

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 13th April 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

We were so sorry to hear of Anne Greenhill's passing. Anne and Colin moved in to Cross Tree Farm in the early nineteen-eighties and immediately became part of village life. They were involved in the Church, The Village Hall, the fete, the Gardening Club, and so much more - including care of the Cross Tree garden! Anne's gentle kindness will be much missed.

Present: Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Claire Flower, Dave Wherrett

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

019/26 APOLOGIES

NSC Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton

020/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re the setting of the precept, and to Village Hall matters)*

None

021/26 LAST MEETING MINUTES

There was no meeting in March. The February 9th minutes were agreed and signed.

022/26 PLANNING *(The NSC website has full details. Applications notified on the meeting day will also be considered)*

i. **New:** None

ii. **Granted:**

a) **25/P/2526/TRCA** - Manor tree work.

b) **25/P/2140/FUL** - Yew Corner, Walton Bay. Replacement house, without original Coast Road entry.
A letter of thanks from the owners re the Council's support for the project.

c) **26/P/0056/FUH** Old School House new conservatory.

d) **26/P/0270/NMA:** The Old School, Walton Street - amendment to 25/P/0188/FUH.

e) **Parish Council Comment to NSC re 26/P/0270/NMA at d) above (ratified):**

This roofing amendment adds some roof windows, with which we have no problem. However, it also significantly changes the material and appearance of the new extension roof. The original approval contained the following statement (also aligned with the NSC delegated report): The materials to be used in the development hereby permitted shall be in complete accordance with the approved plans and specifications unless details of any alternative material have first been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. Reason: To ensure that the materials to be used are acceptable in order to maintain the character and appearance of the building and those of the surrounding area, and in accordance with policy CS12 of the North Somerset Core Strategy and policies DM32 and DM38 of the North Somerset Sites and Policies Plan (Part 1). In this respect, the proposed amended composite slates are of a lighter colour to the existing. The reason given in the latest application for variation is:

'With respect to the roofing material, to provide a more uniform appearance between the new and existing roofs and due to poor availability of matching natural slate.'

From the pictures supplied, the proposed slates are not the same colour as the existing - they are noticeably lighter. How can they therefore provide a more uniform appearance between new

and old Quite the opposite (unless the owners propose to change the complete old roof slates to the composite material). The new roof with the proposed composite slates will certainly not 'maintain the character and appearance of the building and those of the surrounding area, and be in accordance with policy CS12'.

'Poor availability' does not mean 'unavailable', it just means that they are more difficult and more costly to procure. This should not be a consideration in dealing with a listed building (as we have seen many times in the past within Walton and various planning applications).

023/26 PARISH MATTERS

- i. **Highways & Footpaths:** A letter from NSC sought volunteer help with footpath upkeep. Clerk responded that we are hoping to have a contractor to do basic Highways and Footpath maintenance.
- ii. **Public Light:** Maintenance contract update.
- 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.
- 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.
- vii. **30 mph sign at Plum Tree:** Cutting surrounding hedging due to be done.
- viii. **Notice Boards:** Erection to be organised prior to ordering. Quote from Arien Signs of Cheddar needs clarifying. Other options Members are keen to be asked to quote. **Clerk to seek quotes.**
- 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. **Broken Somerset Stone by Myrtle Cottage:** NSC area Officer has replacement in hand and has also been notified about the shifted stones outside Sunnybank.

024/26 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None

025/26 FINANCE

- i. **2025-26 Accounts to date:** were reviewed and reconciled with the bank statement prior to going for internal audit.
- ii. **AGAR Part 2 Certificate of Exemption:** was agreed and signed. **Clerk to email to external auditor.**
- iii. **Payments Authorised: VisionICT re VisionICT Annual Charge 2025-26 £318 (ratified). Cllr Cannell Clerk Transport Jan/Fe £23.40 (ratified). Vision ITC Annual Charge 2026-27 £370.01. ALCA Subscription 2026-27 £88.41. Zurich Insurance 2026-27 £264.00**

026/26 GOVERNANCE

- i. **Assertion 10 and email addresses for Councillors:** These are now set up.
- ii. **Annual Governance Policy Documents Review:** Now published to the website.
- iii. **2026-27 Risk Assessment:** to be signed by Chair and Clerk.

027/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday May 11th 2026: Annual meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting

- **7pm The Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council**
- **8pm The Annual Parish Meeting**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm