

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday May 11th 2026

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

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

Present: Cllrs B Cannell, C Flower (acting Minute taker) D Wherrett

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

028/26 APOLOGIES

Don Hill, Clerk through illness

029/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Cannell was re-elected to the post of Chair unanimously and without discussion. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office (Chair) and took the chair for the meeting. The Council currently has no Vice Chair.

030/26 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Ad Hoc Representative to NSC Standards Sub-Committee: Cllr Cannell confirmed his willingness to remain in this role.

031/26 AGREEMENT TO RE-CONFIRM RECENTLY APPROVED GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

It was agreed that this recently updated reference guide for the council in the running of its affairs should remain in place until the next Annual Meeting.

032/26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is attached as an Annexe to these minutes and was read at the Annual Residents' Meeting, immediately following the ordinary meeting).

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

No action was taken on on Governance minutes 036/26 & 041/26, which were moved forward to the June meeting

033/26 APOLOGIES: Don Hill, Clerk, through illness.

034/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Dispensations apply to Cllrs re the setting of the precept, and to Village Hall matters)
None

035/26 LAST MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes of April 13th 2026 were agreed and signed.

036/26 GOVERNANCE 1: The Annual Governance Statement, being Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025-2026 was approved and signed. **Moved to June Meeting**

037/26 PLANNING (*The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered*)

i. New:

- a) **26/P/0700/FUH** The Sanctuary Walton Bay. Proposed 2nd floor with North-facing balcony: existing conservatory to be replaced by a single-storey extension: ground-floor side extension with terrace above and 1st floor South extension with terrace above to create level access to rear landscaping. No objections - **Clerk to so inform NSC Planners**
- b) **26/P/0818/FUH & 26-P-0817-LBC:** Plumtree Cottage, Walton Village. Replacement of windows facing B3124. **Clerk to so inform NSC Planners**

038/26 PARISH MATTERS

- i. **Highways & Footpaths:** Still waiting for confirmation of contractor.
- ii. **Public Light:** 2nd quote being sought.
- iii. **Walton Bay Bus Stop erosion:** Still no feedback from NSC.
- iv. **Drainage pipe - Coast Road to Walton Bay:** reported twice to be taking in sewage. No NSC response. : It was suggested that residents themselves should now report any incidents to Environmental Health as no response from NSC.
- v. **Blocked Gullies on the Coast Road from Squires Cottage to the B3124 Cross Tree Junction:**
7 gullies to be dugout from Two Acres Park to The Gargoyle.
17 gullies reported to the NSC drainage team for emptying: 2 outside Squire Cottage - 2 from Two Acres Park to Walton Bay Park - 1 outside Seascapes - 1 outside Arodene - 2 outside Taggart House - 1 opposite Hill Cottage - 1 outside Orchard Lea - 1 outside Sylvanlea - 1 outside Old Rectory House - 5 from The Old School to Cross Tree junction with B3124.
- vi. **Black bollard at Cross Tree:** needs replacing. Reported 23/02/26 reference 0010-4244-7504-9730. Clerk notes that damaged bollard has been removed.
- vii. **30 mph sign at Plum Tree:** Cutting surrounding hedging done.
- viii. **Notice Boards:** New quote due from Arien Signs. Other quotes awaited.
- ix. **Highway Improvements:** Cllr Flower to seek a consultant to prepare a report on all the parish roads.
- x. **Horse sign in Moor Lane:** Waiting for sign's removal.
- xi. **Horse signs B3124:** On the 30mph speed sign coming from Clevedon on the B3124 has fallen off. **Clerk to report to NSC.**
- xii. **Walton Street Somerset Stones by Myrtle Cottage:** NSC repairs in hand.
- xiii. **Walton Street Brook open section:** Clerk notes that this has not been cleared of overgrowth except where the gabion was removed.

039/26 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Wherrett referenced a resident complaining about speeds along the Coast Road through Walton Bay. He also said there was currently no further progress on the bus service issue.

040/26 FINANCE

- i. **2025-26 Accounts date:**were reviewed and reconciled with the bank statement.
- ii. **Payments to be Authorised: Village Hall** - annual hire fee - **£150.00**. The meeting expected these to go out by cheque. In fact they are paid by online banking. **Clerk to pay and note that the payment be ratified at the June meeting.** **P Smith Internal Audit - £66.00**

041/26 GOVERNANCE 2

AGAR, 2025-26 accounts and Public Rights notice to be approved and signed for publication on the web and notice boards. **Moved to June Meeting**

042/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday June 8th 2026.