

Councillors are Summoned to Meeting in the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday June 9th 2025

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**
 - i. **Annual and Ordinary Council meeting** The May 12th draft minutes to be agreed and signed.
 - ii. **Annual Parish Meeting** The May 12th draft minutes were emailed to all meeting attendees for their approval as a true record. They are presented here as such for signature by The Chair.
4. **PLANNING** (The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered)
 - i. **New:**
 - ii. **Awaiting Decision: New:25/P/0428/AOC: 2 Manor Cottages** - Works Management plan.
5. **PARISH MATTERS**
 - i. **Parish Maintenance:** Local ad hoc services look likely to be available for all work except the litter picking along the B3124, for which NSC will require traffic management. Hourly rates and protocols for agreeing and paying associated expenses to be agreed. Work Schedule to be reviewed.
 - ii. **Walton Bay Bus Stop erosion:** Still no feedback from NSC.
 - iii. **B3124 Speed Limit Signage From Clevedon:** Sign on Hall side of the road towards reported to responsible NSC officer on May 20th.
 - iv. Defibrillator - **Cllr Dickinson will liaise with the Clerk re payment of the service charges.**
 - v. **Drainage pipe from the Coast Road to Walton Bay:** appears to be damaged and taking in sewage. **Cllr Wherrett reporting this to NSC.**
 - vi. **Traffic Along Coast Road:** (Referred from the Annual Parish Meeting) The imposition of a reduced speed limit is prevented by national guidelines that take no account of the fact that two thirds of the parish population live at Walton Bay. **Cllr Wherrett contact the responsible NSC officer.**
 - vii. **Police Data Collection Box (DCB):** (Referred from the Annual Parish Meeting) The Parish Council is asked to contact the police about the use of a DCB.
 - viii. **Public Session:** a request from the Annual Parish Meeting asking the Council to consider adopting one.
 - ix. **Blocked Gullies from Springhead to the Cross Tree:** Reported to NSC, via the PC online account, to their drainage/gully reporting team. On Tuesday May 20th.
6. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**
7. **FINANCE**
 - i. **2024-25 Accounts:** Posted to website
 - ii. **2025-26 Accounts to date:** to be reviewed and reconciled with the bank statement.
 - iii. **Payments to be Authorised:** **Cllr Cannell re transport for Clerk Apr/May/June:**
8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday September 8th 2025 - Note: There will be no meetings in July or August

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Council Held on Monday 12th May 2025

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There is a vacancy for a Councillor - contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you would like to apply

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

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

028/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr Claire Flower, Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton

029/25 ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR & ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK

- i. The re-affirmation of Cllr Cannell as Chair was agreed to unanimously without a vote and he completed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chair.
- ii. Cllr Dickinson stood down from the position of Vice-Chair and the post remains unfilled.

030/25 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

- i. The Parish representative to NSC Standards Sub-Committee was re-confirmed unanimously as Cllr Cannell
- ii. Cllr Dickinson remains, again unanimously, as the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee of Management.

031/25 AGREEMENT TO RE-CONFIRM RECENTLY APPROVED GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

The governance document updated and agreed as part of the Audit process at the March meeting of Council were reaffirmed unanimously as remaining in force for the term of the political year from May 2025. These documents are on the Parish Council's website as indicated at the head of these minutes.

032/35 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This report was delivered via the Annual Residents' Meeting, immediately following and is attached as an **Annexe 1 to these minutes.**

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

033/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr Claire Flower, Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton

034/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Dispensations apply to Cllrs re the setting of the precept, and to Village Hall matters)

None

035/25 LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING

Meeting minutes of April 14th were agreed and signed (*the March meeting was cancelled*).

036/25 GOVERNANCE

The Annual Governance Statement, being Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024-2025 was approved and signed.

037/25 PLANNING *(The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered)*

New:

Awaiting Decision: New:25/P/0428/AOC: 2 Manor Cottages - Works Management plan.

038/25 PARISH MATTERS

- i. **Parish Maintenance:** Local ad hoc services look likely to be available for all work except the litter picking along the B3124, which, given the density and speed of traffic, will optimally require some form of moving traffic control to allow the work to be carried out safely. Hourly rates for any work carried out need to be agreed, as do protocols for agreeing and paying any associated expenses. **Clerk finalising a Parish Maintenance Schedule as the basis of a work plan.**
- ii. **Walton Bay Bus Stop erosion:** Cllr Wherrett re-confirmed that the situation has not got visibly worse.
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039/25 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Wherrett

Drainage pipe from the Coast Road to Walton Bay: this pipe runs from the gullies at the Two Acres junction to an outflow onto the beach at Walton Bay below Sandbanks Park Home site. Somewhere en-route foreign matter (sewage?) appears to be entering the pre and ending up on Walton Bay beach. **Cllr Wherrett will report this to NSC via their online reporting system.**

Cllr Cannell

Revised Waste Collection System and Timetable: Notification of waste collection changes as they effect the Parish have been posted to residents. Cllr Cannell explained these to the meeting and **a summary of the changes is attached as an Annexe 2 to these Minutes.**

040/25 FINANCE

i. **2024-25 Accounts:**

The forms at a) to f) below were reviewed, agreed and signed:

- a) Approval of Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2024/25 Form 2
- b) Review of 2024-25 internal auditor's report.
- c) AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25: see agenda item 4 above
- d) Approval of AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25
- e) Approval of the 2024-2025 Bank Reconciliation.
- f) External Auditors Conflict of Interest Form

ii. **2025-26 Accounts to date:** were reviewed and reconciled with the bank statement.

iii. **Payments Authorised:** **Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall** annual hire fee - £144.00. **P Smith**
Internal Audit - £63.00. **Zurich Insurance** - £264.00

041/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday June 9th 2025

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The meetings closed at 7.50pm

ANNEXE 1

Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council Chair's Report - MAY 12th 2025

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FINANCE

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Finally, on behalf of the Parish, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors: Mrs Rachel Dickinson, Mr Dave Wherrett and Ms Claire Flower not forgetting the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Don Hill for their hard work and support over the last year.

ANNEXE 2

Changes in our Parish to recycling and waste collections from Monday 9 June 2025

There will be:

- no new collection day in Walton-in-Gordano; it will remain as Tuesday
- three-weekly black bin collections
- more recycling materials collected every week.

From Tuesday 24 June black bins for non-recyclable waste will be collected every three weeks. A new collection calendar has been sent to each household so they can check when their collections will be over the next 12 months.

Because your first three-weekly black bin collection is more than three weeks after your last fortnightly collection, **we have arranged a one-off black bin collection on Saturday 14 June**. This will be for your black bin only, no recycling. Please make sure your black bin is put out for collection by 6.30am on this day to receive your extra collection.

From Monday 9 June onwards recycling will be collected every week on a Tuesday. From this date, as well as the materials you already recycle, you can then start recycling plastic bags and soft plastic wrapping such as crisp packets, vegetable packaging, cling film, film lids, and all plastic bags.

NSC will be the first local council in the UK to collect and compact plastic bags and soft plastic wrapping at the kerbside as part of a weekly household recycling service. See below for more information.

Recycle everything you can - every week we will collect:

- **Brown Container** - Food Waste
- **Recycling Box 1** - glass bottles and jars plus plastic bags and soft plastic wrapping
- **Recycling Box 2** - paper and cardboard
- **Red Bag** - plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, metal: eg tins, cans, foil and empty aerosols

Find out more about the huge range of materials you can now recycle every week and request replacement containers at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recycling.

Recycling plastic bags and soft plastic wrapping

What is soft plastic wrapping?

Soft plastic wrapping is the lightweight, flexible plastic packaging that previously couldn't be recycled.

A simple test is to scrunch up the item in your hand and if it pings back, it's likely to be soft plastic wrapping.

What types of plastic bags and wrapping can be recycled?

Yes please:

- ✓ plastic carrier bag
- ✓ bread bags
- ✓ frozen food bags
- ✓ delivery bags
- ✓ cereal liners
- ✓ toilet roll wrapping
- ✓ multi-pack wrapping
- ✓ salad, pasta, and rice bags
- ✓ cheese, fish and meat wrapping
- ✓ crisps, sweet bags, biscuit and chocolate wrapping
- ✓ baby, pet food, detergent and cleaning pouches
- ✓ flexible plastic packaging lids
- ✓ v bubble wrap and cling film

No thanks:

- ✗ compostable and biodegradable bag and wrapping
- ✗ balloons
- ✗ blister packets for tablets
 - ✗ disposable gloves and masks
 - ✗ polystyrene
- ✗ plastic straws

Recycling		Recycling and black bin			
date		date			

Jun-25		10	17	24	
Jul-25	1	8	15	22	29
Aug-25	5	12	19	26	
Sep-25	2	9	16	23	30
Oct-25	7	14	21	28	
Nov-25	4	11	18	25	
Dec-25	2	9	16	23	*31
Jan-26	*7	13	20	27	
Feb-26	3	10	17	24	
Mar-26	3	10	17	24	31
Apr-26	7	14	21	28	
May-26	5	12	19	26	

Recycling Calendar for Walton-in-Gordano >>

WALTON-IN-GORDANO CIVIL PARISH

In the North Somerset Council Ward of Gordano Valley

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

May 12th 2025 - 8pm - The Village Hall

Attendees: Residents 5 - including B Cannell, Chair of the meeting

Minute Taker - Don Hill

MINUTES

APM25/01 Apologies

There were four apologies received. N Ashton, C Flower, N&B Wyliman, E Edwards

APM25/02 Matters arising from minutes of last year's meeting

The 2024 agenda and minutes can be found on the minutes and agendas page of our website at waltoningordanopc.org.uk. These minutes were circulated to all attendees for approval and were signed as a true record at the June 2024 meeting of the Parish Council. The 2024 minute on Traffic Speed was referred to and became subsumed within the Open Discussion.

APM25/03 Reports from Interest Groups

This meeting was not as well attended as usual but, in addition to the Parish Council Chair's Report, reports were received from The Cross Tree Chronicle, The Village Whats App Group, St Paul's Church, Walton-in-Gordano Events Committee and The Village Hall Committee. These are attached to form part of these minutes. These reports merely hint at the amazingly diverse range of interests that keep such a small Parish buzzing throughout the year.

APM25/04 Discussion

The Open Discussion, which forms the core of Annual Parish Meetings was wide ranging, but revolved around the issues summarised below:

Kerbside Recycling: This was discussed in the light of the letter NSC sent to to all households. It was noted that our Parish bin collection day will remain a Tuesday. In addition to the move to 3 weekly black bin non-recyclable waste collections, the weekly recycling collections will include soft plastic waste and a new red bag. What goes in what container will take a little getting used to, but the key NSC objective is to get everyone aware of the cost savings that can be made by better recycling routines.

2026 Centenary Village Fete: Other ways of fund raising - a request to all households for example - were looked at, but not deemed workable. The basis upon which the Council came to its decision that it could not offer to contribute more than £500 for the cost of the marquee was looked at, based on Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, which sets out what a parish council can and cannot do in terms, both legal and best-practice, when deciding on a donations request. The £500 is a minuted commitment from the Parish Council towards the cost of hiring the marquee.

Speeding Traffic: This was a topic at last year's Annual Parish Meeting but, as Council minute observers will have noted, it has temporarily ceased to progress. The main reason is that, as there were no volunteers coming forward to operate the Speed Indicator Device (SID), an essential data gathering tool, it could not be purchased. Highways, above all other aspects of Parish life, are ultimately controlled by NSC, and progress is impossible without the support of NSC Highways. As with the 30mph speed limit along the B3124 which took some 25 years to become a reality, times finances and attitudes change, and speed restrictions and their enforcement may become attainable in the future. In the meantime we are hugely grateful for the vital work of the SpeedWatch team, which is certainly having an effect. We could ask the police for the erection of a Police DCB (data collection box), but experience indicates that it will take many months before one would become available for us. It was noted that, within the context of national governmental guidelines, signage and engineering solutions to speed control can only be operated at particular points in relation to 'prevailing conditions'. An example of this is the number of entrances off a road dictating the possibility of a speed restriction: a farce for the two thirds of our population who live at Walton Bay with only three exit points on to Coast Road and not concentrated number of domestic entrances. **Dave Wherrett undertook to contact the responsible NSC officer re speeding issues along the Coast Road and the Parish Council is asked to contact the police about the use of a DCB.**

A Public Session at Parish Council Meetings: This was suggested. It is certainly normal practice in most Parish Councils. Our Council has always operated on the basis of suspending Standing Orders on a topic that invites a public contribution and then reinstating standing orders after the particular point has been discussed. As Best Practice would steer our Council towards the introduction of a Public Session before the commencement of its formal meeting, **a request from the Annual Parish Meeting will go forward to the Parish Council's June meeting asking that they consider adopting one.**

Blocked Gullies from Springhead to the Cross Tree: These gullies, which along this stretch drain surface water into the Somerset stone and culverted sections of Walton Brook, need clearing. The point was noted and **the blockages reported to NSC via the Parish Council.**

Parish Maintenance: There is a provision of £2500 in the current budget for various unforeseen costs and for the contracting out of ad hoc maintenance work that used to be done by NSC.

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REPORTS FROM INTEREST GROUPS

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Brian Cannell May 2025

Cross Tree Chronicle

At the beginning of 2025 we welcomed 2 new parishioners to the team, Rose Cowan and Nicola Spencer who now collate the Chronicle every month, this brings our team up to 9 in the delivery team, 2 collate and 1 Editor that writes and oversees the publication a total of 12 parishioners makes up the Chronicle team. We deliver 200 paper copies, 90 emailed and 69 on what's app, our thanks to the Parish office for supporting the village with a discounted rate for printing and the social committee for providing the funding.

Emma Edwards May 2025

Village Whats app

The village whats app celebrates 5 years of contribution in our village in 2025, thanks to Abby Coad and Emma Edwards the what's app supports community cohesion and tackles social isolation which is ever present in a rural location like walton. It now has 69 participants sharing good news, important information and weekly updates on community activities, we link up with the book club, craft club, Walton bay and Norton wood what's app groups, we look to provide a warm welcome to anyone new to our community.

Emma Edwards May 2025

St Pauls Church Yearly Report

2024 has been a very interesting year as we have navigated the challenges of reestablishing the church . We welcomed Pat & Nick Wood to the newly formed PCC also Kevin Edwards. All aspects of church housekeeping were examined and dealt with accordingly. The monthly service has been warmly welcomed ,the Village coffee morning has proved very popular. The clergy in 2025 will be depleted as retired clergy will be able to offer less support with services but we gain Micheal Dyne who will be ordained in June and join the benefice with his wife from July. The church has been able to address some important maintenance issues this year and we are pleased to say we are watertight now. In 2024 we had one funeral, and we are pleased to say in 2025 a village wedding. As with all Village churches finances are difficult and St Pauls is no different, it costs over £8000 a year to 'keep the door' open. We have introduced a Parish giving Scheme and QR code which can be accessed in the church for one off donations. In 2025 we are introducing Music evenings and informative talks to encourage the community to see the church as an asset, we are also keen to work more closely with the whole community recognising the need to work cohesively to achieve a greater community atmosphere, we are stronger together. The PCC work as joint Churchwardens and have individual roles within the church also. . we look forward to 2025 with enthusiasm , if you wish to get involved contact Emma at Waltonchronicle@gmail.com

Emma Edwards May 2025

Walton in Gordano Events Committee (Previously known as the Social Club committee)

It was decided at our March 2025 meeting to change our name from the Social Club Committee to Walton in Gordano Events Committee. This was in order to reflect the fact that we organise social events for the benefit of our community – and are not, in itself, a social club – exclusively operating for its members.

The successful 2024 Village Fete enabled us to donate £2000 each to the Village Hall and to the Village Church. This money will help towards keeping these two vital village community spaces open.

We are currently working towards this year's Village Fete which is undoubtedly the biggest event of the year and our main fund raiser. We receive incredible support from our Committee and from the wider community – and I would like to thank everyone for every contribution they make.

Plans are in development for the Centenary Village Fete in 2026. I should point out that the Fete is great fun – providing a great afternoon of entertainment and socialising for our residents and our wider village family (as well as incredibly hard work).

Other events held include a fun January Wassail evening and supporting a Village Bonfire in November. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all. There is no charge for these events. December also sees our Annual Christmas Quiz - always popular.

In May – our allocation of flowers from NSC arrive and these are planted (involving constant watering through the summer) which enhance the surroundings of our village.

In December we display the Christmas Lights and encourage the local area to join in and this promotes a festive and community atmosphere.

Both of these endeavours incorporate the Bay area where our committee members from Walton Bay organise displays of flowers and Christmas Lights.

- We support the production of our Village Chronicle by paying for the printing.
- This year we have been particularly successful implementing a small amount of support for the creation of a Craft Club which is doing really well with many members enjoying their time there – and a new Book Club has been formed – both clubs being incredibly well managed by two of our committee members.
- An additional event this year will be a Boules Afternoon/Evening in August.

Barbara Wyliman May 2025

Report from Village Hall Committee

Our treasured village hall has undergone its most recent change of guardianship since the AGM in March which saw 3 members of the committee stand down and 2 new ones step up to help. Deb stepped down as booking secretary and caretaker and was acknowledged by the committee with huge gratitude and praise for keeping the hall in great condition and regularly booked, especially through very tricky times during COVID restrictions. Alison also served in the committee for many years alongside Deb and has stepped down from her role in keeping inventory and assisting in hirings. Jane also stepped down from car park research, application and communication for now with promise to return if she is needed on car park matters.

Rosie, and Rose were welcomed on board formally to the committee at the AGM. Tracy has taken on the role of treasurer and continues as secretary subject to change in the coming months as more volunteers come forward to take one of the roles. Anne will be, chairperson, caretaker and booking secretary with assistance with hirings and maintenance from other committee members as needed.

After much discussion, research and pre application it has been decided that the car park will not be going ahead for now. The physical issue of the very busy main road being a major factor as well as difficulties aligning all concerned parties.

New craft and book groups have formed and use the hall regularly as a result of the committee decision to hire the hall to the local community wherever possible. A positive result from the lengthy discussion of the car parking issue.

We will also welcome a regular musician, table tennis groups and other ad hoc hires including several parties throughout the coming months. The hall will also be hosting the summer fete in July.

The hall received a generous donation of £2000 from the events committee in 2024 which was gratefully received and has helped with running costs and much needed repairs.

Overall the start of the year has been one of change and positivity from the small but dedicated committee and we are looking forward to ways that the community can become involved in the future of the hall, building on the hard work of the previous guardians to keep it used and in good order.

Any queries or comments about the hall can be directed to the committee via this email address and I look forward to hearing of your plans too in the coming months!

Anne Wilson May 2025

