clerk to so inform the Church Wardens.**

Future Meetings: Meetings (confirmed Dec-March) will be as below, on the 2nd Monday Monthly. The May meeting will start at 7pm and be followed at 8pm by the Annual Parish Meeting. **Clerk to book the village hall accordingly.**

2017	2018
Dec 11th	Aug No Meeting
2018	Sept 10th
Jan 8th	Oct 8th
Feb 12th	Nov 12th
March 12th	Dec 10th
April 9th	2019
May 14th @7pm	Jan 14th
June 11th	Feb 11th
July 9th	Mar 11th

Cheques: 749 Hall Hire £12.00

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Report to Walton in Gordano Parish Council

Road Safety points for the Parish.

Meeting with Rachel Dickinson (Parish Councillor) and David Bailey (NSC)

Walton Bay

The speed limits in Walton Bay were discussed. The Parish Council should ask the Clerk to write to NSC to review the speed limits especially in light of the 13 new park homes due to be built in the Bay and the higher numbers of accesses onto the road. It was agreed that Walton Bay should be treated separately from Walton in Gordano, even though they are both the same Parish.

Walton in Gordano

20 MPH Speed Limit

The 20mph on Walton Street between the B3124 and Taggart was approved and was to be implemented during the current financial year.

Gateway Structures

In principle the Council is supportive of gateway structures at the entrances to villages to remind drivers that they are entering a village. The Council will require to approve any proposals before they are implemented. To facilitate the installation of structures the hedge at each location would need to be cut back the standard 2m. Planters and other features would also be considered.

Moor Lane

Visibility is poor leaving Moor Lane at the junction with the B3124. Due to the location of the buildings and the minimum required road width there was no further signage which could be installed to increase visibility. It was recommended that a mirror be installed opposite the end of Moor Lane, on private land, so drivers could see more clearly especially traffic coming from Portishead along the B3124.

The Tree at Cross Tree

It was noted that the extent of the highway stopped at the boundary stones around the Cross Tree. NSC are not responsible inside the stones. NSC are in principle supportive of the Village having planters and other decorative features included within the boundary of the tree, subject to confirmation of approval by NSC of the specific items. A bench seat would not be appropriate. NSC is supportive of villages installing such features to remind drivers of their location and the need to reduce speed.

Flashing Speed Signs

The mobile flashing speed sign was available to all villages and would be circulated between those who have signed up to the scheme. It was agreed that Walton in Gordano would be added onto the scheme so that the village would have its own turn at having the sign in the village. It was noted that to purchase the village its own sign this would cost approximately £4-5K.

Specific Properties

Manor House

It was noted that it was unsafe to turn right out of the Manor House Drive especially in the summer months due to lack of visibility and the sheer volume of traffic. As the wall of the neighbouring property was the main cause of the visibility issues nothing could be done to increase visibility on the Manor House side. In the short term NSC would not be averse to a mirror being installed opposite the end of the drive, on private land, to allow drivers a better view.

In the long term it was noted that the Village Hall was hoping to use the land opposite the Manor House drive for a car park. This would require some restructuring of the visibility splay on the Village Hall side and as a result the bend in the road may be adapted as part of the project to both facilitate access to and egress from the new car park and egress from the Manor House drive.

Cross Tree Farm

It was noted during the visit how many drivers cut the corner round past the Cross Tree into Walton Street thus making it almost impossible for the owners of Cross Tree Farm to leave their property. Similarly making it more dangerous for those walking down the Somerset Stones in Walton Street. NSC would recommend extending the pavement from its current location on the B3124 further towards Walton Street. This would need to adapt the current drainage arrangement. The end of the pavement would need to slope as it does now but nearer to the driveway of Cross Tree Farm. The total extent would not be further than the existing white lines but would encourage drivers to drive the correct wider route to make it safer for other road users and prevent the current driving within the lines.

It was noted that although this was the ideal solution there was not any current funding to carry out such work.

Hackswood House

It was noted that visibility leaving the Hackswood House drive was poor. It was also noted that the hedge on either side of the drive was only 0.5 metres back from the highway rather than the standard 2m required. If the hedge could be cut back for the extent from the Hackswood House to the bend in the road near the village this would increase visibility leaving the Hackswood House drive and for drivers leaving the village. If the hedge was to be cut back highways would be able to locate a 30mph repeater sign at the crown of the bend.

It was also noted that if the hedge was cut back to the required 2m from the highway on the side following Hackswood House it would enable the proposed gateway features to be installed on both sides accessing the village from Portishead.

It was noted that there would be sufficient hedge remaining if the required 2m was cut back.

