

## **Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 0

**4154 APOLOGIES:** Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton,

**4155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**4156 LAST MEETING MINUTES:** (12th Mar) agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

**4157 MATTERS ARISING:** None

### **4158 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No report.

**Traffic:** Cllr Wilyman spoke with NSC's Rob Thomson about traffic issues that gave rise to our Village Gateway plan and stressed the concern of residents, as against the apparent hopelessness of pressing for effective remedial action by NSC and the police. The police, indeed, are perceived as being among the worst culprits when it comes to speeding. All agreed with these concerns and welcomed Cllr Wilyman's intervention.

**SpeedWatch:** NSC radar kit is booked for WalG in May.

### **4159 PLANNING**

**New:** 17/P/5454/FUL Nutshell Cottage WB re-build. Papers did not include a Design and Access Statement. This left the meeting with insufficient information to consider the application in the full context of its surroundings.

**Decision Due:** 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. Site mtg April 9; then 11th April Planning Meeting.

**Granted:** 18/P/2106/FUL Seaway re-build.

### **4160 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**Home Farm Cottage:** Blocked gully pipe to the Brook is with NSC land drainage team.

**Walton Brook: Walton St open section:** Clearance of stream done by residents.

**Potholes:** 1 at Brook Cottage Walton Street - small as yet. The Down Farm Cottage one, done.

**Plants:** Collection and planting of NSC plants to be organised via Cllr Wilyman.

### **4161 OTHER MATTERS**

**Roadworks:** Planning notices up re the 20mph system in Walton Street. **Clerk to seek expected date from NSC.**

### **4162 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Village Gateway, Walton Bay:** Visibility of the Keeper's Drive will be paramount in signage positioning.

**Broadband:** Cllr Ralston checks available information regularly. **He will follow up via NSC.**

**Annual Parish Meeting (see Minute 4164 below):** Possible topics that may arise. **Clerk noted for action.**

### **4163 FINANCE**

**2017-18 Draft Final Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers, and approved prior to audit.

**2017-18 Audit:** Mandatory documentation approved and signed off for audit.

**Cheques:** 757 ALCA £56.31. 758 D Hill re Roy Betts Thank-you £33.49. 759 Hall Hire £9.00

**4164 NEXT MEETING:** **May 14th (PC AGM) at 7pm. Followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.**

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on 11th May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Mike Ralston (Vice Chair), Rachel Dickinson (arrived at 7.20pm), Nigel Wilyman

**In Attendance:** Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 1

*Fred Woodman and Charlie Dunn both passed away recently. They were definite Characters; both quiet, but core to the "community" and real Waltonians. Charlie farmed at Church Farm for some 40 years. Both Charlie and Fred will be much missed.*

### **4165 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Nigel Ashton

### **4166 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The Clerk called for nominations for the posts of Chair and Vice Chair. Councillors Cannell and Ralston were willing to continue in these posts and their appointments were agreed unanimously without a formal vote. Cllr Cannell signed the required annual Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair

### **4167 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllrs Dickinson and Wilyman agreed to continue to represent the Council on the Village Hall Committee.

### **4168 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **4169 LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 9th were agreed and signed by Chair & Clerk.

### **4170 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

None

### **4171 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No crimes reported.

**SpeedWatch:** NSC radar kit now due in June. Last Friday some 1100 cars were monitored in one hour; 15 were reported, with the fastest doing 48mph. SpeedWatch is certainly judged to be slowing traffic through the village.

**20mph Speed Limit on Walton Street:** This was installed today. The aspiration of a 30mph limit at Walton Bay will prove difficult to achieve within current highway criteria, however, the possibility of a 20mph section through The Village along the B3124 may fit within current policies and, as experience of the installed limits in the District accumulates, may come to pass. The Parish Council will be seeking to achieve both, over time.

**4172 PLANNING**

**Decision Due: 17/P/5454/FUL** Nutshell Cottage re-build.

**Granted: 17/P/1339/F** Lorraine Field. Cllr Ashton reported (at the immediately following Annual Parish Meeting) that this has now been passed, subject to the inspection of the levels of bases before properties can be put on them and to suitable screening around the pitches immediately adjacent to and overlooking neighbouring properties.

**4173 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**Home Farm Cottage:** Blocked gully pipe to the Brook is with NSC land drainage team. Due to the age and recent infirmity of the residents, Colin Medus undertook to see if this job could be advanced up the job list. However, he reported that, of a team of 5, there are currently 3 vacancies.

**Flowers** donated by NSC and to be planted out via the Social Club, are due to be available during the first half of June. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Wilyman or, in his absence, with Andrew Francis.

**4174 OTHER MATTERS**

There were no matters discussed under this head.

**4175 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Ralston**

**Broadband:** AvonLine hope to start work on behalf of Gigaclear during 3rd quarter. Subscribers will need to pay some £40-£80 per month depending on the speed selected; there will be a £100 activation fee and a charge of some £130 for a fibre connection from the subscriber's front door to their telephone.

**Gordano Greenway:** Although topological survey is being looked for, there are presently no immediately ongoing developments on this project.

**4176 FINANCE**

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

**Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) Certificate of Exemption:** the decision to certify the Council as exempt was taken, and the Certificate signed. **Clerk to re-submit to external auditor.**

**Cheques: 760** Zurich Insurance £224.00 **761** Hall Hire £15.00 **762** Phil Smith re audit £59.60

**The meeting closed at 7.45pm**

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# MINUTES OF WALTON-IN-GORDANO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM ON MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018

**Present:** Brian Cannell (Chair), Don Hill (Minute Taker), Mike Ralston, Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wilyman, Sue Betts, Elaine Kent, Richard Kent, Henry Kent, Anne Greenhill, Andrew Francis, Nigel Ashton, Felicity Baker

## 4177 APOLOGIES

Colin Medus (NSC Parish Liaison), Rosemary Tucker, Ann Charlesworth, Deb Tovey

## 4178 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MAY 8TH 2017

These were circulated to attendees and approved in June 2017. The matter of speeding Thursday evening motorbikers was dealt with via the Parish Council.

## 4179 MATTERS ARISING

None

## 4180 REPORTS TO THE MEETING

Reports were presented from the Parish Council, St Paul's Church, The WI, The Village Hall Committee, The Social Club, and are attached to form a part of these minutes.

## 4181 DISCUSSION

**Parish Council Finances:** Andrew Francis has noted, at the end of the Chair's Report below, that there is not a clear perception of the financial constraints that measure what the Parish Council can and cannot do. He suggested that a lay explanation of the Council's income, spend and longer term aspirations should go into the Cross Tree Chronicle. All agreed and **Don Hill undertook the task in his role as Parish Clerk.**

**Community Spirit:** Andrew reported that this past year has seen an influx of younger residents taking part in community events. Opportunities should not be missed for the Church, Parish Council, Social Club and other community groups to work closely together as and when it is appropriate.

**The Cross Tree/B3124 Junction:** Anne Greenhill explained the access problems she had at Cross Tree Farm. The possibility of an extended pavement was explained by Rachel Dickinson; this would compel traffic to pass a few feet further out from the Cross Tree Farm gateway and provide better visibility when exiting the property. Nigel Ashton said that some sort of 'roughed-up' surface was the preferred option in such a situation. Various people related experiences of near misses as pedestrians at the junction, and of witnessing cars exiting Walton Street to the right (instead of the left) of the Cross Tree - in the teeth of very often fast traffic swinging into Walton Street without due care and attention. Richard Kent pursued a possibility he has championed before, of a 'Stop' sign at the entry to Walton Street from the Clevedon direction. Nigel Ashton took a note of this discussion and undertook to see if these ideas could be taken forward.

