

## Minutes of the MS Teams Meeting at 6pm on Monday 8th March 2021

*Meetings are held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall unless stated otherwise*

*Nigel Ashton, Ward Cllr & Colin Medus, NSC Liaison Officer attend when possible*

***There are 2 Councillor vacancies - please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming involved***

**Present:** Cllrs Mike Ralston (Chair), Brian Cannell, Rachel Dickinson

**In Attendance:** Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus, Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 0

**021/21 APOLOGIES** - none

**022/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none

**023/21 LAST MEETING MINUTES** - February 8th - were agreed, and reserved for signature.

**024/21 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none

**025/21 PLANNING** - Visit the NSC website for fuller details.

**New: 21/P/0487/FUH & 21/P/0488/LBC** The Manor - replacement of rotted windows. **No objections.**

**Enforcement:** Related planning permission due.

**026/21 PARISH MATTERS**

**7.5 Ton Limits:** Scheme completed.

**Gullies in Walton Street:** Emptying due, but may be delayed.

**Street Light** - The existing wooden pole is rotting. NSC charges for total removal of the light, pole and wiring will be £932.62. A replacement light, repositioned and installed on a new column will cost £1,721.44. Members are minded to recommend complete removal of the light and not replacing it, probably during the 2022-23 budget period. Feedback from residents about this will be welcome. In the meantime the **Clerk will ask NSC if planning permission will have to be sought.**

**20mph Speed Zone Extension:** NSC may be extending the area of new 20mph zones within villages. This is not likely to effect Walton-in-Gordano, as the government's guideline average speed needs to be as low as 24mph for a 20mph zone to be installed. This applies in Weston-in-Gordano because the bends past the parish church force average speeds down. Cllr Ashton will seek some background information re the Weston-in-Gordano speed limit rationale, but it is expected to support the government guidelines. The 20's Plenty Campaign was not picked up by Members as a route for our parish for now at least.

**Walton Street:** Flooding at gateway from the field coming off Walton Down. NSC report being awaited, but the problem does not seem to have worsened. The suspected water leak outside Arodene continues and Cllr Dickinson will check repair status with Bristol Water.

**The Shoot:** There appear to be no further issues.

**Footpaths:** New NSC funding initiative - no proposals for our parish put forward.

**Walton Street - Golf Club Fence:** The 1956 agreement between the Miles Estate and Somerset County Council is with the NSC solicitor to establish maintenance responsibility. Members thought NSC and the Golf Club would cooperate to ensure that clearance of existing overgrowth was not required until new fencing was ready to be installed.

**027/21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Ralston:** Truespeed Broadband have indicated that they will be moving from Clevedon to Portishead via the B3124. It is still likely to be a year before service is available to Walton-in-Gordano.

**Cllr Cannell:** There were roadworks at the Moor Lane B3124 junction for some four days recently, but no one knew what they were for. Colin Medus provided a link to an NSC page that provides details of all roadworks and is accessible to anyone: the webpage address is:

**<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/parking-travel-roads/roads-streets/road-closures-temporary-traffic-management/current-future-roadworks>**

**Cllr Ashton:** Walton Common: Cllr Ashton and the Clerk were copied in to emails about a startling increase in abandoned dog waste on the common. Cllr Ashton copied these emails to Members who noted that the matter was a problem and that the managers of the Common, Avon Wildlife Trust (AWT), were dealing with it. The suggestion of a dog bin outside Hill Cottage was not welcomed, as they do tend to smell unpleasant in hot weather. Perhaps they should be strategically placed on the Common where AWT could arrange for their proper management. A further suggestion that the highway verge on Walton Street might be managed as a wildlife haven was not considered practical.

**028/21 FINANCE**

**2020-21 Accounts:** circulated with the meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

**Cheques:** 797 HMRC Jan/Feb/Mar £112.50

**029/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** via Microsoft Teams, on Monday April 12th 2021 at 6pm.

**The meeting closed at 7.05pm**