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Present: Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Mike Ralston, Nigel Wyliman

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk),

Public Attendance: 1

4115 APOLOGIES: Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Cllr Dickinson (*post-meeting*)

4116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4117 LAST MEETING MINUTES: (Nov 13th) agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4118 MATTERS ARISING: None

4119 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No reported incidents.

SpeedWatch: The Chair suspended standing orders for Kevin Edwards to update members. He and Cllr Dickinson have agreed that Kevin becomes co-ordinator; he is awaiting delivery of the kit from her. Kevin referred to NSC's mobile radar speed sign becoming re-available to parishes. He is in touch with manufacturer SWARCO, with a product available at some £3000 + £300pa service charge inc vat (Kevin will check on discounts); he suggests a parish owned machine would offer SpeedWatch significantly more flexibility in targeting speeding hotspots and accumulating speeding data. Such a purchase would not be possible from the Council's infant capital budget, but consideration can be given to a possible contribution within future capital spending options. In the meantime, Clerk to check timetable of NSC kit availability (*which will not present an investment risk if volunteers fall away*).

4120 PLANNING

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. 17/P/2579/F Castle View, Coast Rd. extension.

4121 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Gully Behind Home Farm Cottage: In hand via Area Officer.

Walton Brook: Walton St open section clearance in hand via Area Engineer. Moor Lane section cleared. Silt up of Rivendell Culvert reported to Area Officer.

Moor Lane: Fly-tipped carpet fly-tipped, tyres and TV removed.

Moor Lane Ash Tree: Cllr Cannell has checked, and notes that there appears to be a clear path for wires.

4122 OTHER MATTERS

NSC Waste Collections: Kevin Edwards had missed collections, compounded by failure of the Council Connect system to respond. An official complaint, copied to our Ward Councillor resulted in collection. Members noted the problem as Parish wide and frequent. The new contract worked-in to being good, and has now slipped badly.

Highway Issues: - Discussion of Cllr Dickinson's report deferred as Cllr Dickinson not present.

Telephone Box: Cllr Cannell says Miles Estate is happy for the box to be removed at no expense to the Estate.
Clerk to ask BT to remove box.

4123 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman: **Village Gateway** - WelG made and erected their gates in wood - more maintenance but cheaper. Supply points - Mole Valley or Fountain Forestry. *Cllr Ralston knows people at Fountain Forestry and will enquire about what is possible.* **Shooting** - has been going on too close to the road. *Clerk to report to Gamekeeper.*

Cllr Ralston: reiterated the waste collection problems the Parish is experiencing and the need for improvement.

4124 FINANCE

2017-18 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

2018-19: A preview draft budget was available for members to consider and take away for review. Full discussion, amendment and approval will take place at the January meeting.

Cheques: 750 Adrian's Project Services re Parish Maintenance £320.00 751 HMRC £86.40 752 Hall Hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wyliman

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

Public Attendance: 0

4124 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mike Ralston, Cllr Nigel Ashton

4125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4126 LAST MEETING MINUTES: (Dec 11th) agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4127 MATTERS ARISING: None

4128. EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No report as Jen Clarke on holiday.

SpeedWatch: Kevin Edwards reports that, with a 15% discount a SWACO Mobile Radar Speed Sign, with a 4 week battery, is £2409 inc VAT. Enquiry out to check availability of NSC radar kit. The meeting felt that the NSC kit was the most appropriate option to utilise, at least until the SpeedWatch exercise has gained more momentum and consistency of volunteering.

4129. PLANNING

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. 17/P/2579/F Castle View, Coast Rd. extension.

4130. PARISH MAINTENANCE

- * **Gully Behind Home Farm Cottage:** In hand via Area Officer. This recently added "special" gully, drains to Walton Brook. It is probably the pipe to the Brook that is blocked, rather than the gully.
- * **Walton Brook: Walton St open section:** clearance in hand via Area Engineer.
- * **Walton Brook Moor Lane:** Silt up of Rivendell Culvert reported to Area Officer.
- * **Colin Medus undertook to check for progress on these issues via the Area Engineer & Adam Wood.**

4131. OTHER MATTERS

Highway Issues: - Colin Medus provided valuable insight on various options in Cllr Dickinson's report (attached to these minutes). **Clerk to prepare, for members, a draft strategy for further development.**

Telephone Box: Miles Estate is in touch with BT re removal of the box.

Village Gateway - This item was discussed at length and was appended to Cllr Dickinson's report for follow-up.

Shooting - has been too close to Moor Lane. Clerk has reported to Gamekeeper, who has the matter in hand.

4132. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Wilyman: His PC e-mail account cannot be accessed. **Clerk to contact supplier for resolution.**

Cllr Cannell: The Moor Lane Ash Tree has been cutback by HighLine on behalf of Western Power.

4133. FINANCE

2017-18 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

2018-19: Draft budget, as discussed in December, was approved. **Clerk to request precept from NSC.**

Cheques: 753 Hall Hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Road Safety In The Parish - Report of a Meeting between Cllr Dickinson and David Bailey (NSC)

WALTON BAY

The speed limits in Walton Bay were discussed. The Parish Council should ask the Clerk to write to NSC to review the speed limits especially in light of the 13 new park homes due to be built in the Bay and the higher numbers of accesses onto the road. It was agreed that Walton Bay should be treated separately from Walton in Gordano, even though they are both the same Parish.

WALTON IN GORDANO

20mph Speed Limit - The 20mph on Walton Street between the B3124 and Taggart was approved and was to be implemented during the current financial year.

Gateway Structures - In principle the Council is supportive of gateway structures at the entrances to villages to remind drivers that they are entering a village. The Council will require to approve any proposals before they are implemented. To facilitate the installation of structures the hedge at each location would need to be cut back the standard 2m. Planters and other features would also be considered.

Moor Lane - Visibility is poor leaving Moor Lane at the junction with the B3124. Due to the location of the buildings and the minimum required road width there was no further signage which could be installed to increase visibility. It was recommended that a mirror be installed opposite the end of Moor Lane, on private land, so drivers could see more clearly especially traffic coming from Portishead along the B3124.

The Tree at Cross Tree - It was noted that the extent of the highway stopped at the boundary stones around the Cross Tree. NSC are not responsible inside the stones. NSC are in principle supportive of the Village having planters and other decorative features included within the boundary of the tree, subject to confirmation of approval by NSC of the specific items. A bench seat would not be appropriate. NSC is supportive of villages installing such features to remind drivers of their location and the need to reduce speed.

Flashing Speed Signs - The mobile flashing speed sign was available to all villages and would be circulated between those who have signed up to the scheme. It was agreed that Walton in Gordano would be added onto the scheme (Volunteers needed) so that the village would have its own turn at having the sign in the village. It was noted that to purchase the village its own sign this would cost approximately £4-5K.

SPECIFIC PROPERTIES

Manor House - It was noted that it was unsafe to turn right out of the Manor House Drive especially in the summer months due to lack of visibility and the sheer volume of traffic. As the wall of the neighbouring property was the main cause of the visibility issues nothing could be done to increase visibility on the Manor House side. In the short term NSC would not be averse to a mirror being installed opposite the end of the drive, on private land, to allow drivers a better view. In the long term it was noted that the Village Hall was hoping to use the land opposite the Manor House drive for a car park. This would require some restructuring of the visibility splay on the Village Hall side and as a result the bend in the road may be adapted as part of the project to both facilitate access to and egress from the new car park and egress from the Manor House drive.

Cross Tree Farm - It was noted during the visit how many drivers cut the corner round past the Cross Tree into Walton Street thus making it almost impossible for the owners of Cross Tree Farm to leave their property. Similarly making it more dangerous for those walking down the Somerset Stones in Walton Street. NSC would recommend extending the pavement from its current location on the B3124 further towards Walton Street. This would need to adapt the current drainage arrangement. The end of the pavement would need to slope as it does now but nearer to the driveway of Cross Tree Farm. The total extent would not be further than the existing white lines but would encourage drivers to drive the correct wider route to make it safer for other road users and prevent the current driving within the lines. It was noted that although this was the ideal solution there was not any current funding to carry out such work.

Hackswood House - It was noted that visibility leaving the Hackswood House drive was poor. It was also noted that the hedge on either side of the drive was only 0.5 metres back from the highway rather than the standard 2m required. If the hedge could be cut back for the extent from the Hackswood House to the bend in the road near the village this would increase visibility leaving the Hackswood House drive and for drivers leaving the village. If the hedge was to be cut back highways would be able to locate a 30mph repeater sign at the crown of the bend. It was also noted that if the hedge was cut back to the required 2m from the highway on the side following Hackswood House it would enable the proposed gateway features to be installed on both sides accessing the village from Portishead. It was noted that there would be sufficient hedge remaining if the required 2m was cut back.

WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE: 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2018 (Precept £4214.00 : CT Support Grant £69.77)

DATE	ITEM	BANK (run via deposit account)				GENERAL FUND EXPENSE ANALYSIS											OPERATING FUNDS				
		CH	IN	OUT	BALANCE	Stmnt	NOTES	Clerk	Clk/Clr	Hall	Public	Ins/Subs	Parish	Other	Web	TOTALS	VAT	Election	Capital	General	Total Op
-2018									Exp	Hire	Light	Audit	Maint	Costs	site			Pro	Prov	Fund	Funds
Apr 1	Funds Bought Forward				4,252.19													1122.24	1000.00	2129.95	4252.19
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Apr 6	NSC CT Support Grant	BACS	69.77		4,171.96	92-93											0.00				69.77
	ALCA 2017-18 Subscription	740		55.79	4,116.17	92-93						55.79					55.79				55.79
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	Clerk's Net Pay & Expenses	SO		141.40	3,952.59	92-93		115.20	26.20								141.40				141.40
	Interest		0.18		3,952.77	92-93											0.00				0.18
	WalG Village Hall	741		6.00	3,946.77	93-94				6.00							6.00				6.00
Apr 19	NSC 50% Precept	BACS	2107.00		6,053.77	92-93	AGREES										0.00	300.00	800.00	1,007.00	
May 8	Southern Electric	DD		5.17	6,048.60	93-94					5.17						5.17				5.17
	Solsoft re website	SO		16.67	6,031.93	93-94									16.67		16.67				16.67
	Clerk's Net Pay & Expenses	SO		141.40	5,890.53	93-94		115.20	26.20								141.40				141.40
	Zurich Insurance	742		224.00	5,666.53	93-94						224.00					224.00				224.00
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	WalG Village Hall	743		18.00	5,648.74	94-95				18.00							18.00				18.00
Jun 12	Southern Electric	DD		5.17	5,643.57	94-95	No meeting				5.17						5.17				5.17
	Solsoft re website	SO		16.67	5,626.90	94-95									16.67		16.67				16.67
	Clerk's Net Pay & Expenses	SO		141.40	5,485.50	94-95		115.20	26.20								141.40				141.40
	Interest		0.24		5,485.74	94-95	AGREES										0.00				0.24
Jul 3	Southern Electric	DD		6.84	5,478.90	95-96					6.84						6.84				6.84
	Solsoft re website	SO		16.67	5,462.23	95-96									16.67		16.67				16.67
	Clerk's Net Pay & Expenses	SO		141.40	5,320.83	95-96		115.20	26.20								141.40				141.40
	Interest		0.23		5,321.06	95-96											0.00				0.23
	HMRC - PAYE Arp-May-Jun	744		86.40	5,234.66	95-96	AGREES	86.40									86.40				86.40
	WalG Village Hall	745		9.00	5,225.66	96-97				9.00							9.00				9.00
Aug 14	Southern Electric	DD		5.17	5,220.49	96-97	No meeting				5.17						5.17				5.17
	Solsoft re website	SO		16.67	5,203.82	96-97									16.67		16.67				16.67
	Clerk's Net Pay & Expenses	SO		141.40	5,062.42	96-97		115.20	26.20								141.40				141.40
	Interest		0.22		5,062.64	96-97	AGREES										0.00				0.22
Sep 11	Southern Electric	DD		5.34	5,057.30	97-98					5.34						5.34				5.34
	Solsoft re website	SO		16.67	5,040.63	97-98									16.67		16.67				16.67
	Clerk's Net Pay & Expenses	SO		141.40	4,899.23	97-98		115.20	26.20								141.40				141.40
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	HMRC - PAYE Jul-Aug-Sep	746		86.40	4,813.07	97-98		86.40									86.40				86.40
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	WalG Village Hall	747		9.00	6,911.07	98-99				9.00							9.00				9.00
Oct 9	Southern Electric	DD		5.34	6,905.73	98-99					5.34						5.34				5.34
	Solsoft re website	SO		16.67	6,889.06	98-99									16.67		16.67				16.67
	Clerk's Net Pay & Expenses	SO		141.40	6,747.66	98-99		115.20	26.20								141.40				141.40
	Interest		0.27		6,747.93	98-99	AGREES										0.00				0.27
	WalG Village Hall	748		9.00	6,738.93					9.00							9.00				9.00
Nov 13	Southern Electric	DD		5.17	6,733.76						5.17						5.17				5.17
	Solsoft re website	SO		16.67	6,717.09										16.67		16.67				16.67
	Clerk's Net Pay & Expenses	SO		141.40	6,575.69			115.20	26.20								141.40				141.40
	Interest		0.20		6,575.89												0.00				0.20

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk),

Public Attendance: 1

4134 APOLOGIES: Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison)

4135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4136 LAST MEETING MINUTES: (Jan 8th) agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4137 MATTERS ARISING: None

4138 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: Complaints about police car speeds through the village are re-surfacing, as SPEED seems to be put ahead of SAFETY in negotiating this off-centre crossroad, at the core of a nasty chicane. There are horses, tractors, people and emerging traffic tucked into this bit of road. No speeding driver, however skilled, can see these hazards in time to react safely to them. If specific instances can be noted, Cllr Dickinson will pursue them.

SpeedWatch: NSC radar kit booked for WaIG in March **Clerk to liaise with Kevin Edwards re its delivery.**

4139 PLANNING

New: 18/P/2106/FUL Seaway, Coast Road. Demolition / re-build. The design was liked. **No objections.**

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. 17/P/2579/F Castle View, Coast Rd. extension.

4140 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Home Farm Cottage: Blocked gully pipe to the Brook has been waiting months to be cleared: it heavy rains create floods down Moor Lane and into Home Farm Cottage garden/utility room. **Clerk to chase... AGAIN.**

Walton Brook: Walton St open section: Clearance still due by NSC.

Walton Brook Moor Lane: Silt up of Rivendell Culvert has been cleared.

Walton Street: Pothole has re-opened outside Brook Cottage. **Clerk to report.**

4141 OTHER MATTERS

Highways: "Road Safety In The Parish of Walton-in-Gordano - Speed Limit and Village Gateway Options" noted as an aspirational document to be updated as needed: attached to these minutes. **Clerk to post to website.**

Roadworks: NSC about to install the 20mph system in Walton Street.

Public Light Contract: Included in NSC Sept 2018 supply renewal negotiations.

4142 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Waste Collections: There are continuing complaints about missed/late collections. It appears that our small community is served by several collection crews, rather than by one... efficient? Clerk has been assured that the post-Christmas problems should have been resolved by now. Complaints via Council Connect do not appear to achieve results. A formal complaint via Cllr Ashton will be placed if the problem persists.

Old Post Office Exit Mirror: would be ideal placed opposite the rear entry (on Sunnybank property). **Clerk to check possibility with NSC (MR)**

Broadband: People continue to ask when this is due. **Cllr Ralston will arrange new access button on website. Clerk will point to this in the Cross Tree Chronicle.**

Green Bags: left long term outside 3 Manor Cottages. **Clerk to contact Miles Estate to ask for them to be removed.**

Tipping: A large tractor created a mud bath at the top of Moor Lane last week as, one day, it transported rough soil - from Lorraine Field? - along the old railway. The Baldwin boys cleared it up. Many thanks to them.

4143 FINANCE

2017-18 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

Cheques: 754 Hall Hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Road Safety In The Parish of Walton-in-Gordano - Speed Limit and Village Gateway Options

(The assumption is that a 20mph speed limit exists between the Cross Tree and Taggart House)

WALTON BAY & WALTON DOWN

There is a 30mph speed limit through Walton Down. NSC review limits on a triennial basis. From the NSC perspective, current thinking is that the existing 40mph speed limit through Walton Bay will remain. There are no new accesses onto the road (Lorraine Field entrance always having been an access to some three homes on the site). We are advised that the additional park homes in Lorraine Field will not be deemed significant by the NSC speed review team.

Strategies for Walton Bay & Walton Down to be provisioned for from future budgets as under:

The long term aim will be to lobby NSC to have the whole area from the Golf Course to Squire's Cottage (Walton Down & Walton Bay) as a 30mph zone. This job would need provisioning at £8000, hopefully funded by NSC.
Action NSC.

Village Signage & Gateway plans as attached would need provisioning at £3000 with annual revision whilst the job remains to be done. **Action WaIG PC.**

Given the gap between Walton Bay and Walton Down, NSC advice may be to include Walton Down within "The Village" as part of a Walton Street treatment around the 20mph zone. **Action WaIG PC.**

WALTON IN GORDANO

Village Gateway Structures: These are used to remind drivers that they are entering a village (NSC approvals needed). The siting and exact positioning of Gateways must be decided; also if they are to be on the approach side of the highway, or on both sides of the highway (twice the cost). The B3124 to-Clevedon and to-Portishead entrances to the Village are obvious options. The Golf course area of Walton Street (synching with the long term plan for Walton Bay & Walton Down as set out elsewhere), and Moor Lane are the only other possibilities for Gateways. To facilitate the installation of structures the hedges at each confirmed location would need to be cut back to accommodate signage and ensure good visibility of it by approaching road users. Any provision for planters and other features would need to be considered at the planning stage to ensure they could be appropriately incorporated. Long term maintenance of hedges and all signage and other street furniture must be provided for.

Hedgerow work, Permissions, Gateways and Signage will need to be planned, executed and maintained via the Parish Council. An establishment provision of £6000 will provide the gateways. If regular maintenance provision cannot be provided by volunteers, it must be provided for via a contractor at the rate £25 per hour inclusive, on the basis of attention being required every two months. **Action WaIG PC.**

Planters and other visual improvements, both at the Gateways and elsewhere in the Village, will need to be subject to approval by the relevant property owners, or responsible authorities (NSC/WaIG PC for highways/around the Cross Tree/Gateways). **Action Volunteer Resident Group(s).**

Verges: Well maintained verges provide a signal to road users that they are entering a residential area. This applies particularly to the B3124 entrances.

Verges for maintenance to be identified and agreed with NSC/Landowners. Contractor quotes to be obtained for their periodic upkeep. **Action WaIG PC.**

Moor Lane Exit on to B3124: Visibility is poor leaving Moor Lane at the junction with the B3124. Due to the location of the buildings and the minimum required road width there was no further signage which could be installed to increase visibility, beyond a **mirror being installed opposite the end of Moor Lane, on private land.** so drivers could see approaching B3124 traffic.

The mirror, its costing and erection, negotiating mirror placement, erecting the mirror, and planning for its upkeep will be needed. Permissions will be needed from the tenant of Home Farm and the Miles Estate. **Action WaIG PC.**

The Village Hall & Manor House - It is unsafe to turn right out of the Manor House Drive, due to lack of visibility and the volume of traffic. As the wall of the neighbouring property is the main cause of the visibility issues nothing can be done to increase visibility on the Manor House side.

Manor Drive Mirror: In the short term NSC would not be averse to a mirror being installed opposite the end of the drive, on private land, to allow drivers a better view. **Action The Manor House/Miles Estate/Home Farm Tenant**

Village Hall Car Park: In the long term, the Village Hall hope to use the land opposite the Manor House drive for a car park. This would require some restructuring of the visibility splay on the Village Hall side and as a result the bend in the road may be adapted as part of the project to both facilitate access to and egress from the new car park and egress from the Manor House drive. **Action The Village Hall/Miles Estate/Home Farm Tenant/NSC**

B3124 Junction with Walton Street: The present pavement stops before the Clevedon-side of Cross Tree Farm: after the property entrance the road has been painted with white markings to encourage drivers to make a wide, rather than a tight, approach to Walton Street. Observation indicates that many drivers ignore the white markings and cut the corner past Cross Tree Farm into Walton Street - if it was pavement rather than white markings, drivers would be forced to conform to the intention of those white markings. The present situation creates a significant danger for people exiting Cross Tree Farm, and for pedestrians negotiating the Walton Street/B3124 junction. WalG PC has long advocated a stop sign/road markings at the approach to this junction from Clevedon. The need for large vehicle to be able to make the turn onto Walton Street from the Clevedon end of the B3124 will have to be catered to.

The pavement needs extending from its current location to incorporate an entrance provision for Cross Tree Farm, to include the road area currently marked out in white such that it links to the existing Somerset Stones. There will be some adjustment need to present surface water drainage. Costs to be developed by NSC and born by them. **Action NSC.**

A stop sign/road markings are needed at the B3124 junction with Walton Street as approached from Clevedon. Costs to be quoted by NSC and hopefully fully born by them. **Action NSC**