**Cycle Events:** The last Saturday in May - the 26th - sees one of the two annual events passing down Walton Street. Don Hill will, as Clerk to the Parish Council, contact the NSC events team and point out that Walton Street now has a 20mph speed limit on it. There was general agreement that some of the cycling down Walton Street during these events was exceedingly dangerous.

**Broadband:** Elaine Kent queried why the super-fast fibre will be so expensive relative to the existing service. Mike Ralston explained that it offers a hugely significant step up in speed and, if a resident does not feel they need this, they will be at liberty to stay with their existing service. **Mike will check to see if there is an option to include one's landline telephone service within the scheme.**

There were no further topics raised and the Chair thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting and for taking part.

**The meeting closed at 9.15 pm**

## WALTON-IN-GORDANO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 8TH 2018 REPORTS FROM INTEREST GROUPS

### Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council - Brian Cannell, Chair

This last year the Parish Council has dealt with the usual mix of planning, road maintenance and local event issues. As of May 14th, Walton-in-Gordano Parish Councillors are Mr Brian Cannell, Mr Mike Ralston, Mr Nigel Wilyman and Mrs Rachel Dickinson. After discussions, Councillor Brian Cannell was re-elected as Chairman at the May Parish Council AGM. Councillor Mike Ralston was also re-elected as Vice Chair. Councillors Wilyman and Dickinson will represent the PC on the Village Hall management committee. We have no representative on NSC Standards Sub committee. North Somerset Council is regularly represented at the Parish Council meetings Colin Medus. Councillor Nigel Ashton, as Leader of North Somerset Council whilst not able to attend the Parish Council meetings this year his advice and support are valuable resources that the Parish Council greatly appreciates. We continue to work closely with our local police beat manager, PC Jenny Clark, who attends council meetings as her shifts allow, Fortunately, this last year, there have been only a few instances of reported crime in the parish. Neighbourhood watch schemes continue to operate in various parts of the Parish. This year, we have seen a steady influx of planning applications. This may be a sign of improving conditions following a few lean years in the construction industry. After some years of inactivity, Lorraine Field redevelopment has started up again. A number of issues have been raised and are being very closely monitored and dealt with by North Somerset Council planning officers. Broadband Internet speed continues to be a problem with most of the parish. In the last month or so, very welcome news has come that the Fibre Broadband infrastructure provider – Gigaclear – has our village scheduled in for the next tranche of work. We expect this later in the year. There will, of course, be some disruption to roads etc whilst this is going on. The PC will keep everyone updated as we have the information. It must be noted that from our current information, there will be a cost to the home owner if you want to access the fibre and utilise the much faster Broadband speeds available. Councillor Ralston is our expert on this subject. The Gordano Greenway activity has been quiet for most of the last couple of years, but continues to be monitored by Councillor Ralston. Community SpeedWatch. Following a resurgence in interest in the Community SpeedWatch Kevin Edwards is leading a group of volunteers that is developing the activity in the Parish. It has been a challenge to maintain a core of volunteers. If you would like to be involved please contact Kevin. Following a number of discussions a paper ( Road Safety in the Parish of Walton in Gordano – Speed limit and Village Gateway Options) has been formulated to capture a number of initiative ideas to both control the speed of traffic through the parish and also to enhance the look of the Village. This framework document can be used as a basis for future projects. You may have noticed that today physical work started on the 20mph speed limit along Walton Street. We are very thankful to North Somerset for enabling this to progress. On a couple of occasions last year, we saw a massive increase in heavy lorry traffic and significant congestion through the village and valley due to temporary closure of the M5. We have been in consultation with North Somerset and the police on mitigating actions possible in future such instances. It is with sadness that we record the moving away and death of some long term villagers. Earlier this year Rosemary Tucker moved away from Walton. Kevin and Emma Edwards and family also moved but will keep involved with Walton. Tony and Christine Barrow moved, not far away, to Weston in Gordano. We also record the passing of Fred Woodman, and a couple of weeks ago Charlie Dunn, who for many years ran Church Farm in Walton. Charlie's funeral is tomorrow at St Pauls. We pass on our condolences to Fred and Charlie's families. **Finance.** The Budget for 2018/19 was set during the January 2018 Parish Council meeting at £3250. After including provisions for future election expenses (£300) and capital expenditure (£800) the amount of the precept from North Somerset was £4350. We continue to be in the cheapest 1/3 of all parishes in North Somerset by precept. I would like to thank those who have shown an interest in the Parish and it's Council over the last year and encourage those who have yet to do so. Finally, on behalf of the Parish, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors: Mr Mike Ralston, Mr Nigel Wilyman and Mrs Rachel Dickinson - not forgetting the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Don Hill - for their hard work and support over the last year.

### North Somerset Council - Nigel Ashton, Ward Councillor and Leader of North Somerset Council

Planning for the **development of Lorraine Field** has now been passed, subject to the inspection of the levels of bases before homes can be put on them and to suitable screening around the pitches immediately adjacent to and overlooking neighbouring properties (pitches 3 & 5). **The Walton Street 20mph speed restriction** was installed today. It was delayed so that it could be done at the same time as using the jet-patcher to repair the highway surface before laying down road markings. The experiment in Clapton was analysed as the basis for developing a policy relating to 20mph limits through villages - basically through their 'core' area. Some of these schemes can be controversial, but when they settle in, they do appear to effect a real reduction in average speed levels over those that pertained before. A possible 20mph scheme in the central 'Village' section of the B3124 may be a possibility once schemes across the District have provided some more significant analysis. **Super-fast Broadband** is now confirmed to be introduced to the Parish during the 3rd quarter - July-September 2018. Subscribers will need to pay some £40-£80 per month depending on the speed selected; there will be a £100 activation fee and a charge of some £130 for a fibre connection from the subscriber's front door to their telephone. Originally the Parish was not included in the fast broadband rollout at all. However, an injection of cash from central government and North Somerset Council has led to the imminent service provision. **North Somerset Council's financial constraints** have been well ruminated over during the past few years, during which they have been working to effect savings needed due to a decrease in central government funding. Many councils have 'left it to the last minute' and are now facing significantly more appalling funding issues than we are. However, rigorous as the NSC process has necessarily been, each year the carefully laid financial plan becomes distorted - by inflation, growth in service demand, stretched service providers. This is now seriously impacting the District's ability to ring-fence the most critical of services - social, highways, waste etc. **Road repairs** are a highly visible area of NSC performance. Often asked, is why a road has to be completely closed for repair: it proves to be significantly quicker, ergo cumulatively less stressful to road users. Under financial pressure, an understandable bias towards caring for urban highway issues has been balanced by a realisation that rural areas must have their roads 'kept up to scratch'. Financial provision has been building to that end. **The The Housing Plan** has come into public notice via the proposed Vale villages project in the Green Belt at Ashton Vale. This site is in North Somerset, but because it is on the border with Bristol, the City has rights of access in the form of 50% of resident placement in its affordable housing provision. This means North Somerset will have to house 900 Bristol families - at North Somerset's cost - rather than being able to house 900 families from its own waiting list. These realities make green belt management significantly more complex than they appear to be at first look. **The Green Belt** is a significant challenge for NSC, given the

persistent and ever increasing central government pressure for more housing provision. Commercial developers hold banks of land - and planning permissions - for building: their core motive for actually building, however, is the ability to sell the resulting homes for the optimum price. This commercial reality stretches Local Government planning strategies to the limit. Local Authorities have to plan for what must be: developers plan for what, optimally, they can profit by. This leads to 'bits and pieces' development by developers. Local authorities have to plan for infrastructure essentials like school, doctor's surgeries, and the like, developers can, within their property and permissions portfolio, build what they want, where they want, for profit, with scant regard for social responsibility. NSC are aspiring to conduct a green belt consultation with its parishes to develop a vision of what those parishes want, in terms of development, for their particular areas. The hope is that a plan can emerge that includes the green belt in the realities of progress, recognises the need for social cohesion - keeping communities together - and creates a green belt that is 'dynamic' rather than 'frozen'. **Waste collections** are changing in June. The new waste contract has had many bedding-in issues. The forward plan, taking effect from June 4th, will result in waste crews working the same areas every week: getting to know their areas and the peculiarities and needs of those areas. Don Hill raised the issue of Assisted Collections, about which, as Parish Clerk, he has received a complaint. These are handled on an integrated or special basis, according to the location. Nigel and Don agreed to keep abreast of problems that may arise as the new system rolls out.

#### **St Paul's Church - Sue Betts, Church Warden**

This year we have had everything from an opera evening to hunting around the village for visiting aliens. The highlight of the year was our flower festival which fortunately landed on the three only truly summer days in the whole of August. Coupled with the very successful Open Gardens organised by Emma Edwards and the village social committee on Bank Holiday Monday we had a record breaking weekend with the funds raised divided between the church and churchyard funds.

Our charity fund-raising was also reported on: charities supported ranging from Mission to Seamen to our sponsored Uganda child. The World Toilet Day celebration not only results in further toilet twinning of a whole toilet block in Uganda but also was featured in our local paper. We have had two new members of our clergy teams Revd Caroline Sackley and Revd. Martin Little and what fantastic addition they have been added to our already Premiership team. Noel became an Honorary Canon at Wells Cathedral, it was truly memorable to witness a celebration whose origins dated by many centuries. The quinquennial inspection of the church structure was carried out on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 but we did not receive the report until December. There are only two items in the report which require immediate attention: the fixing of the tower ladders and the filling of a gap in the flooring next the pews on the right hand side. Many of the problems pointed out have already been rectified by the redecoration of the interior of the church and doesn't it look good. Fund raising for roof repairs will be our focus in 2019. Work on the servery started after the decoration was completed. Thanks to our many very generous supporters we have only had to pay out £120 towards this project; that for the water heater. We are truly blessed by all have made this possible and we send our sincere thanks to them all. We are looking in 2018 to make our churchyard self-sustaining. Doesn't Kevin do a wonderful job looking after our churchyard and we want it to stay that way, a place of rest for our whole community. So we have introducing our Guardian Angel Appeal, asking for a £1 a week donation to our churchyard fund. You will then become a Guardian Angel and receive one of these special mouse mascots. We are looking forward to all kinds of events in this coming year including our Royal Wedding celebration on Sunday starting a 11.15am with a service using hymns and readings from the wedding on the previous day followed by our Garden Party, Street Party well some kind of party. Please join us, we've going to have fun.

#### **Walton in Gordano Women's Institute - Rosemary Tucker, President**

Our membership remains constant and once again our years program has been very interesting and enjoyable. We have had outings, social events and good speakers, thank you to our members who organise these. We are now 88 years old, meeting in the village hall every third Thursday afternoon at 2-30 and would welcome any women who would like to join us for an afternoon of interest, fun and friendship.

#### **Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall - Deb Tovey, Chair**

2017 was another busy year for the Village Hall. It continues to be hired regularly, despite the fact that, unfortunately, the possibility of having a car park next to the Hall has, yet again, been put on hold. Last year I reported that there had been damage to the wood panelling in the Hall from an over-exuberant table tennis player. After having approached several DIY people without success to get it repaired, Kevin Edwards repaired it, having taken on the job of DIY man. We thank Kevin for all that he did before moving out of the Village. However, not very long after the wood panelling was repaired, a different table tennis player smashed his bat into the wall but this time it was into the asbestos panelling. This necessitated a repair by a professional asbestos company but was paid by the offender. Another, minor, area of damage that appeared after the first one, was repaired at the same time but had to be paid from Hall funds. The Hall is currently in good repair and we look forward to its continued use by the local community in 2018.

#### **Walton-in-Gordano Social Club - Andrew Francis, Chair**

The current Chair of the Walton-in-Gordano Social Club is Andrew Francis and he is supported by a great group of 12 villagers who form the committee, probably the healthiest situation for a number of years in terms of volunteers and support. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with events and activities in particular the annual village fete. The club has once again arranged and hosted a number of events in the village over the last 12 months. This has included the Christmas Quiz Night with Cheese Supper, the 2017 Fete and for the first time this year the "Walton Arms" pub night - a BYO evening in the hall with traditional pub games and a chance to chat, it was a fantastic evening and something we hope to repeat later in the year. We also bought, for the village, several sets of Christmas lights which were put up on the Cross Tree, Village Hall, Church Farm and at the Bay. This seemed to encourage a number of villagers to improve their own displays and we hope that this will continue in 2018. This initiative was greatly helped by an anonymous donation of £100 towards the cost from someone who lives in the village which was very much appreciated. We have recently been given permission to put some flower planters up on the Village Hall wall and have also received a donation of unwanted planters from another villager. We hope to establish some floral displays throughout the village in the coming months. As a result of these events we have once again donated large cash sums to both the Church and Village Hall. We retain a balance of funds which is used to arrange and fund the annual fete and which is also available to support other village events, clubs or activities and we are happy to receive requests for funding. We have continued to run the Village newsletter, the Cross Tree Chronicle which has proved to be a very welcome and successful addition to our village.

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**NOTE: There were no meetings in either June or July**

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

**In Attendance:** Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance: 0**

*Before the meeting started, Richard Kent outlined to members his proposals for maintaining the wide verge on the B3124 coming into the centre of the village from the Portishead direction - from around the 30mph sign to Sandstone Cottages. This followed from him not being able to make this contribution last year when Council discussions were just starting; at the time his hedging contractor was on site. Members agreed to discuss the proposal under Parish Maintenance, below. Richard left before the meeting started, but before he left, did express a concern that the recently introduced 20mph speed limit did not yet appear to be producing a reduction of speeds up to Church Farm/the Church entrance.*

**4182 APOLOGIES** Cllr Nigel Ashton

**4183 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None

**4184 LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the May 14th Parish Council AGM and meeting and of the Annual Parish Meeting were agreed and signed by Chair & Clerk. *(The June & July meetings were cancelled).*

**4185 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** None

**4186 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Police:** No crimes reported to date. New Police contact PCSO Haley Hembery

**SpeedWatch:** The new police approved site at the Plumtree Cottage field gate is working well and can be used in both directions. The electronic speed recorder has been on loan from NSC during the summer, and has been used at various locations on the B3124. It has recorded 80,000 drivers breaking the speed limit over 65 days (this just in a single direction!): this an average of some 1200 per day. This kit does not record the actual speeds like the police and full NSC kits do. During SpeedWatch team's next loan period, they will seek some sites along the Coast Road for a similar exercise.

**4187 PLANNING**

**New Applications: Lorraine Field - 18/P/4021/FUL** Application to vary condition 21 of decision 17/P/1339/F so that work can start at the bottom of the site and move up, rather than being pre-set by the completion of plots 1 & 3 (at the top of the site) first :

*'21. No caravan shall be sited on any of the caravan bases hereby approved unless and until the caravan bases on Plots 1 and 3 have been inspected by the local planning authority and confirmed that the bases are at or below the levels, shown on the approved plans Drawing no. 11/309/52/P2: Site Levels and Sections. Reason: To ensure that the caravan bases do not exceed the agreed height as shown on the approved plans, so that no caravan is overbearing and that there is no overlooking and loss of privacy for the neighbouring occupiers to the site and in accordance with policy CS12 of the North Somerset Core Strategy and policy DM32 of the North Somerset Sites and Policies Plan - Part 1.'*

Members understood the reasoning behind wanting to complete the pitches on this very steep site from the bottom up and to place the mobile homes as the work progressed upwards from the Cliff Path to the Coast Road. However, renewal of homes will have to take place over time, after site completion, so machinery access will have to **be** possible after completion of the site. Members registered a real concern that if the demanded levels for the bases of plots 1 & 3 were not achievable by the time the lower level work was done, the developer could argue the case for working to the levels that **were** possible, even if they were higher than those agreed to on the plans. Perhaps the only realistic condition to impose if the variation request is granted is that, if the agreed levels for plots 1 & 3 are not achievable when work on them is due to start, they should not be allowed to be built. **Clerk to pass these thoughts to NSC Planning.**

**Granted:** With no June or July meetings, members were e-mailed details of these applications. There were no objections. **18/P/3293/TRCA** Old Rectory House Conifer. **18/P/3036/FUH** School House extension. **17/P/5454/FUL** Nutshell Cottage re-build. **18/P/3596/TRCA** Manor House Tree

#### 4188 PARISH MAINTENANCE

**Home Farm Cottage:** Blocked gully pipe to the Brook is with NSC land drainage team. This has been an agenda item for many months now and **Colin Medus has agreed to pursue it again with the appropriate team. Cllr Ashton also agreed with the residents, during one of his parish visits, to follow the matter up.**

**B3124/Walton Street Junction:** white-lining and no entry sign in place and much welcomed.

**Possible 20mph along B3124 through Village:** Cllr Ralston is concerned to keep this possibility live, particularly given its introduction on the same road through Weston-in-Gordano. Other members agreed, and felt it may be even more appropriate to Walton, given that the S-bend that forms the focus of the village tends to be treated more like an event chicane than a highway hazard. Colin Medus explained that any progress on this that may be possible could only come after the full roll out of currently planned limits has been completed and the results analysed. Members are also acutely aware of the need to continue pressing for a 30mph limit along the Coast Road, particularly with 14 more homes due at the difficult Lorraine Field exit.

**Village Gateway Preparation:** Proposal for Richard Kent to clear the wide verge on the B3124 coming into the centre of the village from the Portishead direction - from around the 30mph sign to Sandstone Cottages. Richard would clear ash saplings (around £100) and his hedging contractor would then mow the area as he works on the adjacent hedge (around £100). Members agreed that they will want Richard to proceed with this work and the Clerk confirmed that there was provision in the Parish Maintenance budget to pay for it. Richard will need to know, soon, what the Council requirement is, so the **Clerk to so inform Richard now and the decision - being about an item not specifically on the agenda - to be ratified at the October 2018 meeting.**

#### 4189 OTHER MATTERS

**GDPR compliance:** the three items below, in this minute had been pre-circulated for Member scrutiny.

1. To adopt the items listed: The GDPR Data Map; The Data Protection Policy; The Subject Access Request Procedure; The Data Breach Policy, The Records Retention Policy; The Privacy Notices. All items adopted and to be filed as part of the annually reviewed Governance documentation.
2. To receive completed Security Compliance Checklists from all Councillors. Completed signed and dated by all Members.
3. To ratify the agreed decision that the Clerk register the council with ICO and instigate the annual payment direct debit as at item 10 below. Decision ratified.

#### 4190 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Wyliman:**

**B3124 Speed Calming:** What might be possible on the B3124 towards Portishead from the Cross Tree? Would White line edge-painting help to reduce speed by giving the impression that the road is narrower? It was done before and appeared to work.

**Defibrillator Positioning:** A defibrillator is about to be purchased via a Roy Betts Memorial donation and Social Club funds. The Clerk has received an enquiry about its possible positioning in the now disused 'phone box. But this does not belong to the Parish and the Miles Estate are keen for it to be removed - for closely argued and minuted reasons. The space where the box currently sits would be ideal, of course. The Social Committee will be developing ideas at its next meeting and will need to approach the Estate if the 'phone box location is to be a possibility.

**Parish Maintenance:** We tried two days use of Adrian Leonard's services last year, which were in themselves a success, but were somewhat overshadowed by Natural England following through with a wholesale clearance of their area of Moor Lane. **Clerk to see how many more days can be worked into the 2019-20 budget so that more thorough and effective use can be made of this service.**

**Brighton Cottages to Golf Course Footpath:** This always used to be cleared and has, over recent years, become virtually impassable. Clerk has already discussed with NSC's Footpaths Officer following an earlier complaint. **Clerk to follow up on this again; also to put link to NSC footpaths map on website.**

**Flowers:** The flowers donated by Glendale via NSC have proved a great boon. Clerk confirmed that they have been available once a year - around May - for several years now and hopefully will be again next May.

**Rubbish in Rhyne in Cassie's Field Gateway:** Clerk to contact Miles Estate about this as it is off the highway.

**Portishead Triathlon:** It appears the new 20mph speed limit was not adhered to by this event as its cycling competitors passed down Walton Street. No other complaints have been received, but **Clerk to follow up the speed limit issue with the NSC Events Team.**

**Cllr Ralston:**

**Broadband:** It appears there may be a hitch in getting this much needed service into the Village. If this is so, and the suppliers cut us out of the loop there will be a huge outcry among residents. This especially so, given the huge amount of pressure and publicity that has been put into promoting the need, the consequent eager expectation of a service being imminent, and the future need of such a service being as much a pre-requisite of being able to sell one's house as a telephone service is today. **Members were grateful to Cllr Ralston for keeping closely in touch with the contractors and registered a concern that any hitch - be it real or imagined - be certainly and quickly overcome - work is timetabled to start within weeks.**

**4191 FINANCE**

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

**ICO Direct Debit:** Payment form - £35 pa (discounted from £40 by using DD payment) signed.

**Cheques:** **763** HMRC PAYE Apr/May/June £88.20 (*signed and paid in July*) **764** HMRC PAYE Jul/Aug/Sep £88.20 **765** Hall Hire £9.00

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**

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**WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL**

Walton-in-Gordano - Walton Down - Walton Bay

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## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 0

**4192 APOLOGIES** Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison)

**4193 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None

**4194 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (September 10th 2018) were agreed, and signed by Chair & Clerk.

