
WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are Summoned to Meeting in the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday November 11th 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 October 14th to be agreed and signed.
- 4 **PLANNING** *(The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered)*
New: None
- 5 **PARISH MATTERS**
 - i. **Street Light:** Erection of new light due - no date yet.
 - ii. **Traffic Speed Issues:** Cllr Flower progressing.
 - iii. **Village Notice Board:** Cllr Cannell progressing.
 - iv. **Parish Maintenance:** Clerk working on contractor work schedule and insurance issues.
 - v. **Walton Brook retaining wall repair : Gabion in brook :** Awaiting a response from NSC.
 - vi. **Walton Bay Bus Stop erosion:** No feedback yet from NSC or BT investigations.
 - vii. **Defibrillator Service Payments:** Cllr Dickinson progressing payment protocol.
 - viii. **B3124 National Speed Limit Signage leaving The Village towards Clevedon:** The Village Hall side sign is not there. Reported to NSC on May 24th. Chased NSC on November 1st. The to Portishead side sign is obscured by overgrowth. **Cllr Flower to clear.**
 - ix. **Roadside Hedges:** Some hedges have now been cut back. Clerk will resort to formal letters in relation to others. **Clerk to action.**
- 6 **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**
- 7 **FINANCE**
 - i. **2024-25 Accounts to date:** to be reviewed against the bank statements.
 - ii. **Payments to Authorise** *(next ch 846):* none
 - iii. **2025-26 Budget:** preliminary draft.
- 8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday December 9th at 7pm in the Village Hall

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 14th October 2024

Meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise - Nigel Ashton, Gordano Valley Ward Cllr, attends when possible

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

In Attendance: NSC Cllr Nigel Ashton, Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

066/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr Dave Wherrett

067/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Dispensations apply to Cllrs re the setting of the precept, and to Village Hall matters)

Cllr Flower re Minute 071/24

068/24 LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING

Meeting minutes of September 9th were agreed and signed.

069/24 PLANNING (The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered)

New: None

Decisions Due: None

Approved: 24/P/0960/LBC / 24/P/0959/FUH: 2 Manor Cottages development. 24/P/1645/LBL Manor House Repairs. 24/P/1756/TRCA Tree reduction 2 Sandstone Cottages.

Appeal Dismissed: 24/00020/AT02 Conygar Quarry (Clevedon TC).

070/24 PARISH MATTERS

i. **Street Light:** Erection of new light due - no date yet.

ii. **Traffic Speed Issues:** Cllr Flower progressing.

iii. **Village Notice Board:** Cllr Cannell progressing.

iv. **Parish Maintenance:** Clerk working on contractor work schedule and insurance issues.

v. **Walton Street:** Potholes meeting NSC criteria have been filled. Other matters - including the displaced Somerset Stone will be picked up by the NSC Area Officer more quickly than the public reporting system that is currently our only access route to NSC.

vi. **Walton Brook retaining wall repair : Gabion in brook :** Cllr Ashton is pressing NSC for action on these two long-standing problems. Despite the communication problems with NSC highlighted below, these two issues must be resolved, not least because if they result in flooding, peoples' insurance companies will be chasing NSC for recompense which will end up being a significantly more costly outcome for NSC than them actually doing the maintenance work required of them.

vii. **Walton Bay Bus Stop erosion:** Cllr Ashton has chased this urgent problem. The NSC Area Officer has visited the site. Now NSC 'Streetworks' and BT have been informed and will be visiting to assess the problems and how they will need to be dealt with. Due to NCS administrative changes there is a virtual communication breakdown between NSC and its parish councils, councillors and clerks, but even so, we will need to keep pressure on until we are informed that there is a satisfactory outcome to this particular problem.

- viii. **Coast Road drains:** ... As this a strategic problem that NSC are not currently positioned to address, it will be diarised for follow-up at a later date.
- ix. **Defibrillator Service Payments:** PC payment protocol to be decided. Clerk explained the need for the PC, as a Public Service body, to have a self-explanatory invoice or expenses claim as the basis of remitting sums accordingly. Cllr Dickinson to progress.

071/24 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Flower

Speed Limit Signage: These signs are becoming increasingly obscure across the Parish - across the district - indeed across the country according to contributed observations. The upkeep of this signage appears to be being deemed by local authorities as unaffordable in the current financial crisis. As with so many belt-tightening matters of similar ilk, an adverse attitude to such problems could end up in insurance claims that turn out to be as, or more, expensive than the original replacement costs of the signs.

Cllr Dickinson

B3124 National Speed Limit Signage leaving The Village towards Clevedon: The Village Hall side sign is not there. **Clerk to so inform NSC.**

The to Portishead side sign is obscured by hedge overgrowth. **Cllr Flower being the the farmer connected to the issue took a note to clear the overgrowth.**

Note: As with obscure signage issues across the parish, now that the Clerk's eye problem prevents him from driving (he used to keep the signs clear), they will have to be dealt with by a parish council designated volunteer, or, as and when appointed, the parish maintenance contractor.

Cllr Cannell

Roadside Hedges: Some hedges have now been cut back. Clerk will resort to formal letters in relation to others - including three on the formal pavement route from Cross Tree to the Village Hall. **Clerk to action.**

Soft Plastic Recycling: Clarification sought via Cllr Ashton as to what is and what is not soft plastic under the NSC trial collection scheme. Apparently the definitions are more complex than they appear at face value. The trial will be expected to expose the complications and come up with clarity of definition before the scheme goes district wide.

072/24 FINANCE

- i. **2024-25 Accounts to date:** were reviewed against the bank statements, noted and agreed.
- ii. **Payments to Authorise** (*next ch 846*): none
- iii. **HMRC Payments via Direct Debit:** A direct debit is now in place to effect the quarterly payment of £153.40 authorised at the September meeting. This HMRC direct debit facility was unanimously ratified. Future accounts will indicate if HMRC will be taking the amounts due monthly or quarterly.

073/24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday November 11th at 7pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE: 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025 (Precept £7542.00)

DATE	BANK (run via deposit account)					GENERAL FUND EXPENSE ANALYSIS											OPERATING FUNDS					
	ITEM	CH	IN	OUT	BALANCE	Stmnt	NOTES	Clerk	Clk/Clr Exp	Hall Hire	Public Light	Ins/Subs Audit	Parish Maint	Other Costs	Web site	TOTALS	VAT	Election Pro	Capital Prov	General Fund	Total Op Funds	
2024																						
-2025																						
Apr 1	Funds Bought Forward				15,165.05																	
	Less bal on Treasurer's a/c				500.00																	
	Less prior year WME for Jan 24				20.30																	
	OPERATING BAL B/F				14,665.05	Mar												2,335.24	6,400.00	5,929.81	14665.05	
Apr 3	Vision ICT Bal of Web Set Up	839		918.00	13,747.05	Apr									918.00	918.00	153.00				918.00	
	Hall Hire - Year Apr 24-Mar 25	840		108.00	13,639.05	Apr			108.00							108.00					108.00	
	ALCA Sub 2024-25 lost in post	841		0.00	13,639.05											0.00					0.00	
	Clerks Pay & Expenses	SO		230.80	13,408.25	Apr		204.60	26.20							230.80					230.80	
	WME Public Light - Feb 24	DD		18.57	13,389.68	Apr					18.57					18.57	0.88				18.57	
	NSC 1st half precept	BACS	3771.00		17,160.68	Apr										0.00		500.00	3,271.00			
	Zurich Insurance	842		226.33	16,934.35	Apr						226.33				226.33					226.33	
	Interest Earned		15.23		16,949.58	Apr	Agrees									0.00					15.23	
May 13	Clerks Pay & Expenses	SO		230.80	16,718.78	May		204.60	26.20							230.80					230.80	
	March WME Taken July 2nd			0.00	16,718.78	-										0.00					0.00	
	P Smith re Internal Audit	843		50.00	16,668.78	May						50.00				50.00					50.00	
	Interest Earned		18.60		16,687.38	May	Agrees									0.00					18.60	
	ALCA Sub 2024-25 Ch 841 lost in post	844		84.92	16,602.46	Jun						84.92				84.92					84.92	
Jun 10	Clerks Pay & Expenses			230.80	16,371.66	Jun		204.60	26.20							230.80					230.80	
	Interest Earned		19.08		16,390.74	Jun										0.00					19.08	
	HMRC PAYE Apr/May/June	845		153.40	16,237.34	Jun	Agrees	153.40								153.40					153.40	
Jul 8	WME Public Light - Mar 24	DD		14.56	16,222.78	Jul					14.56					14.56	0.69				14.56	
	WME Public Light - Apr 24	DD		15.88	16,206.90	Jul					15.88					15.88	2.65				15.88	
	WME Public Light - May 24	DD		15.96	16,190.94	Jul					15.96					15.96	2.66				15.96	
	Clerks Pay & Expenses	SO		230.80	15,960.14	Jul		204.60	26.20							230.80					230.80	
	Interest Earned		16.90		15,977.04	Jul	Agrees									0.00					16.90	
	NSC re New Street Light	846		2458.65	13,518.39	Aug							2,458.65			2,458.65					2,458.65	
	NSC re New Street Light	-			13,518.39	Aug										0.00		2,400.00			2,400.00	
					13,518.39	Aug										0.00					0.00	
Aug 1	Clerks Pay & Expenses			230.80	13,287.59	Aug		204.60	26.20							230.80					230.80	
	WME Public Light - Jun 24			15.06	13,272.53	Aug					15.06					15.06					15.06	
	Interest Earned		15.12		13,287.65	Aug	Agrees									0.00					15.12	
					13,287.65	-										0.00					0.00	
Sept 9	ICO Annual Fee			35.00	13,252.65	Sep						35.00				35.00					35.00	
	Clerks Pay & Expenses			230.80	13,021.85	Sep		204.60	26.20							230.80					230.80	
	NSC 2nd half precept		3771.00		16,792.85	Sep										0.00		500.00	3,271.00			
	Interest Earned		11.73		16,804.58	Sep										0.00					11.73	
	WME Public Light - Jul 24			15.50	16,789.08	Sep	Agrees				15.50					15.50					15.50	
	HMRC PAYE Jul/Aug/Sep	DD		153.40	16,635.68	RT		153.40								153.40					153.40	
					16,635.68											0.00					0.00	
Oct 14	Clerks Pay & Expenses			230.80	16,404.88	RT		204.60	26.20							230.80					230.80	
	WME Public Light - Aug 24			15.58	16,389.30	RT					15.58					15.58					15.58	
	Interest Earned		13.84		16,403.14	RT	Agrees									0.00					13.84	
					16,403.14											0.00					0.00	
Nov 11	Clerks Pay & Expenses			230.80	16,172.34			204.60	26.20							230.80					230.80	
	WME Public Light - Sep 24			15.62	16,156.72						15.62					15.62					15.62	
	Interest Earned				16,156.72											0.00					0.00	
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