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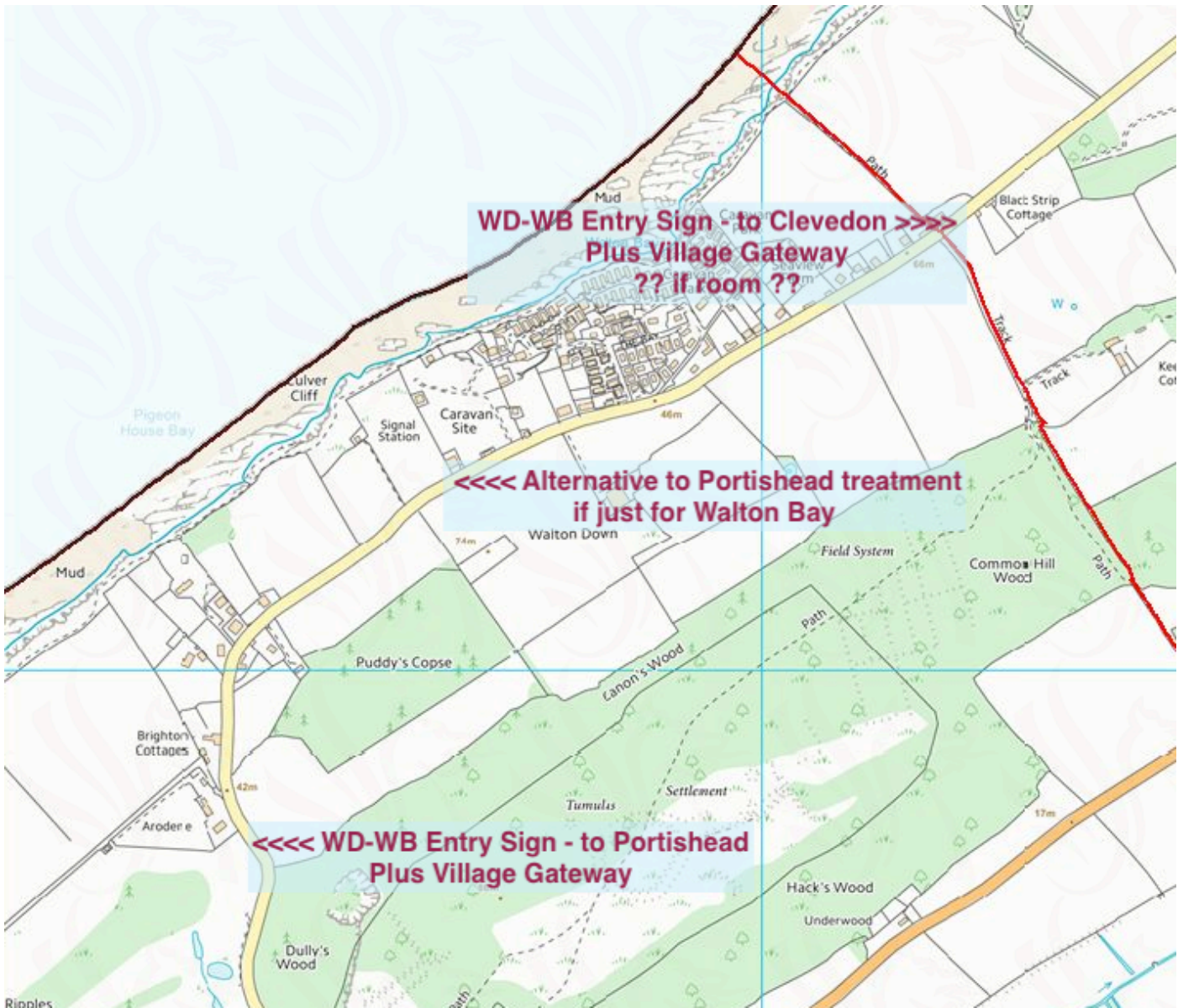


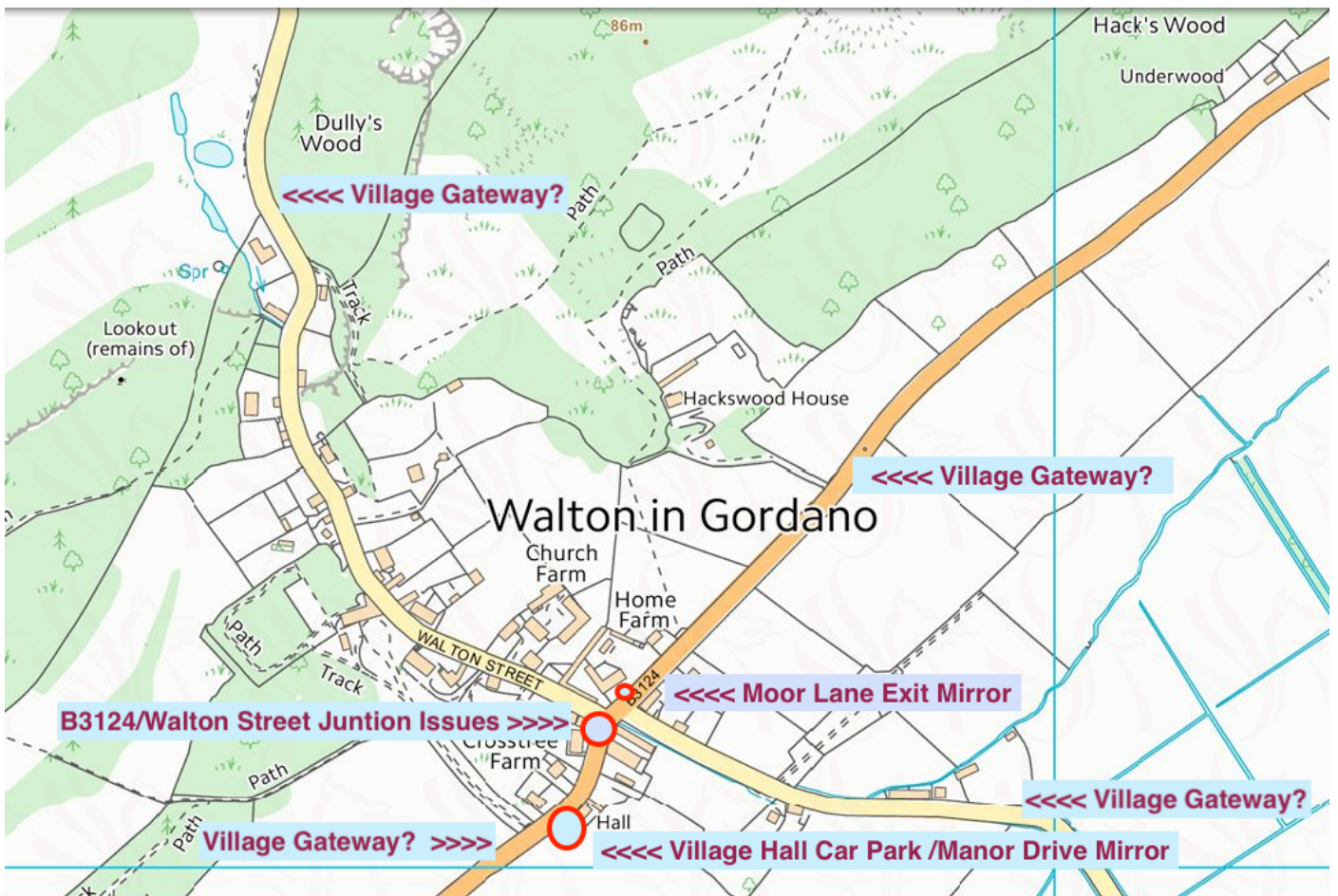
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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 12th March 2018
at
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wyliman

