

## Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 8th June 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 Brian Cannell (Chair), Claire Flower, Dave Wherrett

**In Attendance:** Cllr Flower acted as minute taker in the absence of the Clerk.

**Public Attendance:** 2

### 043/26 APOLOGIES

NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton. Don Hill, Clerk due to illness.

### 044/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re the setting of the precept, and to Village Hall matters)*

None

### 045/26 LAST MEETING MINUTES

- I. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on May 11th were agreed and signed.
- II. May 11th Annual Parish Meeting Draft Minutes were noted but will be formally signed at the 2027 APM.

### 046/26 GOVERNANCE 1: The Annual Governance Statement, being Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025-2026 was approved and signed.

### 047/26 PLANNING *(The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered)*

- i. **New:**
- ii. **Awaiting Decision:**
  - a) **26/P/0700/FUH** The Sanctuary Walton Bay. Proposed 2nd floor with North-facing balcony.
  - b) **26/P/0818/FUH & 26-P-0817-LBC:** Plumtree Cottage, Walton Village. Replacement of windows.

### 048/26 PARISH MATTERS

- i. **Highways & Footpaths:** Still waiting for confirmation of contractor.
- ii. **Public Light:** 2nd quote being sought. **Clerk to chase.**
- 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. NSC's Environmental Health say there is nothing wrong. This is disputed and residents should now report any incidents to Environmental Health.
- v. **Blocked Gullies on the Coast Road from Squires Cottage to the B3124 Cross Tree Junction:**

7 gullies Gullies have been cleared according to a resident and a new gully has actually been put in opposite Highly Sprung. Water flows into them fairly well now.

**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. According to the NSC 'system' a report from them is due.

- vii. **30 mph sign at Plum Tree:** Cutting surrounding hedging done.
- viii. **Notice Boards:** Awaiting clarification on some points regarding quotes. **Clerk to follow up.**
- ix. **Highway Improvements:** Quotes being sought. Peter Evans Partnership in Kings Street, Bristol was recommended by a Walton Bay resident as a possible consultant as have worked with North Somerset in the past.
- x. **Horse sign in Moor Lane:** Still 'hanging' Waiting for sign's removal. **Clerk to chase.**
- xi. **Horse signs B3124:** On the 30mph speed sign coming from Clevedon on the B3124 has fallen off and has now disappeared. **Clerk to check position/replacement with NSC.**
- xii. **Walton Street Somerset Stones:** The Myrtle Cottage ones have been replaced. Stone outside Sunnybank still requires attention.
  
- xiii. **Walton Street Brook open section:** This has still been cleared of overgrowth except where the gabion was removed. **Clerk to chase.**

#### 049/26 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

**Cllr Cannell:** Wanted to clarify that if the Parish Council ceases to be quorate after his retirement then it will still exist but be run by NS until such time that a council can be raised again.

**Cllr Wherrett:** Residents at Walton Bay have agreed that getting a consultant report on traffic should be sought. It was agreed - in the context of Cllr Cannell's report above - that the Parish Council should try to be continued as traffic issues will not be improved otherwise.

#### 050/26 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**. **Walton-in-Gordano Social Committee** - special fete centenary donation towards Fete Marquee costs - **£500.00**. Both payments paid via internet banking and ratified here.

#### 051/26 GOVERNANCE 2

AGAR, 2025-26 accounts and Public Rights notices were approved and signed for publication on the web and notice boards:

- a. Approval of Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2025/26 Form 2
- b. Review of 2025-26 internal auditor's report.
- c. AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26: see Minute 046/26 above.
- d. Approval of AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2026/26
- e. Approval of the 2025-2026 Bank Reconciliation.
- f. External Auditors Conflict of Interest Form

#### 052/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday July 13th 2026.

Please note that AGAR documents referenced at Minutes 046/26 and 051/26 were prepared by the Clerk, Don Hill. Due to a sudden hospitalisation the Clerk was unable to be at the June 8th Parish Council meeting at which several signatures had to be appended. Cllr Claire Flower performed the duties of minute taker and signatory on behalf of the Clerk and this is reflected in the documents published to the noticeboards and the website. The full version of these documents appears on the Finance page at the Council website - [waltoningordanopc.org.uk](http://waltoningordanopc.org.uk).