**4195 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** None

### **4196 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**SpeedWatch:** Cllr Wilyman said the NSC VAS machine had now moved to another parish. We had use of it for 95 days, during which time 95,264 drivers were recorded as having broken the speed limit - about 1,000 per day. It sounds a lot; but in percentage terms it is deemed an average proportion of the total traffic movements. Police are being supportive of the SpeedWatch effort by mounting more speed checks of their own than they have done hitherto.

### **4197 PLANNING**

**New: 18/P4276/FUL** Lorraine Field: the final plot - 15 - has been recently purchased by the applicant, who seeks permission for the engineering work need to integrate it into the already approved scheme for 14 pitches. Notwithstanding the concerns aired re the levels of pitches, members had no cause not to support this logical concluding element of the the scheme. **Clerk to so report to NSC. 18/P/4346/FUH** The Nutshell Erection of 1800mm larch boundary fence along the road-fronting boundary. No objections. **Clerk to so report to NSC.**

**Decision Due: Lorraine Field - 18/P/4021/FUL** to vary condition 21 of decision 17/P/1339/F

### **4198 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**Home Farm Cottage:** Gully confirmed as cleared in still overflowing. Cllr Ashton following up post two recent parish visits.

**Village Gateway Preparation:** Verge work in hand via Church Farm.

**B3124 Speed Calming:** White line edge-painting on B3124 from Cross Tree towards Portishead has proved effective in the past. **Clerk to pursue the possibility with NSC.**

**Arodene to Golf Course Footpath:** This has not been routinely cut. This year was exceptional and NSC did some cutting back while investigating the Clerk's earlier enquiry. There are not funds or staff to add it to the routine job schedule.

**Public Footpaths:** The following information is now on the website noticeboard:

Visit <http://map.n-somerset.gov.uk/dande.html>. Click public rights of way box to left of map and zoom in to your required location

**Moor Lane - Rubbish in Rhyme at Cassie's Gate:** Off the highway. Estate notified.

**Portishead Triathlon:** There are not realistically enforceable speed limits for cycles.

**4199 OTHER MATTERS** None

#### **5000 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Dickinson** received a complaint about **sewage** smells in the area of the open Walton Brook section on Walton Street. With individual systems playing up periodically, this happens in an area not connected to the main sewage system. Members will monitor the matter.

**Cllr Ralston** re **broadband**. Contractual issues re the installers seeking to run their cabling across private land, rather than via the highway may shortly be resolved, hopefully without delaying the planned work. *(Clerk's note: the day following the meeting, issues emerged from the main contractor that may lead to a revised - delayed - timetable of work; more information is awaited).*

**Cllr Wilyman** reported that, yet again, Village Hall patrons - *again* re a children's party - are **parking on the main road** rather than on Moor Lane. Our Hall representatives will press for stronger parking protocols and the **Clerk will write to the Hall Committee to again stress the danger of this particular parking practice**. **Weed control** is absent since NSC stopped their spraying of curbs and pavements. Cllr Wilyman undertook to clear the areas immediately around the Cross Tree as a contribution to improving matters.

**Cllr Cannell** reported the 30mph roundel at Plumtree is overgrown. **Clerk undertook to clear this.**

#### **5001 FINANCE**

**2019-20 Budget:** The Chair reminded members of the need to reflect on this and be ready to feed ideas to the Clerk at the November meeting, so that a draft budget can be prepared for the December meeting prior to final draft approval in January.

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

**Cheques: 766** Hall Hire £6.00

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

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**WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL**

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website: [waltoningordanopc.org.uk](http://waltoningordanopc.org.uk)**Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall****Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Mike Ralston, Nigel Wilyman**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)**Public Attendance:** 0**5002 APOLOGIES** Cllr Rachel Dickinson, Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison)**5003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Cannell re Old Rectory House planning application - family friend**5004 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (October 8th 2018) were agreed, and signed by Chair & Clerk.**5005 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** None**5006 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT** No reports**5007 PLANNING****New: 18/P/4638/FUH & 18/P/4639/LBC** Old Rectory House Erection of a single storey rear sun room.  
**18/P/4658/FUH** Castle View Walton Bay Single storey side extension. **No objections to either.****Decisions Due: Lorraine Field - 18/P/4021/FUL** to vary condition 21 of decision 17/P/1339/F. **18/P/4276/FUL** Lorraine Field plot 15. **18/P/4346/FUH** Nutshell fence**5008 PARISH MAINTENANCE****Moor Lane-End Gully on B3124 at Rear of Home Farm Cottage:** Investigation done. Highway may need digging up to cure blockage problem.**Village Gateway Preparation:** Verge work will be done with Church Farm hedging work.**B3124 Speed Calming:** White line edging, towards Portishead. **Clerk pursuing with NSC.****Moor Lane - Rubbish in Rhyne at Cassie's Gate (4 Acres):** Cleared by estate.**Village Hall Car Parking:** New notice has gone up; hirers reminded of the Moor Lane parking option.**B3124 30mph Plumtree Roundel** overgrowth too high for Clerk to reach. **He to ask Estate to clear.****5009 OTHER MATTERS****Broadband:** Cllr Ralston explained the problems of the main contractor, Gigaclear, in terms of its management of the project, and its appointment of Carillion as main sub-contractor. Presuming the resultant issues can be sorted out, completion of the phase 2 roll-out may be delayed to June 2022: <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-gigaclear-joint-stakeholder-briefing/> tells the full story. A summary of the report from Connecting Devon and Somerset is attached to these minutes.**Meetings Calendar & Hall Booking 2019-20:** agreed (and passed to Hall Booking Secretary post meeting)**5010 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS****Cllr Wilyman:** SpeedWatch is going well. A recent stint registered 14 offenders (one at 50mph). There is a sense that speed is being reduced through the Village since SpeedWatch began.**5011 FINANCE****2019-20 Budget:** A new public light contract via EDF means the first cost increase for four years. Parish Maintenance to increase. Draft proposals to be available in December, for approval in January.**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.**Cheques:** 767 Hall Hire £6.00**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

## **FASTER BROADBAND - THE LATEST UPDATE**

### **The Gigaclear contract with Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) & the Government approving agency Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK)**

#### **Summary by DH of a CDS Stakeholder Briefing dated 9th /November 2018**

(For the full text visit: <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-gigaclear-joint-stakeholder-briefing/>)

**Introduction:** CDS is a subsidised rural broadband programme connecting harder-to-reach communities, where commercial companies will not operate. CDS phase one started in 2013, with BT Openreach connecting fibre to their roadside cabinets and using existing copper wires from the cabinet to the property. Properties more remote from a cabinet needed new networks - CDS phase two. In July 2015, five of six contracts on offer went to Gigaclear, of Abingdon, and demanded connections of at least 30mbps download speed.