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

Public Attendance: 0

4144 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mike Ralston, Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton,

4145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4146 LAST MEETING MINUTES: (12th Feb) agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4147 MATTERS ARISING: None

4148 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No reported crime.

SpeedWatch: Colin Medus reported, via post-meeting update, that NSC radar kit is booked for WalG in May. The SpeedWatch team reported that some signs were put up in unlawful locations and will be re-positioned.

4149 PLANNING

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. 18/P/2106/FUL Seaway re-build.

Granted: 17/P/2579/F Castle View extension.

4150 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Home Farm Cottage: Blocked gully pipe to the Brook is with NSC land drainage team.

Walton Brook: Walton St open section: Clearance still due by NSC. Bank cleared by Church Farm.

Walton Street: Re-opened pothole outside Brook Cottage has been reported. Cllr Cannell reported, via the online NSC system, a pothole outside Down Farm Cottage at Walton Down.

Plants: were ordered via the NSC free plants scheme. Cllr Wilyman agreed to pick them up and organise their planting when they are available.

4151 OTHER MATTERS

Roadworks: NSC installation of the 20mph system in Walton Street due after start of new financial year (post meeting update via Colin Medus). Concern was raised about the

dangerously inconspicuous planters placed in the highway of the Weston-in-Gordano 20mph scheme. Colin Medus undertook to investigate.

Public Light Contract: Included in NSC Sept 2018 supply renewal negotiations.

Governance Documents: Updated documents were circulated to members well ahead of the meeting so that they could review them in detail. The meeting unanimously agreed that they were in order and approved them. The pre-circulated risk assessment was considered by members and unanimously agreed as a true record of the Council's risk position: it was then duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

4152 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Old Post Office Exit Mirror: Cllr Ralston has been briefed with the NSC position re a mirror at this location.

Green Bags: left on pavement have been removed and the green bin system explained to the tenants.

Thanks: Tom Chown valiantly offered to help anyone in need in the Village area during the recent snow. This gesture of neighbourliness was really appreciated, and members wished that a vote of thanks to Tom be recorded in these minutes.

B3124 Traffic Speed: Cllr Wilyman voiced continuing concern about traffic speed through the Village. A speed check was suggested - it would cost some £160. It was noted that previous checks through the Village and Walton Bay had consistently indicated median speeds of some 41mph. It tends to be the ever increasing volumes of traffic that are oppressive to residents and pedestrians, rather than a marked increase in the speed of that traffic. Colin Medus reported on some NSC tests re pedestrian perceptions of traffic speed. It was evidenced that pedestrian judgement of speed tended to be significantly in excess of the recored speed of a given vehicle.

4153 FINANCE

2017-18 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, were reviewed and noted.

New Audit System: The April meeting will see the end of this financial year and the end, for small Councils, of the long standing system of external accounts auditing by an Audit Commission appointee, after those accounts had been inspected by a Council appointed "internal" auditor. The new system will require a hands-off and ultra-transparent audit by an auditor appointed by the Council, but not intimately connected with it or its parish interests: an auditor from Banwell has agreed to fulfil this role. The meeting wanted to record a huge debt of gratitude to to our own Roy Betts, who has undertaken the role of internal auditor - free of charge - over many years. The meeting asked the Clerk to write to Roy, thanking him for his diligence on the Council's behalf. Members wanted to purchase a small gift as a token of that gratitude and Cllr Dickinson undertook to organise this.

Cheques: 755 HMRC re PAYE Jan/Feb/Mar £86.40. 756 Hall Hire £6.00.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm