
WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

Walton-in-Gordano - Walton Down - Walton Bay

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 9th September 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, Dave Wherrett

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

058/24 APOLOGIES

NSC Cllr Nigel Ashton

059/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Dispensations apply to Cllrs re the setting of the precept, and to Village Hall matters)

None

060/24 LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING

Meeting minutes of July 8th were agreed and signed.

061/24 PLANNING (The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered)

New: 24/P/1645/LBL Manor House Repairs. 24/P/1756/TRCA Tree reduction. **No objections.**

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 Taggart House tree works:

Refused: 24/P/1207/FUL Squires Cottage expansion (Weston-in-Gordano).

Appeal: 23/P/0165/FUL Conygar Quarry.

062/24 PARISH MATTERS

i. **Street Light:** Invoice paid and pre-agreed payment ratified. Erection of new light due.

ii. **Traffic Speed Issues:** With no responses for our requests for people to join the operating team for a 24/7 Speed Indicator Device (SID) we are unable to proceed with that route to traffic data collection. We have an estimate of some £2000 for a consultancy report on what can be done to improve safety on the B3124 through The Village. The meeting decided to extend the scope of the consultancy exercise to all the parish's roads - the B3124, Moor Lane, Walton Street and the Coast Road. Cllr Flower will get an updated quote from our existing consultancy contact and quotes from two more consultants. Given a realistically doable consultancy project, and the use of currently available traffic data we plan to frame a project to take forward to North Somerset Council. NSC agreement in principle will be essential before we can go beyond this point. Also as a pre-start exercise, we will have to

ensure that funding is in place - be it totally from NSC or via NSC with additional funding from Parish Council, grant or loan sources. Things tend to move slowly in local government: given the current economic climate this is not going to be a quick fix.

- iii. **Walton Bay Transport:** As reported in the Cross Tree Chronicle by the Aboard the Bus Group, there will be no funding for a locally managed bus service. Other ways forward are being looked at by the group.
- iv. **Village Notice Board:** New perspex will cost some £100. The meeting agreed that Cllr Cannell go ahead and purchase it.
- v. **Parish Maintenance:** Members took away a draft work schedule to develop into a final document against which possible contractors can be approached for quotes. Finding willing contractors for this type of work is not easy.
- vi. **B3124 National speed limit signs:** Clevedon-end signs re-erected.
- vii. **Walton Street:** potholes and broken Somerset Stone. Cllr Wherrett will get location details, and note if the NSC Area Engineer has marked any of the problem areas up for repair.
- viii. **Electricity Power Cuts:** This problem has not recurred and is presumed to be resolved.
- ix. **Walton Brook retaining wall repair : Gabion in brook : Blocked Coast Road drains : Walton Bay Bus Stop erosion:** No responses have come from NSC. **Clerk to seek Cllr Ashton's intervention.**
- x. **Defibrillator Service Payments:** The defibrillator team are still negotiating a service agreement. As previously agreed, the Parish Council will be budgeting to fund the service costs of £50 per machine per year.
- xi. **St Pauls to Golf Course Footpath:** gates, stiles and notices are the responsibility of the landowners.

063/24 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Cannell: There are several places where hedges and plants are encroaching on pedestrian walkways. The meeting asked the **Clerk to put a piece in the Cross Tree Chronicle asking everyone to check that their own plants and hedges are clear of the various pedestrian ways.**

064/24 FINANCE

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

065/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday October 14th at 7pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8pm