

SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING AGENDA (2 PAGES)

WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

Walton-in-Gordano - Walton Down - Walton Bay

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Councillors are Summoned to Meeting in the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday September 9th 2024

Nigel Ashton, Gordano Valley Ward Cllr attends when possible

Members of the public will not be able to participate in the meeting but may talk with Councillors before or after it.

Don Hill - Clerk

Agenda & Agenda Notes

There is a Councillor vacancy - please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming involved

Before each meeting Clerk & Chair will Exchange back up disks

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Dispensations apply to Cllrs re the setting of the precept, and to Village Hall matters)
- 3 **LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING**
Meeting minutes of July 8th to be agreed and signed.
- 4 **PLANNING** (*The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered*)
New:
Decisions Due: 24/P/0960/LBC / 24/P/0959/FUH: 2 Manor Cottages development. The proposal for a new vehicular access has been removed; ergo, so has the NSC Highways objection.
Approved: 24/P/1155/TRCA Taggert House tree works:
Refused: 24/P/1207/FUL Squires Cottage expansion (*Weston-in-Gordano*).
Appeal: 23/P/0165/FUL Conygar Quarry.
- 5 **PARISH MATTERS**
 - i. **Street Light:** Invoice paid. Erection of new light due.
 - ii. **Traffic Speed Issues (July minute 054/24 ii for further discussion):** A list of the discussion prompts that need developing for taking forward at the September meeting and of presenting to residents via the October Cross Tree Chronicle are set out below in random order.
 - Use of contractor to provide SID and collect data for six months... and make case to NSC? **Clerk to provide Cllr Flower with consultant who quoted for the report that would arise from the data.**
 - All-in cost of SID purchase and data collection around £8000? Asset insurance would be some £30 a year. Volunteer insurance would fall within the Council's public liability insurance at no extra cost.

- Rely on SpeedWatch data - as Weston-in-Gordano did. This will provide data, but the watches and number of volunteers will need to increase. Data cannot be collected in the dark or in the rain.
- The Police SID grant appears not to be an option as it will close before the preliminaries are sorted out.
- A police road safety grant of some £5000 may be available.
- Priorities are cases for 20mph on B3124 and 30mph along Coast Road.
- The raw facts of cost and of a need for volunteers - and call for other suggestions - to form subject of a piece by Cllr Flower in the October Cross Tree Chronicle.

- iii. **Walton Bay Transport:** Update from Cllr Wherrett.
- iv. **Village Notice Board:** No 2nd hand perspex available. Cllr Cannell to measure up for new.
- v. **Parish Maintenance:** Draft worksheet for discussion.
- vi. **B3124 National speed limit signs:** Members to check that Clevedon-end re-erected.
- vii. **Walton Street:** potholes and broken Somerset Stone. Details awaited.
- viii. **Electricity Power Cuts:** **Cllr Dickinson to report specifics to to the Clerk.**
- ix. **Walton Brook retaining wall repair : Gabion in brook : Blocked Coast Road drains : Walton Bay Bus Stop erosion:** NSC responses due. **Clerk to seek Cllr Ashton's intervention.**
- x. **Defibrillator Service Payments:** £50 per machine per year - payment protocols to be agreed.
- xi. **St Pauls to Golf Course Footpath:** gates, stiles and notices are the responsibility of the landowners.

6 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

7 FINANCE

- i. **2024-25 Accounts:** to be reviewed against bank statements.
- ii. **Online Banking:** Online banking now operational.
- iii. **Payments to Authorise** (*next ch 846*): **HMRC re PAYE Jul/Aug/Sep £153.40**

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday October 14th at 7pm in the Village Hall

JULY 2024 MEETING DRAFT MINUTES (2 PAGES)

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 8th July 2024

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Present: Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Claire Flower, Rachel Dickinson

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

050/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr Dave Wherrett, NSC Cllr Nigel Ashton

051/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Dispensations apply to Cllrs re the setting of the precept, and to Village Hall matters)

None

052/24 LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING

Meeting minutes of June 10th were agreed and signed.

053/24 PLANNING (The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered)

New: 24/P/1155/TRCA Taggart House tree works: noted, no objections. **Clerk to notify NSC.**

Decisions Due: 24/P/0960/LBC / 24/P/0959/FUH: 2 Manor Cottages development. 24/P/1207/FUL Squires Cottage expansion (Weston-in-Gordano)

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054/24 PARISH MATTERS

i. **Street Light:** New quote is £2458.65. Invoice awaited for payment.

ii. **Traffic Speed Issues:** Our aim is to achieve real traffic speed reductions on the B3124 and The Coast Road via the introduction of speed limit reductions and possible engineered solutions. To move towards this aim, our immediate objective is to develop a mass of data that will provide the basis of highway plans for the B3124 and, eventually the Coast Road: these plans to form the basis of a presentation to NSC of the case for change - and of a plan for change.

A lengthy discussion took place around the urgent need for an affordable and workable scheme of data collection. This will need to centre around volunteers to collect data from either increased SpeedWatch activity or a Speed Indicator Device (SID), with an alternative, perhaps, of employing a contractor to amass the data.

We know that NSC are resistant to changes, due to their reliance on nationally laid down criteria, as well as to staff and financial shortages. We suspect that an outside contractor - if one can be found - will be prohibitively expensive. We are therefore drawn to a conclusion that, pending other suggestions of ways forward, progress will rely on us being able to enlist volunteer help.

A list of the discussion prompts that need developing for taking forward at the September meeting and of presenting to residents via the October Cross Tree Chronicle are set out below in random order. All contributions to this process will be welcome and can come via the Clerk (contact details at the head of these minutes), or Councillors, whose contact details are contained in all editions of the Cross Tree Chronicle or via the Council website at waltoningordanopc.org.uk.

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- iii. **Walton Bay Transport:** no developments this month.
- iv. **Village Notice Board:** No 2nd hand perspex available. Cllr Cannell to measure up for new.
- v. **Parish Maintenance:** Draft worksheet in preparation by Clerk for detailed discussion in September.
- vi. **B3124 National speed limit signs:** Members to check that Clevedon-end re-erected. New Portishead-end signs are erected and legible.
- vii. **Walton Street:** potholes and broken Somerset Stone. Detailed enough evidence not yet available to put in a report on. It is likely that our excellent NSC Area Engineer will pick up on these problems once their criteria for repair is reached. At the moment NSC are prioritising areas for repair rather than individual potholes.
- viii. **Electricity Power Cuts:** there were a spate of cuts in The Village. Specific information needed as the basis for the Clerk to raise an enquiry/complaint to National Grid against the possibility of the problem persisting. **Cllr Dickinson to report specifics to the Clerk.**
- ix. **Walton Brook retaining wall repair : Detached Gabion in brook : Blocked Coast Road drains : Walton Bay Bus Stop erosion:** NSC responses due. **Clerk to seek Cllr Ashton's intervention.**
- i. **Defibrillator Service Payments:** £50 per machine per year - payment protocols to be agreed.

055/24 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Dickinson: With defibrillators based at The Village Hall and at Walton Bay, the recent Defibrillator course in the Village Hall was a significant success, with some 30 attendees from both locations.

Cllr Cannell: a) Reminded Members that, as usual, there will be no meeting in August and b) reported that the Internal Drainage Board appear to have cleared the open section of the Brook in Moor Lane (this is a riparian responsibility of The Estate).

056/24 FINANCE

- i. **2024-25 Accounts:** were reviewed against bank statements and approved.
- ii. **Online Banking:** Online application completed: process agreed and signature authorisation signed. **Clerk to send this authorisation to bank by post per instructions on form.**
- iii. **Cheques: 846...** no cheque payments due

057/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday September 9th at 7pm in the Village Hall (as usual, there will be no meeting in August)

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

WAIGPC PARISH MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE - DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Maintenance surrounding B3124, Walton Street, Coast Road, Moor Lane													
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Bus Stops - to include:	2												
cleaning the stop furniture	4												
Keeping the approaches and standing area clear	4												
Walton St Somerset Stones													
Ensuring that overgrowth is kept at bay and stones are in good order													
Open Sections of Walton Brook													
These are the responsibility of NSC (re Walton Street) and the Miles Estate (re Moor Lane).													
Street Signs and Bollards - to include													
Keeping the areas around bollards clear to ensure their visibility and to keep bollards clean													
Keeping the areas around highway signage clear to ensure their visibility and to keep the signs clean													
Keep Moor Lane Bridge clear of overgrowth													
Highway Verges - to include:													
Any need for seasonal trimming of verges and hedges, and the removal of fly-tipping is the responsibility of NSC or the landowners and should be reported to the Clerk													
Litterpicking													
Ensuring that overgrowth does not interfere with highway visibility or with the intended use or purpose of the particular stretch of verge													
Gullies													
These are an NSC responsibility, but any seen to be in need of attention should be reported to the Clerk.													
Notice Boards - to include													
Keeping them in a clean and useable condition													
FOOTPATHS - to include													
St Pauls Church to Golf Course													
Brighton Cottages to Golf Course													
Springhead Cottage to Golf Course													
Plumtree to Common													
Walton Street to Common													
Squires Cottage to Cliff Path (Entrance)													
In all cases, to report to the Clerk any instance of damage or other defect that needs to be brought to the attention of the responsible authority.													
The contractor will need:													
insurance to operate on the highway													
Public Liability													
Disposal licences for any rubbish to go to recycling centres													
Equipment appropriate to the carrying out of the specified works													