**Gigaclear's appointment of Carillion telnet and the fall-out from its collapse:** For this huge contract Gigaclear appointed a main contractor - Carillion-telnet - to deliver all aspects of it, including design, survey, securing way leaves, construction, build and commissioning. With everyone managing the fallout from the Carillion liquidation, Gigaclear brought in smaller contractors, so that work could begin. Without a main contractor, subcontractors were not always effectively managed, leading to some poor work, problems with Highways Authorities, and further delays. The previously successful Gigaclear build methodology was proving unsuitable on Devon and Somerset roads and lanes where the absence of verges on many stretches was exposing a capacity problem. It had not sufficiently resourced the local teams with wayleave officers, and instead resorted to digging in roads rather than trenching across fields, escalating their costs and slowing progress. They were running the contract remotely from Abingdon and were slow to recognise the need for a fundamental change of approach, repeatedly assuring CDS that its roll-out would be delivered by the summer of 2020 as planned.

**Takeover by Infracapital:** In May 2018, Gigaclear was bought by one of its main investors, Infracapital, an infrastructure investment specialist. New leadership and investment was brought in, and a root and branch review of each contract begun. It was clear that the build timescales were not going to be met, and by September 2018 CDS notified Gigaclear that it believed them to be in default on three of its five contracts. CDS demanded remedial plans to get the broadband roll-out back on track with a revised and credible timetable. Gigaclear now has an office in Taunton to manage the CDS contracts. The local team has grown from 4 to 40, and growing. Gigaclear has re-developed its plans and aims to provide the originally specified broadband service. The plans are not yet robust enough and CDS continues to withhold payment to Gigaclear who remain on notice of default. CDS demand assurances on capacity, resources, investment and robust timetables. The plans must also be permissible in law against the original procurement requirements and be State-Aid compliant. Currently, Government funding must be spent by March 2020. CDS is exploring with BDUK and other funders the potential for extending this funding spend-date. Within a few weeks we should know the outcome of all this. In the meantime Gigaclear continues to build at risk. This includes completing the first community areas planned under the contracts and completing survey work for the next wave of communities.

## Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Mike Ralston (Vice-Chair & Meeting Chair), Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wilyman

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 0

**5012 APOLOGIES** Cllr Brian Cannell, NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison),

**5013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None

**5014 LAST MEETING MINUTES** (November 12th 2018) were agreed, and signed by Meeting Chair & Clerk.

**5015 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** None

**5016 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Speedwatch:** The regular sessions continue have the effect of slowing traffic through the Village. The police have also conducted some speed checks.

**5017 PLANNING**

**Decisions Due: Lorraine Field - 18/P/4021/FUL** to vary condition 21 of decision 17/P/1339/F. **18/P/4346/FUH** Nutshell fence. **18/P/4638/FUH** & **18/P/4639/LBC** Old Rectory House sun room. **18/P/4658/FUH** Castle View Walton Bay Single storey side extension.

**Approved: 18/P/4276/FUL** Lorraine Field plot 15.

**5018 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**End Gully on B3124 at Rear of Home Farm Cottage:** Camera investigation done. Work plan awaited.

**Village Gateway Preparation:** Verge work done. Gateway to be funded via 2019-20 budget - see Minute 5021 below

**B3124 Speed Calming:**

Summary of NSC response re white line edging, to Portishead as under:

*The positioning of speed limit signs at either end of the village do not comply with current Government guidance for the installation of a 30mph speed limit. As a visual message to drivers that they are in a village, a measure of density is needed to give some minimum standard as to the frequency of the houses over the extent of the speed limit. On the basis of the minimum number of houses and length of speed limit, an average density of at least 3 houses per 100 metres over the extent of the 30mph speed limit is recommended. This minimum density should generally also apply for each 100m section, but particularly for the first 100 metres of the speed limit at each end of the village, to reinforce the visual message for drivers. This recommended measure of density, over which the speed limit should apply, should be reserved to cover the main body of the village only. The signs to the east of the village are some 241 metres from the main body of the village and to the west 56 metres. At Weston-in-Gordano the signs were relocated to fit this criteria, which had a positive impact of driver behaviour. If sign relocation is not an option, speed readings (£210 each) within the present and 'ideal' sign positions would indicate what actual speeds are. If the speed reading indicates compliance with a 30 limit lining or gateways would be sufficient: if they do not, then in order to maintain the 30 limits locations we should implement traffic calming measures to force drivers to comply with the speed limit, this could be in the form of Road Humps, Narrowings, VAS plus gateways and signing and lining. Alternatively the 30 signs could be repositioned and a buffer speed limit of 40mph installed (at the present easterly 30 sign and 100 yards further west than the present westerly 30 sign). This would be supported by additional lining similar to that on the approach to the speed limit in Weston-in-Gordano.*

Members discussed this issue and concurred with the key points circulated by Cllr Cannell. It appears that formal traffic calming measures such as white verge lines at the Village entrance points will result in the moving of the 30mph speed limit significantly closer to 'where the gateways start' rather than

relating to 'where the Village starts'. The issue is particularly significant at the Portishead end: it will negate efforts to make the gateway to Hackswood safer, and take away the possibility of speed checks by Plum Tree Cottage towards Portishead as the checks would be outside of the new 30mph limit.  
*Clerk to relay this to NSC.*

**B3124 30mph Plumtree Roundel** Currently visible.

## 5019 OTHER MATTERS

**Broadband:** Cllr Ralston provided digests of the current problems at Gigaclear and of the TrueSpeed offer. There are continuing uncertainties re a revised Gigaclear timetable. The Gigaclear expectation for our area is to announce the spine installation (will this be down the B3124?) in January 2019, with plans for the spurs off this spine being announced in April 2019. Connecting Devon and Somerset, for whom Gigaclear are the main contractors, continue to support these plans, and continue to believe the completion timetable by the end of 2020 to be achievable.

Given that TrueSeed, uniquely, offer fibre to the home via leases on Western Power and BT poles rather than via underground excavation, they reckon to connect homes with about six months of work starting. There is no up front cost from the community, but TrueSpeed will not commit to starting a community installation until they have a sign-up of 30% of that community to the project. We are not clear as to the minimum size or housing density of 'that community'. The consumer commitment is to an 18 month fixed price contract at £47.50 per month, which includes broadband at a full upload and download of 200mb/s (the full 1000mb/s will be available at a higher monthly cost) and a telephone line, which can carry the customer's existing telephone number. The Village Hall (and a school if there is one) are provided with a free service. TrueSpeed are a local company, based in Keynsham. They have some £75million of backing, which includes involvement from Aviva. Several surrounding parishes are signed up or fully operational. It appears that, given the size of our community, neither option is going to provide us with a 'quick fix'. *Clerk will put a piece about this alternative broadband offer in the January Cross Tree Chronicle and on website.*

**TrueSpeed will attend the January 14th meeting to explain their fibre-to-the-home broadband service - an alternative to Gigaclear: the more residents who can attend the better.**

## 5020 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No Cllrs reports

## 5021 FINANCE

**2019-20 Budget:** Members in noting the draft for preliminary discussion, accepted the external heads such as insurance, hall fees etc. They noted the three heads below for specific comment. The draft budget will be formally discussed at the January meeting. Notes on the figures are as below. The electronic precept data is awaited from NSC before a formal draft can be prepared.

**Clerk's pay:** *This draft indicates £11.77 per hour. Local comparison and the new national scales indicate £14 per hour. The meeting was minded to pay the Clerk the £14 they felt was deserved.*

**Village Gateway:** *The B3124 gateways are provided for - Clerk to seek formal quotes and to our Parish Maintenance contact for a quote to erect.*

**Solsoft:** *Solsoft are looking to see if they can reduce their fees to less than cost in order to help the PC's budgetary constraints.*

*Clerk to prepare alternative scenarios for the January meeting, to take account of these notes.*

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers and noted.

**Cheques:** 768 HMRC re PAYE £88.20 769 Hall Hire £9.00

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

**In Attendance:** Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 7

**001/19 APOLOGIES** NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton

**002/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Cannell is the immediate next door neighbour re planning application 18/F/4971/FUH. Cllr Ralston's company Solsoft provides the Council's internet service.

**003/19 LAST MEETING MINUTES** - December 10th - were agreed and signed by Vice-Chair & Clerk.

**004/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** none

### **005/19 BROADBAND**

#### **Truespeed Fibre-to-the-Home Service - A Presentation by Andy Moore**

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Recent meeting papers have included a digest of the current problems at Gigaclear. There are continuing uncertainties in relation to a revised Gigaclear timetable. Given that Truespeed, uniquely, offer fibre to the home via leases on Western Power and BT poles rather than via underground excavation, they reckon to connect homes within about six months of work starting. There is no up front cost from the community, but TrueSpeed will not commit to starting a community installation until they have a sign-up of 30% of that community to the project. The consumer commitment is to an 18 month fixed price contract at £47.50 per month, which includes broadband at a full 200mb/s, up and down (potential for 1000mb/s), and a telephone line, which can carry the customer's existing telephone number. The school (if there is one) and Village Hall are provided with a free service. In the absence of a school, the possibility was raised of the Church being included instead.

In signing up, you commit to taking the Truespeed service, only so long as they provide that service within 6 months of your sign up. Their service will not reach us for another year to eighteen months, so nothing is lost by signing up! We need as many sign-ups as possible in order to get us on the Truespeed work schedule, and if the CDS/Gigaclear service does come through and is earlier, then, again, nothing is lost. Our neighbours in Kenn went through this sign up process and they are now likely to 'go live' by the end of the year - so the more people who sign up, the sooner we can expect to receive a genuinely fast broadband service.

TrueSpeed are a local company, based in Keynsham. They have some £75million of backing, which includes involvement from Aviva. Several surrounding parishes are signed up or fully operational. **Clerk will put a piece about this alternative broadband offer in the February Cross Tree Chronicle and on the website.**

### **006/19 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Road Safety:** at the 'from Clevedon' Cross Tree junction, Cllr Wilyman and his dog were recently caught between the Cross Tree Farm wall and a car that came from the B3124 into Walton Street without slowing to observe the circumstances pertaining in the road being entered. Cllr Wilyman fell, blooded, and with broken glasses. The motorist stopped, verbally abused him, then drove off. For a third time, the recently installed 20mph sign at the junction has been hit and turned so as to be out of a drivers vision, presumably by large vehicles taking the corner too tightly. As a daily user of the

Village road system Cllr Wilyman was palpably exhausted by his frustration at neither highway regulations nor police enforcement being able to contribute any semblance of order to the ever increasing chaos that appears the norm of modern-day 'pre-occupied' driving. Several possible easements in favour of safety on this corner arose from discussion. Designation of Quiet Lane status to Walton Street : Extension of the raised pavement from the Cross Tree Farm gateway to the junction (this was substituted, during recent improvements, by road painting, which motorists tend to ignore) : installation of 'single track' signage to indicate the narrowness of Walton Street : 7.5 ton weight limit, which includes an 'only-for-access' caveat. *Colin Medus undertook to explore options and report back and to see if a secure solution to the movement of the 20mph sign can be implemented.*

#### 007/19 PLANNING

**New: 18/F/4971/FUH** Drovers Brook, Moor Lane. Erection of single storey extension. This item was circulated to Members in December and the following passed to NSC planning: *"Comment; to support the application. Given that historical planning inconsistencies are too far back to attract enforcement, the present structure is a discreet and comfortable part of the local scene. The present application enhances the existing structure and is well screened from Moor Lane, the only point where there would be any visual impact. Members do not feel competent to offer opinions on those technical aspects of the proposal more properly the remit of the NSLIDB."* This was agreed as the minute re this application.

**Decisions Due: Lorraine Field - 18/P/4021/FUL** to vary condition 21 of 17/P/1339/F. **18/P/4346/FUH** Nutshell fence.

**Granted: 18/P/4638/FUH & 18/P/4639/LBC** Old Rectory House sun room. **18/P/4658/FUH** Castle View side extension.

#### 008/19 PARISH MAINTENANCE

**End Gully at Rear of Home Farm Cottage:** Camera investigation done. Work plan awaited. *Colin undertook to follow up the job's status on the work programme.*

**Village Gateway Preparation:** *Clerk to seek quote for gate(s), and erection by Adrian Leonard.*

**Somerset Stones in Walton Street:** two broken. *Clerk to investigate and report to NSC.*

#### 009/19 OTHER MATTERS

**Bristol Airport:** WalG is not directly impacted by the proposed expansion, except by noise from aircraft descents from the North. Parishes nearer airport will be pro-active in commenting on the increase of night flights and pressures on the road infrastructure, carbon footprints etc.

#### 010/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS None

#### 011/19 FINANCE

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers, review and noted.

**2019-20 Budget:** Draft was pre-circulated. It was reviewed, with Cllr Ralston explaining the charging structure underlying the (heavily subsidised) website costs, which include two domain names and five email addresses. Approval was proposed by Cllr Cannell, seconded by Cllr Ralston, and unanimously agreed. The approved budget is attached as part of these minutes.

**Cheques: 770** R Kent sapling clearance re Village Gate **771** A C Harris Ground clearance re village gate £87.60 **772** Hall Hire £6.00

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

# WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET

1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020 Precept £4804

Expenses >>>	Clerk	Clrk/Clr	Hall	Public	Ins/Subs	Parish	Other	Web	
		Exp	Hire	Light	Audit/GDPR*	Maint	Costs	Site	
<i>2017-18 Actual Expenses</i>	<i>1,728.00</i>	<i>314.40</i>	<i>93.00</i>	<i>59.56</i>	<i>279.79</i>	<i>320.00</i>		<i>200.04</i>	<i>2,994.79</i>
<b>2018-19 Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>1764.00</b>	<b>314.40</b>	<b>81.00</b>	<b>73.85</b>	<b>339.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>68.49</b>	<b>200.04</b>	<b>2841.69</b>
2018-19 Budget	1,764.00	315.00	126.00	80.00	375.00	380.00	0.00	210.00	<b>3,250.00</b>
Election Provision									300.00
Capital Provision									800.00
<b>2018-19 PRECEPT</b>									<b>4350.00</b>
Hourly rate for 3 hours per week	£11.31 per Hr								
2019-20 Expenses Budget	2184.00	315.00	120.00	110.00	375.00	550.00	100.00	250.00	4004.00
Plus Election Provision									300.00
Plus Capital Provision									500.00
<b>2019-20 PRECEPT</b>									<b>4804.00</b>
% hourly rate increase over prior year	+ 6.1%								+ 3.3%
hours up from 3 p wk to 3.5 p wk	£12.00 per hr								
Operating Funds to c/f									2626.28
Add standing bal on Tr a/c									150.00
Add Election & Referenda									1722.24
Add Capital Provision									2600.00
<b>Total Funds to c/f to 2019-20</b>									<b>7098.52</b>

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## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 14th January 2019**

*All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise*

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

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 0

**011/19 APOLOGIES** - NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison)

**012/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none

**013/19 LAST MEETING MINUTES** - January 14th - were agreed and signed by Chair & Clerk.

**014/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none

### **015/19 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Road Safety:** NSC thoughts re queries arising from the January meeting are: **Weight Restrictions:** on Walton Street and Moor would be possible, but there would always need to be a large vehicle exemption for access. An audit would be needed of vehicles using these roads without a genuine need, probably conducted via a diary of large vehicles using the road and their business names. NSC would then write to the companies to assess whether their use of the road was for access to property along it. If this evidences a significant number of vehicles that could use a more suitable alternative then a weight limit could be considered. **Single Track Road signs:** (which also say with passing places) on Walton Street and Moor lane would not be appropriate because, two vehicles can pass each other for the majority of the length of both roads and therefore does not meet the criteria. **Quiet Lanes:** There are none in North Somerset. They are quite involved and potentially costly to implement and need strong local support to succeed. While the purpose is to encourage use by walkers, horse riders and cyclists they are not a mechanism to restrict cars and therefore are probably not suitable in these locations. Minute 4093 plus attachment (September 11th 2017) references earlier consideration of the topic. The meeting noted these comments and will look to feed them into the Parish Council's developing strategy. Members thanked Colin Medus for taking the time to prepare to brief us with such clarity.

### **016/19 PLANNING**

**Decisions Due:** 18/P/4021/FUL vary condition 21 of 17/P/1339/F. 18/P/4971/FUH Drovers Brook extension.

**Withdrawn:** 18/P/4346/FUH Nutshell fence.

### **017/19 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**End Gully at Rear of Home Farm Cottage:** Camera investigation done. Work plan awaited.

**Village Gateway Preparation:** Erection - ball park - £58 per gate. The meeting agreed that a single gate would be possible on the left at the from-Portishead end of the B3124 and two gates - a small one on the left and a full sized one on the right, of the from Clevedon entrance to the Village on the B3124. They further agreed to pursue earlier plans for village signage and gates along the Coast Road, to be included in the 2020-21 budget. **Clerk to seek quote for the first 3 gates.**

**Somerset Stones in Walton Street:** broken stone coned off pending replacement. **Clerk to report raised stone.**

**Fly Tipping in Lay-by Opposite Signal Station:** Reported. **Clerk to confirm that this has been cleared.**

**018/19 OTHER MATTERS - none**

**019/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Wilyman:** Reported a successful village clean-up day with a good turnout and much useful work done. He has received a suggestion that a speed bump could be placed on the highway between the Pill Box and the Cross Tree to force traffic to slow as it turned from Clevedon into Walton Street. Members feared this might prove dangerous given the abandon with which drivers approach the junction and **agreed to seek advice from Colin Medus at the March meeting.**

**Cllr Cannell:** Understands, via the Waze Mobile Traffic App, that there are two significant potholes along the Coast Road near the caravan park. **Clerk to investigate.**

**020/19 FINANCE**

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

**Funding Request from St Paul's Church:** The request was reviewed in the context of current policy and against payments made to the Church and the Hall in the past. It was decided unanimously that, in line with the explanation provided to the Social Club, the emerging pressures on funds resulting from responsibility transfer from NSC to parishes, did not leave room for the provision of a donations budget. **Clerk to so relay to the applicant.**

**Standing Order:** variation re Clerk's pay signed.

**Cheques:** 773 Hall Hire £6.00.

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm**

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**WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 11th March 2019**

*All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise*

**Present:** Cllrs Mike Ralston (Vice Chair & Meeting Chair), Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wilyman

**In Attendance:** Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance: 0**

***We were sad to learn that Ray Redmore has passed away. Ray was a kind man, a man of ideas, and, as its Chair, a key contributor to the maintenance and improvement of the Village Hall. Our sympathy goes out to Debbie.***

**021/19 APOLOGIES** - Cllr Brian Cannell, NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton

**022/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none

**023/19 LAST MEETING MINUTES** - February 11th - were agreed and signed by Chair & Clerk.

**024/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none

**025/19 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Walton Street Junction:** A suggestion was received that a speed bump be placed on the highway between the Pill Box and the Cross Tree to force traffic to slow from Clevedon into Walton Street. Advice indicates that there are three issues that militate against the idea: i) there must be street lighting; ii) there must be a series of 'bumps' - not just one iii) there must be a separate indicator that a motorist is approaching the 'bumps'; the bumps enforce the warning, they are not the warning itself. Ergo, as a device for slowing traffic through the junction it would not be practical and probably would not be safe, given that a corrective measure by a driver might put their vehicle through the shop window (*at one stage the daily office seat of the Clerk for nearly 12 years!*).

**Weight Restrictions:** The possibility of weight restrictions being applied to various sections of highway in the Gordano Valley has prompted NSC officers to review the implications. Their report is awaited in due course.

**026/19 PLANNING**

**Withdrawn: 19/P/0334/NMA** Nutshell Fence - (*withdrawn as the minutes were being prepared*).

**Decisions Due: 18/P/4021/FUL** vary condition 21 of 17/P/1339/F. **18/P/4971/FUH** Drovers Brook.

**027/19 PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**End Gully at Rear of Home Farm Cottage:** Camera investigation done. Work timetable awaited.

**Village Gateway Preparation:** A site meeting involving Adrian Leonard, Cllrs Dickinson & Wilyman and the Clerk was agreed. The objective will be to decide on size and location of three gates and liaise with NSC as needed to progress the plan to completion. **Clerk to arrange site meeting.**

**Coast Road Potholes:** 1 before Brighton Cottages & 1 near Coast Caravan, marked up for repair.

**028/19 OTHER MATTERS**

**Annual Governance Document Review:** pre-circulated for review, agreed per the attached schedule, and Risk Assessment form signed by Chair and Clerk.

**029/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Wilyman:** Complaints are received periodically (including recently) about septic tank odours in the lower part of Walton Street. These may arise when electricity power cuts prevent the proper functioning of bio-disc pumps - more of a problem in a coombe than in more open areas. Everyone is urged to remain acutely aware of the condition of their domestic drainage systems as we are in an area that is not on mains drainage.

**Cllr Ralston:** Our faster broadband prospects remain as they were... all chasing of 'those in the know' comes back to the probability that if Gigaclear does reschedule their offer to the satisfaction of 'Connecting Devon & Somerset' we are, realistically, unlikely to see a service in place before 2022. In the meantime, our most viable option, a fibre-to-the-home overhead cable service from Truespeed, is suffering from a lack of signups (*consumer fatigue?*). **Cllr Ralston agreed to supply the Clerk with copy for a poster-type entry in the April edition of The Cross Tree Chronicle.**

**Colin Medus left the meeting.**

**030/19 FINANCE**

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

**Standing Oder:** New SO completed re uplift in Microsoft monthly bill (*this is paid by Solsoft as Microsoft take the amount monthly but only via a credit card*). Balance of Feb & March bills paid to Solsoft by cheque as under.

**Cheques:** 774 HMRC re PAYE £88.20. 775 Solsoft - balance of invoices as above £4.62.  
776 WalG Village Hall - Hall Hire £6.00

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**