



# Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council

Walton-in-Gordano – Walton Down – Walton Bay

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Mr Brian Cannell (Chairman), Mrs Ann Charlesworth, Mr Richard Kent, Ms Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), Cllr Felicity Baker (NSC), Mr Paul Slade (NSC Liaison), Mr Don Hill (Clerk)

The meeting was happy at the unexpected attendance of Paul Slade and was additionally happy to embarrass him with another onslaught of thanks. Paul bore it well! He also told us that his replacement will be Claire Leandro - his NSC job successor.

**Declarations of Interest:** At Minute 3296 below, Cllr Kent declared an interest, being a tenant farmer of the Miles Estate, owners of Walton Common.

**3289 APOLOGIES:** PC Jenny Clark. **Cllr Charlesworth noted that she will be unable to attend the June or July meetings.**

**3290 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** were agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3291 MATTERS ARISING:** None

### 3292 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Policing:** PC Clark has advised that there were no policing issues within the parish during the past month.

**Speed (VAS) Machine:** NSC's Mike Herbert established locations with Clerk. Machine was due on April 1<sup>st</sup> - but due to Easter and MH holiday there is no-one to induct the Clerk until MH return to work on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Edwards has agreed to change and charge the battery for positions on the B3124 and Walton Street (up to Taggart). Cllr Morgan has agreed to do the same for The Coast Road from Arodene to Squires Cottage. **Clerk to so inform Mo Walters at NSC.**

### 3293 PLANNING

**New: 10/P/0378/WT:** Manor-maintenance on 9 trees re weather damage/restoration. No objections.

**Decision Due: 10/P/0337/F:** Restlands revised garage plan.

**Pending: Arodene** - re-applications still pending. **Birch Hoarding:** In hand via NSC

### 3294 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Roadworks:** Paul Croft responded to points 1-3 of minute 3285:

"1 We are aware of a small void of approx. 40 to 50 mm beneath the new pipe, we are not concerned about this as it lies between the old and new pipe inverts. 2 The utility cables and duct around the inlet to the new section of pipe do not interfere with the flow of water. All cables are above the level of the inlet and further protection will be given when the trash screen is installed. 3 The gullies will be cleaned as soon as a gully emptier is available and all at the contractors expense if any detritus has resulted from the works. 4 I must admit that if we had known at the start what we know now we may have been able to shorten the works programme. We suffered a minor overrun on the scheme and I do not think that is too bad given the nature of the work." The UP ARROW at the Cross Tree/Walton Street junction appears to be providing the hoped-for lane discipline. Despite the understood delays in some finishing detail, the absence of the trash screen at the Church Farm entry to the culverted section of brook will increasingly be perceived as a serious negative re keeping the new pipework free of debris. **Cllr Ashton undertook to chase the provision of the trash screen.**

**Fly-tipping:** Microwave by ash track in Moor Lane removed.

**Walton Bay:** Birch's can improve/maintain the cliff path or beach, but only by agreement with NSC and on the understanding that no ownership rights can accrue to them. Birch is now aware of this.

### 3295 OTHER MATTERS

**Street Light:** Supply has started via SSE. Clerk awaiting response from EDF to his two letters. Disputed EDF amount is £60.90 which will have to be provided against within the 2010-11 accounts.

**Town & Parish Charter Revision:** Consultation draft circulated prior to the meeting. Noted.

### **3296 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**Cllr Cannell: Coast Road Verge parking at Coast Caravan Park:** This is a running sore in that, some years ago, the highway verge on the right travelling from Walton to Walton Bay was reduced to road level without authorisation from NSC. Despite much pressure from this Council, the transgression was “put on the back burner” in the expectation that the area would not be used for car parking. Recently the rope that surrounded this section of verge has gone and the space has been observed by several meeting attendees as being “a car park” - a situation agreed to be unacceptable. **Cllr Ashton undertook to investigate.**

**Cllr Kent: Moor Lane Sub-Station:** Nothing has happened. **Clerk to chase Western Power.** **Walton Common re Avon Wildlife application for funds:** Further to discussion of this under Minute 3286 last month, Cllr Kent reported that the Avon Wildlife management arrangements for Walton Common have three years to run. There is a view that their past work on the Common has not made a positive contribution to its wellbeing. It is understood that this is about to change and that more effective plans are in place to manage the Common to its longterm benefit over the next three years. General discussion revealed possible funding pressure in Avon Wildlife achieving all that they wished for. It may be that, at the end of the current management arrangement, the common could revert to agricultural use - grazing and the like. Cllr Ashton explained problems of perception that Avon Wildlife face with some of their more urban neighbours at the Portbury/Portishead end of the valley, who contribute funding via their property ownership agreements, and look for pristine parks rather than natural habitats. This discussion will contribute to members’ thinking as they consider their own funding position re Avon Wildlife at the November meeting.

**Cllr Morgan:** Mrs Clements of Two Acres, Walton Bay has contacted Cllr Morgan with concerns about noise pollution from the Birch Mobile Home Park next door. The Clerk and Cllr Morgan prepared a written response to those concerns. Mrs Clements remained unhappy and wrote a letter to Cllr Morgan which she asked to be read to the meeting. Beyond the response already provided to Mrs Clements, the only point in her letter that this Council is able to progress is her concern about a large tree on the Cliff Path which she feels endangers her property. **Cllr Ashton undertook to look at this tree, between the two bridges on the Two Acres border with the Cliff Path, and the Clerk is to contact Adrian Leonard of NSC on the matter. The Clerk is also to respond to Mrs Clements’ letter, and explain the point we are able to assist with.**

### **3297 FINANCE**

**Fete donation:** The WalG Social Club operates with a Chairman - Emma Edwards - and Joint Treasurers - Rosemary Tucker and Maureen Rutley. Cheques require three signatures. The Club’s aim is the promotion of wellbeing in the Parish Community, which ethos they have inherited from the former Fete managers and will work hard to preserve. A list of forthcoming activities is circulated, and posted in the Information Sheet. This year the Club plan to run the fete on a smaller scale than formerly as they currently do not have the manpower to sustain it’s former scale. They are indebted to John Flower for allowing use of his field, but have decided to have to it for parking only this year, rather than for a marquee and outside events. They will re-institute the evening Barn Dance this year. The Club Committee have a meeting on the 19th April ( open to all ) to discuss the need for extra funding from the Parish Council for Gazebo’s - or other appropriate expense that supports the spirit of their venture; after which a funding submission will be made to the Parish Council - **to be discussed at the May meeting.**

**Accounts:** Draft 2009-10 accounts circulated prior to meeting. Completed set for Audits will come before the May meeting.

**Audit:** Paperwork received from Mazars. Roy Betts has kindly agreed to do the internal Audit again.

**Cheques:** **881** SSE £1.89 for street light during March: **Clerk to contact SSE prior to completing this.**

**582** April hall hire £6.50. **583** ALCA subscription £48.37.

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.25 pm**  
(The posted time of 7pm was moved to 7.25 pm when the meeting became quorate)

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Ann Charlesworth, Floss Morgan

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

**3298 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Richard Kent, Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC), Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PC Jenny Clark

Cllr Morgan assumed the chair during the election process in minute 3299.

**3299 ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:** Cllr Cannell was proposed for Chairman by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Charlesworth, was elected unanimously and completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Chair). Cllr Charlesworth was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Cannell, seconded by Cllr Morgan and unanimously elected.  
**Clerk to send copy of Cllr Cannell's Declaration to NSC Monitoring Officer.**

Cllr Cannell took over the chairing of the meeting as the newly elected Chairman of the Council,

**3300 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:** It was again decided not to appoint a representative to the PCC, and to appoint any other representatives as the Council may feel appropriate during the year, on an ad hoc basis. Cllrs Kent and Charlesworth, having indicated their willingness to continue to represent the Council on the Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Committee of Management, were, in the absence of any other candidates, duly elected. **Clerk to so inform the Village Hall Committee of Management.**

**3301 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** were agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3302 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

## **3303 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Policing:** Police Authority Newsletter received and noted. New PCSO for the area is Graham Roberts.

**Speed (VAS) Machine:** In place by golf course. Ours until June 1st. 170 violations were triggered over the Bank Holiday weekend 30th April - 3rd May (machine count zeroed); and 116 violations from 4th May to 10th May (machine not zeroed). Kevin Edwards will take on management of the Machine after the meeting.

## **3304 PLANNING**

**Decision Due: 10/P/0337/F:** Restlands revised garage plan. **10/P/0378/WT:** Manor trees

**Pending: Arodene** - re-applications still pending. **Birch Hoarding:** Mr Birch's stated intention to Cll Morgan was that his illegal hoarding would be down by Easter - long past. Pressure for action via NSC was asked for in both the Birch and Arodene situations. **Cllr Morgan to talk to Mr Birch. Clerk to for chase action via NSC.**

## **3305 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Roadworks:** Trash screen date awaited.

**Coast Road Verge parking at Coast Caravan Park:** Report on flat verge opposite CCP awaited.

## **3306 OTHER MATTERS**

**Moor Lane Sub-Station:** Awaiting inspection report. **Clerk to chase.**

**Cliff Path Tree:** Outcome of NSC investigation awaited. **Clerk to follow up with Adrian Leonard.**

**Waste Collection:** New system has teething troubles but single parish collection day (Tuesday) was welcomed.

**NSC Standards Committee:** Annual Report received. Noted

**National Grid:** Update meetings re Hinkley Point: Cllrs may not be at meeting so Clerk registered for e-mail updates.

## **3307 COUNCILLORS REPORTS** - none

## **3308 FINANCE**

**Accounts:** Draft 2009-10 accounts circulated prior to meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> half 2010-11 precept - £1608 - paid in electronically.

**Audit:** 2009-10 accounts approved and Audit report signed before going to Mazars after 20 day public notice period.

**Street Light:** SSE now taking dues via monthly direct debit.

**Cheques:** **584** May hall hire £18.50 (inc APM). **585** Broker Network Ltd Insurance £262.50 based on 3 year agreement.

**Fete donation:** Funding submission to be discussed at June meeting.

**The meeting closed at 7.55 pm**



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## FILE NOTE Re June 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

### THERE WAS NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 2010 AS CLLR CHARLESWORTH WAS AWAY AND CLLR KENT HAD BEEN TO HOSPITAL FOR AN OPERATION.

However, Cllrs Cannell & Morgan were at the Village Hall, as was the Clerk, and also PC Jenny Clark, Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison) and our NSC Ward Councillor/NSC Leader Nigel Ashton.

Informal discussions took place around the Clerk's Report to the June meeting so that it could be updated for the July meeting.

Jenny Clark said there had been no reported crime in the Parish during the month. The recent lead thefts in the area had gone down and there had been two arrests in that connection. There have been three recent garage thefts in Portbury - emphasising the need for security for all areas of a property - not just the house. There have been significant exercises to tackle speeding problems in Gordano with some 25 bookings as well as numerous verbal/written warnings being issued. The well known logistical difficulties of tackling speeding in the Parish have not diminished, but efforts will be made to target the Village and Walton Bay. **Nigel Ashton has results of a traffic speed survey for Walton Bay which he will let Don Hill have a copy of.**

Three **planning applications** are currently going through: **10/P/0742/F**, a storm porch to the rear of School House, which was considered uncontentious, **10/P0793/LDE**, presented post **NSC Enforcement** investigations at **Arodene** to regularise planning breaches that have grown up over several years (well done but perhaps rather gross) and relating to the pool building, shed, decking, conservatory and agricultural use boundary: **Nigel Ashton noted details of the application in the context of North Area Committee for planning, of which he is a member.** **10/P/0939/F**, Change of use of the new annexe at Old Rectory House - originally to be accommodation for a full time carer - to holiday letting. There were issues surrounding this application that prompted **Nigel Ashton to suggest that Brian Cannell and he meet on site (on a Friday afternoon to fit Brian's work timetable) with NSC planning officers** to discuss the plans in the context of the original, new, and potential directions in which this application might be directed (although it is only the "raw" application that can be considered in the context of a planning decision).

Nigel was thanked for his involvement in ensuring the completion of minor works in relation to the Walton Street Drainage project.

Floss Morgan mentioned that Adrian Leonard may no longer be the footpaths guru at NSC and that Adrian Woolcot/Andy Carrol now have that role. Don will check.

Three cheques were signed for the Hall Hire (£6.60), the Clerk's Fee (£438.25), and CPRE subscription (£29.00).

Meetings are monthly on the 2nd Monday (except August) at 7.30pm in Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall  
2010 dates are: Jan 11th : Feb 8th : Mar 8th : Apr 12th : May 10th (7pm with Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm) Jun 14th : Jul 12th : Sep 13th : Oct 11th : Nov 8th : Dec 13th



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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Richard Kent, Floss Morgan (Note: the June meeting was not quorate)

**In Attendance:** PC Jenny Clark, PCSO Charlotte Thompson, Don Hill (Clerk)

**3316 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ann Charlesworth, Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC Gordano), Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison)

**3317 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (May) & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**3318 MATTERS ARISING:** None

### 3319 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Policing:** Received; Police Strategic Policing Plan 2010-2013; noted. No reported crime in the Parish. Despite the significant and well documented problems of safely conducting speed checks in the Parish, PC Clark has done so on the B3124 at the Cross Tree. Checks via the Traffic Police at WsM have been asked for. Photo/Contact cards for PC Clark and PCSOs Thompson and Roberts have been posted to the notice boards.

### 3320 PLANNING

**Briefed to Cllr Ashton in June: 10/P/0793/LDE** Arodene pool, shed, decking & agricultural use boundary: presented post NSC Enforcement investigations to regularise planning breaches. **10/P/0939/F** Old Rectory House annexe change of use to holiday let. Concern re issues - relating to "development creep" - were noted by Cllr Ashton in June.

**New: 10/P/1037/F:** Manor garage replacement: a 2 story application was refused on appeal some years ago. This 2<sup>nd</sup>, single story, application takes account of appeal findings and results from consultations with NSC. No objections, but there was a view that the original 2 story plan was more aesthetically attractive.

**Granted: 10/P/0742/F** School House storm porch. (also briefed to Cllr Ashton in June). **10/P/0378/WT:** Manor trees

**Refused: 10/P/0337/F:** Restlands revised garage plan.

**Pending: Birch:** Retrospective re pitches, engineering and hoarding. Clerk to chase and complain about roadside signs.

### 3321 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Roadworks:** Trash screen in place - other paving works in Walton Street completed.

**Pavement Sweeping - from APM:** Pavement sweeping started after being raised last year under Minute 3203; it has since stopped. Clerk has alerted Simon Banbury and asked for it to be done regularly.

**Litter Picking - from APM:** Parish Council insurance covers the Clerk or other persons appointed to specific tasks by the Council, to be covered, but if a claim arises via non-standard activities, future premiums could prove unaffordable.

**Litter Bins - from APM:** NSC's Simon Banbury will alert contractors to empty bins. Residents have been emptying the bins so the argument runs that when the contractors arrive the bins are empty. The recycling revolution will deter locals from continuing to clear the bins because they will need to sort the contents into their domestic waste.

**Dog Pooh/Litter Bins - from APM:** If this Council provides them, NSC will empty them. It is down to cost and location. At minute 3211 (8<sup>th</sup> June 2009), reference provision at the golf course; after consultation with NSC we were "Advised that a bin at such a spot away from houses will invite fly tipping on an 'oh, the council will pick it up' basis." No action.

**Cliff Path Tree:** Ownership unclear and is being checked. NSC deems tree safe. Clerk to respond to Mrs Clements.

### 3322 OTHER MATTERS

**Moor Lane Sub-Station:** Rebuild progressing very cleanly. Written thanks may be appropriate from September meeting.

**Parish Councils Airport Association:** E-mail indicating conflict between members was circulated in May. Noted.

**NS Local Food Directory:** Received; April 2010 copy. Noted.

**Mobile Library:** WalG service will cease from August 2010 due to underuse - Golf Course stop 2 users per fortnight, Walton Bay 3 users per fortnight. Golf Course only stopping site possible near village. Reasons understood and noted.

**National Grid:** Received; Project News Hinkley - explanations of routes and options + briefing CD. Discussed and noted.

**2011 Census:** Received - Cllrs Handbook - a briefing on how to "spread the word". Noted.

**3323 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:** **Cllr Morgan:** Obscured 30mph signs - Clerk to clear. Information sheet numbers inadequate to need. Clerk to consult with Audrey Hollingsworth re print run. **Cllr Kent:** has joined the NS Local Access Forum (footpaths). Cllr Cannell: Road sign below Talbot's in Moor Lane needs re-aligning. Clerk to inform Adam Wood.

### 3324 FINANCE

**Accounts:** 2010-11 accounts to date circulated prior to meeting.

**Audit:** 2009-10 audit papers with Mazars.

**Cheques Signed June 14<sup>th</sup> 2010: 586** June hall hire £6.50. **587** CPRE Subscription £29.00 **588** Clerk's Fee £438.25

**Cheques signed: 589** Hall Hire £9.50. **590** WalG Social Club Fete Donation £450 (agreed via consultation among Cllrs).

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm



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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30 pm**

*(Note: the September meeting was cancelled as not quorate due to the sudden illness of Cllr Charlesworth)*

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC Gordano), Cllr Felicity Baker (NSC Executive Member), Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PCSO Charlotte Thompson, Don Hill (Clerk)

**3325 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ann Charlesworth, PC Jenny Clark.

*Cllr Morgan circulated a card for signature which, together with small gift, will be sent to Cllr Charlesworth to wish her a speedy recovery after her heart operation.*

**3326 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (May) & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**3327 MATTERS ARISING:** None

### **3328 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**Thefts:** There has just been one theft (of plant pots) last Monday (27<sup>th</sup>) from a property in Walton St - a lot have been stolen in the Portishead area recently - perhaps to be sold at car boot sales. They tend to be good quality pots with small shrubs, such as Box, in them. Cllr Ashton suspected that Portishead winning the Flowers-in-Bloom competition drew thieves to the "rich pickings" that were on show.

**Traffic Speed:** The VAS machine was due to be in the parish in September but, after setting it up it did not function. Cllr Ashton was concerned that timetabling of the scheme was not working and will investigate why via Mike Herbert at NSC.

**Police Speed Checks:** PCSO Thompson plans to be in the village (and on the Coast Road - see Cllrs Reports below) on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October to do further checks.

### **3329 PLANNING**

**New: 10/P/1618/F:** Sunnybank Walton St; closing existing access and opening new one by Old Rectory House. Proposed drive will run alongside and be significantly above the level of Old Rectory House and would impact its underground section. The proposed drive will bring into risk the wall and pillar of Old Rectory House from vehicles using the drive - access/damage was a reason for an increasing of the existing entrance over time. The alteration may be deemed preparation of the plot as development land. Any new drive would have to run at least 3 metres from the wall of Old Rectory House and be engineered to secure the stability and proper drainage of the house wall. Experience of Walton Street suggests that vehicular access and driving sight lines are better from the existing entrance than from the proposed one, which is at a more difficult-to-negotiate portion of this narrow and twisty roadway. Access to Parsonage Hayes could be gained by a re-alignment of the drive within the lower section of the Sunnybank garden, keeping a safe distance from Old Rectory House and allowing security for children and dogs to be affected. This would not require the making of a new access. Given the already pressured traffic problems on Walton Street, the detrimental effect the proposal will have on that and on the Old Rectory House, the meeting was unanimous in objecting to the application. **Clerk to s notify NSC Planning.**

**Granted: 10/P/0793/LDE** Old Rectory House annexe. Cllr Cannell said that the site meeting, involving him, re this application, and proposed at the July meeting of the Council, was never held. Cllr Ashton is investigating why, as he had arranged for an NSC officer to liaise with Cllr Cannell to set a meeting up. **10/P/0793/LDE** Arodene retrospective. **10/P/1037/F:** Manor garage. **10/P/1311/F** Breezelands, Coast Road, conservatory.

**Pending: Birch:** Retrospective re engineering works and hoarding. Dave Barrett has not received the promised application from Birches and e-mailed them on October 6<sup>th</sup> to chase.

### **3330 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Cliff Path Tree:** Clerk responded to Mrs Clements, after visiting the site with Cllr Morgan.

**Road sign below Talbot's in Moor Lane:** re-aligned 13/7/10.

**Obscured 30mph signs:** Cleared by Clerk.

### **3331 OTHER MATTERS**

**Information sheet:** Cllr Morgan arranged additional copies via Audrey Hollingsworth. Print run now 150.

**Moor Lane Sub-Station:** Front re-surfacing to be done. **Clerk to chase Western Power for completion.**

**ALCA AGM:** 14 Oct 2010, Filton. Nomination of officers sheet. ALCA may disband due to lack of support. Noted. Cllr Ashton said that more formalised access to NSC specialists may be a possible way of easing the loss of access to ALCA professional services if ALCA closes and links with surrounding groups or via NALCA do not emerge.

**NSC Core Strategy:** With the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategy, house building numbers and locations fall to NSC and are being re-worked (14000 houses rather than 26000). Strategy completion due in December.

**NSC review of polling districts and polling places:** a statutory 4 yearly review: has no effect for WalG except that, given the large proportion of the parish population who live at Walton Bay, the possibility of a caravan polling station was mooted: it would, however, be instead of, rather than in addition to, the Village Hall being used as a polling station. Cllr Ashton noted that postal voting is an option for all residents having difficulties of access to a polling station. **Cllr Morgan and Clerk to prepare piece for November Information Sheet to sound out opinion.**

**NSC Review of Roles:** Area Officers (Simon Banbury)/Parish Liaison Officers (Claire Leandro) have, over time, developed what may be seen as a duplication of roles. Information on role descriptions has been circulated to Clerks, together with a brief and simple survey seeking reaction to the usefulness of each role. Given the size and simplicity of this Council's involvements outside Streets and Open Spaces and Planning, our experience may be atypical. As "people" within a complex mix of communication between the Parish and Unitary Councils, the AO, "gets things done" for the Parish at Streets and Open Spaces; and the PLO, (who in our case, attends most meetings), is a senior and "hands-on" NSC insider who can communicate a feel for the NSC environment on the one hand and has the opportunity for grass roots contact with Parish operations on the other. The Clerk will use the discussion as his input into responding to the survey.

### **3332 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Morgan:** Speed on the Coast Road: 40mph continues to be too fast as a speed limit. The criteria for setting a speed limit is that it should represent an average speed at the 85% point on a speed check exercise - this the 40mph limit through Walton Bay does. However, it takes no account of the road profile, the population density, or the complex of very difficult accesses to the highway that make up the stretch of road between Squires Cottage and Coast Caravan Park. The NSC Speed Assessment exercise on minor roads is due in 2011 and The Coast Road will be included in that: it may - or may not - draw a conclusion that 30mph is appropriate. PCSO Thompson offered to add a speedwatch exercise on the Coast Road to that she plans for Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> on the B3124 through the Village. Cllr Ashton suggested that if the evidence of that exercise was robust enough it could provide a platform for a Highways officer from NSC to address a future meeting on the legal and strategic parameters against which the subject speed limit needs to be addressed. Such a move was welcomed by the meeting. Such a session would be the appropriate place to raise the thorny issue of placing mirrors on the highway at difficult junction points.

### **3333 FINANCE**

**Accounts:** 2010-11 accounts to date circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

**Audit:** 2009-10 audit papers returned, approved, from Mazars and to go to notice boards for 14 days.

**Precept:** 2<sup>nd</sup> half - £1608 - paid in by BACS.

**Cheques:** **591** Hall Hire £9.50. **592** Clerk's Fee £438.25 (already signed, as due in September). **593** Mazars 2009/10 Audit £58.75. **594** Get-Well Card/Gift for Cllr Charlesworth £16.17.

**2011-12 Budget:** Fete donation request in for consideration at December meeting prior to January budget meeting.

**Village Orderly Grant:** NSC provided the Council with a grant of £100. Members were grateful: Cllr Ashton noted!

**Street Light:** EDF have not made contact re the disputed bill. SSE have been billing for standing charge but not for consumption: a bill to correct this, and future regular billing are expected.

**The meeting closed at 8.45 pm**



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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

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

**3334 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ann Charlesworth, PC Jenny Clark, Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison)

*A card of thanks, from Cllr Charlesworth, was read out by the Clerk: the meeting was pleased to note that she seems to be enjoying a speedy and vigorous recovery from her recent operation.*

*The meeting wanted to record the passing of former Clerk, Member and one-time Chairman of the Council, Mrs Betty Cannell. This is sad news for those with fond memories of her, and poignant news for the Council to which she gave so generously and skilfully of her service over many years. The meeting extended sympathy to our current Chairman, Cllr Brian Cannell, on the passing of his Mother.*

**3335 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** A new sheet 2 was circulated with corrected cheque information (see also 3342 Finance, below). Minutes as so amended, were agreed and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**3336 MATTERS ARISING: Meeting Dates:** Agreed: to maintain the pattern of meetings: Clerk to confirm the 2011 hall bookings as:

January 10<sup>th</sup> - February 14<sup>th</sup> - March 14<sup>th</sup> - April 11<sup>th</sup> - May 9<sup>th</sup> (AGM AT 7PM followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8PM) - June 13<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup> - August (NO MEETING) - September 12<sup>th</sup> - October 10<sup>th</sup> - November 14<sup>th</sup> - December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **3337 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

**VAS machine:** this is on the Coast road for a month, at the 30mph post opposite the signal station.

**Police Speed Checks:** Information possibly available for December, from which follow-up per October minute 3332 can be arranged.

**Police Authority Newsletter:** September 2010 issue to hand and noted.

**Crime:** No recorded crimes in the Parish this month. Two males were disturbed in the farm yard in Moor Lane - "looking" at a tractor. When spotted, they drove off in a green VW Passat (after allegedly engaging in a dangerous and threatening manoeuvre). The flower pot thefts mentioned in October have stopped - a suspect is being investigated. With more burglaries than usual recently, including in Clapton and Pill, and doors being knocked down for entry, police ask residents to be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour.

### **3338 PLANNING**

**New: 10/P/1818/F:** Spring Cottage WB (stone cottage on Barton site), replacement detached garage. No objections - Cllr Cannell was pleased to note the intention to use materials matching the house.

**Decision Due: 10/P/1618/F:** Sunnybank Walton St; moving access.

**Pending: Birch:** engineering work/hoarding. Dave Barrett update awaited. This has gone on since prompted in May by Cllr Ashton. **Clerk to consort with Cllr Ashton re progress on this and the missed site meeting arrangements re Old Rectory House Annexe.**

### **3339 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Broken Somerset slab above Myrtle Cottage, Walton St:** Coned off pending replacement.

### **3340 OTHER MATTERS**

**Moor Lane Sub-Station:** Gravel now removed from front of site.

**NSC Core Strategy:** Pre-finalisation meeting - Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-12 in WsM - details e-mailed to members. Noted.

**NSC review of polling districts and polling places:** A mobile polling station at Walton Bay would be instead of the Village Hall and, to be disabled compliant etc, would cost £1000 - £1500 to hire. The isolation of Walton Bay from the Village is no worse than other rural areas, e.g. Failand Village Hall access from Lower Failand. Postal voting is a regular solution for those with polling station access difficulties. It was decided not to pursue a polling station at Walton Bay.

**Rural Patient Partnership:** Meeting invite for Thursday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm at Sandford Village Hall. Noted.

### **3341 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Morgan:** Some footpath areas brought walkers into sudden and sometimes alarming confrontation with cattle: the suggestion of warning notices was, however, regarded as unrealistic in obviously rural areas. Cows are straying onto the Cliff Path near the Signal Station - thought to belong to Geoff Nash of Nailsea Wall Farm. NSC have erected a footpath notice at top of the lane to Birch's/Two Acres: much confusion is now caused because there is no further notice at the Birch's junction. **Clerk to ring Mr Nash re cows and contact NSC re footpath notice.**

**Cllr Kent:** (His personal interest noted, but the problem is of community concern). Thefts from his farm shop have become alarmingly regular. Changes will be introduced to reduce thefts and or catch offenders. The Clerk confirmed that the yellow sprayed 40 mph roundels on the Coast Road are in preparation for road painting by NSC Highways - probably following from October's Minute 3332.

**Cllr Cannell:** i. Recycling - do new residents get an information pack (could be done at time of and via Council Tax registration)? ii. Are all properties in the parish having waste collected on the same days and are all residents aware of/equipped for the new system? **Clerk to ask Cllr Ashton about i., put a piece in the information sheet about ii., and contact Simon Banbury re apparent collection problems.**

### **3342 FINANCE**

**Accounts:** 2010-11 accounts circulated prior to the meeting and corrected sheet circulated at meeting. Noted.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 Elections:** NSC estimates for budgeting as: contested £1060 - uncontested £95/£135. Clerk to note for 2011/12 budget.

**Cheques:** 595 Hall Hire £6.50.

**The meeting closed at 8.40 pm**



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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Anne Charlesworth, Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Cllr Nigel Ashton (NSC Gordano Ward), PCSO Graham Roberts, Don Hill (Clerk)

**3343 APOLOGIES:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PC Jenny Clark.

**3344 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3345 MATTERS ARISING:** None

### 3346 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**VAS Machine:** was at the Coast Road 30mph post opposite the signal station for about five weeks.

**Police Speed Checks:** Done on the Coast Road in November and at Cross Tree during first week of December (when 3 drivers were caught). Cllr Ashton voiced the value of a consistent police presence, over and above the actual numbers caught. Cllr Morgan again voiced her frustration at not being able to have a 30 mph speed limit between the 40 mph post at the Signal Station and the Keeper's Cottage Drive opposite Squires Cottage - where the parish begins. Cllr Morgan is convinced - and was supported by Cllr Kent - that the 10 mph reduction would have at least some speed reduction effect on traffic and should not be beyond the wit of man to introduce: she pleaded that NSC Highways and police use the exits onto the highway from the Park Home and Caravan Parks and experience the difficulties and dangers of using them; especially with the ever-increasing volumes of fast traffic on this undulating and twisty section of road. Cllr Ashton agreed in spirit - indeed, has long advocated a blanket 30 mph speed limit through all parishes (with appropriate exceptions being argued). However, he pointed to the regulations, which demand some account be taken of the consistent average speeds of traffic as reflecting a perception of what is "safe". The meeting noted that, unfortunately, these regulations appear not to take account of topography and traffic volumes. To introduce a 30 mph limit on the subject highway section would require the employment of traffic calming measures such as chicanes (which are the joy of "boy racers"), and speed bumps (which are noisy in negotiation and difficult for emergency and bus services). Minor road speed limits are all being individually reviewed during 2011 and Cllr Ashton would like to use the results of this review to introduce a blanket 30 mph speed limit for all villages - which would apply to the subject highway. The meeting agreed that, despite the very real existing frustrations, further discussion of the matter be deferred pending the outcome of the 2011 review and its implications for the Coast Road.

**Farm Watch:** This topic was raised after Councillors Reports - minute 3341 below - as an addition to discussions under this minute. Cattle have been killed and butchered in local woodland. This has prompted the police to try establishing a Farm Watch. Cllr Kent said he would become involved for Church Farm and Cllr Cannell took details for John Flower at Home Farm. Fuller information is available on the Avon and Somerset Police website.

### 3347 PLANNING

**New: 10/P/2013/WT:** Village Hall tree crown reduction, Copper Plum 30%, Silver Birch 20%. The 6 week date from NSC receipt of the notification is December 14<sup>th</sup> (their letter to Matthew Bryant of November 17<sup>th</sup> refers). Matthew wants to start on that date if possible: the meeting was happy that he do so in light of the NSC letter. **10/P/1992/F:** Sandbanks WB (Birch) roads/retaining walls construction (retrospective). **10/P/2028/ADV:** Sandbanks (Birch) Hoarding (retrospective). The two Birch applications were noted with relief that they had at last been lodged: no objections were raised, but Cllr Cannell did note that, notwithstanding the particular circumstances, yet another planning scheme was moving forward on a retrospective basis. **10/P/2065/F:** Arodene; redevelopment of garage. This application was seen as absolutely inappropriate to this already over-developed site: it seemed to have more the proportions of a house than of a garage. **The Clerk was asked convey the meeting's objections to NSC Planning in the strongest terms.** Cllr Ashton noted the application for follow up. **Clerk to e-mail Cllr Ashton with application history.**

**Decision Due: 10/P/1818/F:** Spring Cottage Walton Bay replacement garage.

**Withdrawn: 10/P/1618/F:** Sunnybank; moving of access.

**Pending: 10/P/0939/F:** Old Rectory House Annexe - change of use from carer's accommodation (under the original application) to holiday let. Cllr Ashton reported re missed site meeting at Old Rectory House Annexe.

NSC Officers claimed a mis-understanding as the reason for not holding a meeting - the outcome of which, the Clerk pointed out, was to inform the Parish Council objection, which was not lodged as there was no site meeting. **Clerk to e-mail Cllr Ashton with original application number.**

### **3348 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Broken Somerset slab above Myrtle Cottage, Walton St:** New slab due to be positioned.

**Cows straying on Cliff Path:** near Signal Station. Clerk wrote to Jeff Nash at Nailsea Wall Farm.

**Footpaths:** NSC have erected a footpath notice at the top of Birch's/Two Acres lane: much confusion is now caused because there is no further notice at the Birch's junction. Adrian Leonard to investigate and arrange for new sign as appropriate.

**Recycling:** New residents do not get information pack automatically - there are many who are tenants, who may well not register for Council tax or voting. Cllr Ashton nevertheless noted the idea: he pointed to the NS News and advertising that keeps the recycling issue before the public.

**Waste Collections:** Clerk offered, via the December Information Sheet, to assist anyone experiencing problems - see minute 3340 below. Cllr Ashton said that, now the new system is fully operational, the numbers of complaints are lower than before the system started.

### **3349 OTHER MATTERS**

**The Snow Code:** a reminder of who can do what and how - mentioned by NSC and summarised by Came & Co, our insurance brokers. The Clerk has shared this with the Village Shop and the Village Hall. Noted.

**Waste Collections from Park Home Sites at Walton Bay:** The Clerk was contacted about this by a resident and explained that they needed to consult their site owner: Simon Banbury and the Clerk have visited people on these sites and the Clerk has informed Simon of this contact.

**Grit Bin at Walton Bay Portishead Bus Stop:** this was unused, rotten and removed some two years ago. A resident wanted to use grit from it for clearance of their Park Home site - they had to go to Charlcombe to get some. The Clerk explained that grit bin contents was for use on the highway and that they needed to consult their site owner if they felt the site roads needed gritting. The Clerk has let Adam Wood know about this and sought his thoughts about a replacement bin.

### **3350 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cllr Kent:** *Self-help:* A 30 mph repeater sign past Plumb Tree was re-aligned from his tractor trailer.

**Cllr Morgan:** *Coast Road Fly Tipping:* The large farm gateway on the left going towards Clevedon just before the 30 mph sign is often used for fly tipping. The Clerk noted that it was clear at the moment and that, because it is in the path of the fly tipping pick-up crews it tended to be kept clear without being reported, whereas the other notorious fly tipping location in the parish - Moor Lane - is "out of the way" and its clearance is much more dependant on NSC officers', the Clerk's, or local residents' reports.

**Cllr Cannell:** 1. *An accumulation of litter* at "John's Gate" in Moor Lane. **Clerk undertook to clear.** 2. Local awareness of new waste collection system. The Clerk referred to minute 3340 above and confirmed that he had been in touch with a number of residents who may be experiencing a less-than-smooth collection experience, for whatever reason. 3. *Waste Collection from the rear entry to Sunnybank:* The Clerk has also been approached about this. Collections used to be made from the front entrance. Storage of waste bins on the sloping rear entrance and post-collection positioning of the bins is giving rise to concerns about road safety at this notorious road hazard. **The Clerk undertook to write to the owners with these concerns in the hope that they might be able to find a solution that is safer from a highway perspective.**

### **3351 FINANCE**

**Accounts:** 2010-11 accounts to date were circulated prior to the meeting. Noted.

**Cheques:** **596** Clerk's Fee Oct-Dec £438.25. **397** A Hollingsworth Info Sheet Apr-Dec 2110 £68.60. **398** Hall Hire £9.50.

**Subscriptions:** ALCA is to continue: there will be a fairly radical change in management, such that staffing hours are to be reduced and portfolio holders will be carrying out work previously carried out by staff. The subscription is expected to increase by about 5% - in reality the combined ALCA/NALC subscription seems likely to increase by some 10%. Money to close down ALCA, should that become necessary, will be ring fenced to ensure no risk to members. Any resignation of membership in accordance with Article 7 of the ALCA Constitution, has to be submitted, in writing, by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The matter of membership renewal was discussed. The alternatives of being able to join the Somerset organisation or of receiving support via NSC are being investigated and Cllr Ashton will keep the meeting updated on that. In the meantime, the **Clerk is to submit this Council's formal written resignation from ALCA in accordance with its Article 7 allowing the Council to keep its membership renewal option alive until the March meeting.**



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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall Monday 10th January 2011 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Anne Charlesworth, Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PCSOs Graham Roberts & Charlotte Thompson (8017), Don Hill (Clerk)

**3352 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Nigel Ashton

*Sir William Miles and Mary Blake both passed away in recent days. Both families have lived at the core of Village life for generations. The Miles Estate has, by both governance and gift, done a huge amount to shape the Village as we know it today and Mary's family lived on and worked with the Estate during much of this time. As Secretary to Walton-in-Gordano Women's Institute, Mary remained at the forefront of Village activity until she died. Sir William's quiet, amusingly robust style of speaking, and Mary's quietness, fortitude and determination will be sorely missed among those who move around in the Village. The Meeting wishes to record its gratitude to both Sir William and Mary for their contributions and to thank them for leaving us such a fund of good and supportive memories.*

**3353 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3354 MATTERS ARISING:** None

### 3355 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** On-line budget survey information - Noted. There was a theft of logs from an address in Walton Street. The Farm Watch scheme is about to launch. There appear to be difficulties following up incidents with police: hopefully Farm Watch will provide a positive framework within which all parties can be and remain better informed.

### 3356 PLANNING

**New: 10/P/2258/F:** Arodene, conservatory/walling (retrospective); banking (new). The sheer mass of this site in the context of its original "public view" has brought it aggressively to the notice of the Parish Council - through the pressure of public complaint. Notwithstanding this, it was reluctantly accepted that regularisation of earlier work via retrospective planning procedures (of which this application is only part), was the least-worst option available to bring the site into line with planning regulations. Given the application history of the site, the Meeting was skeptical of the claim that the new part of the application to "shore-up" the property by re-engineering the banking on the Golf Course side is a genuine engineering necessity (even if brought on by over development of the site): it appears to be more about extending the level areas surrounding the property - for who knows what future development. The general public view as learnt by the Parish Council is that this site has been scandalously over-developed, and that an objection on the grounds of adverse visual impact must be laid. **Clerk to object via NSC and Cllr Ashton.**

**Decision Due: 10/P/2028/ADV:** Sandbanks Hoarding. **10/P/2065/F:** Arodene; garage.

**Granted: 10/P/2013/WT:** Village Hall trees. **10/P/1818/F:** Spring Cottage garage. **10/P/1992/F:** Sandbanks roads/walls.

### 3357 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Broken Somerset slab above Myrtle Cottage, Walton St:** Replaced.

**Footpaths:** Birch's/Two Acres lane: new signs awaited at internal junction.

**Litter at "John's Gate" in Moor Lane:** Clerk cleared.

**Sunnybank Waste Collection/Hedge:** Clerk wrote to owners.

**Temporary Road Closure - Walton St:** 7<sup>th</sup> Feb for BT to repair overhead cables. **Clerk to establish exact date and section of closure.**

### 3358 OTHER MATTERS

**Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee** - 60 years: there will be a 4 day jubilee weekend 2-5- June 2012. Also competition for grant of city status. More information at [www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk). Noted.

**Rural Partnership Group** - as reported last month. Papers will come via Cllr Cannell, but will not be brought forward unless a Cllr wants to pursue this initiative as a particular interest. Noted.

**British Legion - Poppy Parties** - 10-12 June 2011 - to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Noted: details passed to Cllr Morgan for Social Club.

### 3359 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

**Cllr Kent:** People continue to drive round the wrong side of the Cross Tree as they approach the B3124 from Walton Street. It was agreed that as much has been done as can be in terms of signage. Cllr Kent did note, however, that the new white lining at the junction has significantly improved the general motorist use of this junction.

**Cllr Morgan:** Rules have changed and dog poo can now be put in ordinary litter bins. Cllr Morgan has some notices from "Keep Britain Tidy" that can be put to notice boards and displayed elsewhere as appropriate. It is probable that this will not include the Cliff Path, on which the fencing and posts belong to private owners, but **Clerk will check with Adrian Leonard**. Fly tipping continues in the gateway opposite the Signal Station. **Clerk to monitor and arrange clearance if needed.**

### 3360 FINANCE

**Accounts:** 2010-11 accounts attached.

**Subscriptions 2011 - ALCA:** Clerk submitted the Council's formal resignation by post and e-mail on December 17th. He also had a telephone call from Peter Sewell of Congesbury PC and received further information about the future of ALCA after the first executive meeting of the new group on January 3rd. Notwithstanding the changes, during this year of economy it was decided to let the ALCA resignation stand for the 2011-12 year at least. **Clerk to so inform ALCA.**

**Clerks Fee 2011-12:** Clerk proposed no fee change, but meeting insisted that the due scale rise from SCP19 (£5.253 per hr) to SPC20 (6<sup>th</sup> year of employment) (£9.591 per hr) be applied. It accepted that there be no pay increase for the year. 9.591 per hr = £1496.17 pa. Expenses of £294.64 increase to cover vat rise, to £302. Rounded Total = £1798 (an increase of £45 = 2.5%).

**Budget 2011-12:** Proposal was discussed and agreed - as under - at £3713 with a precept request of £3100 (a drop of 3.7% over the 2010-11 precept). It was agreed that, should there be a contested election for the Parish Council in 2011, the additional costs (£460) over the budget of £600 will be covered from reserves. If there is no contested election some £500 of un-used provision will be reflected in a reduction to the 2012-13 budget. **Clerk to log precept request of £3100 with NSC.**

### WALTON-IN-GORDANO 2011-12 BUDGET AS APPROVED

Item	2011-12 Budget (£)	Current Year Budget (£)	Current Year Estimate (£)	Prior Year Actual (£)	Comment
Clerk's Fee	1798	1753	1753	1693	See above
Hall Hire	110	110	98	102	
Public Light	50	50	50	20	This is the light at the corner of Moor Lane
Insurance	270	290	263	262	
Cllrs Expenses	30	30	0	0	
Subscriptions	40	100	77	90	To CPRE - we have resigned from ALCA
Donations	500	650	450	800	To Social Committee for fete awnings
Information Sheet	115	110	110	96	Printed, usually, at All Saints Parish Office
Purchases	700	270	20	0	£600 towards May election costs
Audit	100	75	59	58	Changes are afoot in audit procedures
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3713</b>	<b>3438</b>	<b>2880</b>	<b>3121</b>	Most of increase due to election costs
<b>Precept</b>	<b>3100</b>	<b>3216</b>	-	<b>3160</b>	Reserve carried forward annually = £1500

**Cheques: 599** Hall Hire £9.50

**The meeting closed at 9pm**



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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall Monday 14th February 2011 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Anne Charlesworth, Richard Kent, Floss Morgan

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

**3361 APOLOGIES:** Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PC Jenny Clark, Cllr Nigel Ashton

*Cllr Ashton visited before the meeting opened at 7.45 pm re minutes 3364/3365/3367 below, where outcomes are noted.*

**3362 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3363 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

### 3364 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police:** On January 31st at Walton Down a mirror (assisting drive exit) was removed and the glass stolen: with no lines of enquiry to investigate. A rota is being made for speed-gun use in Gordano over coming months. 40 mph roundels are now painted on Down Road at Walton Bay: this is to evidence to the police NSC's efforts to control speed: if not effective, application for a 30 mph limit will have a stronger argument behind it.

### 3365 PLANNING

**Decision Due: 10/P/2258/F:** Arodene conservatory/wall (retro); bank (new). The Clerk confirmed that the Council's objections to this application have been lodged. Revisions to conservatory and porch submitted: the reasoning behind the re-engineering of the bank is being investigated as part of the decision process.

**Refused: 10/P/2065/F:** Arodene; garage. **10/P/2028/ADV:** Sandbanks Hoarding.

### 3366 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Footpaths:** Birch's/Two Acres lane: signs awaited at internal junction. *Update due from NSCs Andy Carroll.*

**Road Closure - Walton St:** 7<sup>th</sup> Feb for BT. Completed.

**Fly tipping:** in the gateway opposite the Signal Station. *Waiting clearance news from Adam Wood.*

**Fly Tipping in Moor Lane:** Removed via Adam Wood.

**Waste on Pavements:** General enquiry - NSC normally calls to persuade the resident to co-operate. The alternative is slow and long drawn out.

**Estate Agents Notices:** regularly blocking speed signs at Walton Bay; *awaiting advice from Adam Wood.*

### 3367 OTHER MATTERS

**Keep Britain Tidy Posters:** to Cliff Path (?). *Awaiting information from NSC's Andy Carroll.*

**NSC Core Strategy (to 2026):** final consultation. This flows from the Sustainable Communities Strategy and deals, largely, with where houses and industry will be located. The plan is for 13400 houses to be built - mainly in the large towns - together with more job creation and less reliance of commuting out of the district.

**Forestry Commission:** A resident asked if this Council was able to lobby against privatisation. The privatisation debate seems to have gone off the boil. Locally, there is no direct experience of Forestry Commission access issues and the meeting did not feel qualified to lobby. It was noted that Gordano has a lot of woodland in private hands over which there are generous access arrangements for the public.

**Managing Flood Risk on the Severn Estuary:** A consultation document. Noted. Cllr Kent talked to this and is concerned that in the long term, not enough is being done by way of sea defences: engineered breaches to create wetlands are being met with uncertain and unproven benefits.

### 3368 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

**Cllr Charlesworth:** expressed thanks to Adam Wood for speedy clearance of fly-tipping in Moor Lane. The meeting concurred and asked the Clerk to convey their thanks to Adam.

**Cllr Morgan:** The British Legion Poppy Parties raised last month in minute 3358, Other Matters, will happen as a Car Treasure Hunt planned by the Social Club for June 10<sup>th</sup>, with a resulting donation to British Legion.

### 3369 FINANCE

**Accounts:** 2010-11 accounts to date circulated prior to the meeting and were noted. The 2011-12 precept request has been presented to NSC via their electronic form, and its receipt acknowledged.

**Cheques:** 600 Hall Hire £6.50

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**



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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall Monday 14th March 2011 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chairman), Anne Charlesworth, Floss Morgan

**In Attendance:** NSC Cllr Nigel Ashton, PCSO Charlotte Thompson, Don Hill (Clerk)

**3370 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Richard Kent, Claire Leandro (NSC Liaison), PCSO Graham Roberts

**3371 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**3372 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

#### 3373 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

**Police: Speed checks** have been done on the B3124, towards Clevedon, at Moor Lane, with speeds in the high 40s being registered. More are to be done. **Scrambling bikes** continue to cause problems at Norton's Wood in the quarry and on the bridle paths - please spread the word to keep Police alerted to specific incidents if possible.

#### 3374 PLANNING

**New: 11/P0363/WT** Whispering Chimneys, Walton Street - Crown reduction to conifers. Noted; no objections.

**Granted: 10/P/2258/F:** Arodene conservatory/wall (retro); bank (new). Noted that the bank was deemed necessary.

**New Procedure:** From June 1<sup>st</sup> plans will not be sent to Clerks but can be reviewed/printed via the NSC website. Cllr Ashton has asked officers to ensure that, where needed, the A1 sheets can be supplied for perusal at meetings.

**10/P/2028/ADV Birches Advertising Hoarding:** Clerk said this was an enforcement order: (*Post meeting note - it is not ; it is a refusal of planning permission*): it's still up. Meeting queried procedure for ensuring it is taken down. **Clerk to investigate.**

#### 3375 STREETS AND OPEN SPACES

**Footpaths:** Birch's/Two Acres lane: signs at internal junction. Cllr Morgan has done, and fixed, her own.

**Keep Britain Tidy Posters on Cliff Path:** Cllr Morgan can, with boundary-fence owners permissions, affix her notices to their boundaries, so long as the placement is empathetic to her message and not intrusive to Cliff Path users.

**Fly tipping:** in the gateway opposite the Signal Station. **Adam Wood is arranging clearance.**

**Estate Agents Notices:** regularly blocking speed signs at Walton Bay. We are advised that these can be removed, so long as they are returned to their owners (otherwise their removal might be deemed theft). **Adam Wood is removing the offending signs this week.**

#### 3376 OTHER MATTERS

**National Grid:** Community Update re pylons - circulated to 40,000 households. Noted.

**Hinkley C Connection Group:** PC representation on County/District/Unitary Council pressure group. Noted.

### 3377 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

#### Cllr Morgan

**No-Cycling signs on Cliff Path:** there appear to be none other than at the entrance points - could repeat signs go up along the route? Pedestrians' complaints about abusive cyclists are constant. Cllr Morgan would be happy to prepare and erect such signs on the Walton Bay sector if allowed. **Clerk/Cllr Ashton to investigate via Andy Carroll.**

**Waste Collection from Birches:** this has been done via black bags by agreement with Simon Banbury. Last week's bags received pink "sorry" stickers and were not collected. In the absence of the preferred bulk collection bins on the site, is it possible to supply residents with the NSC Grey waste bags in the meantime? **Clerk/Cllr Ashton to investigate via Simon.**

#### Cllr Charlesworth

**Fly-tipping on Moor Lane:** A computer monitor case has been reported to Adam Wood by the Clerk and is to be removed.

**Rubbish in Rhynes on Moor Lane:** Asbestos by John's old-tip-field gate & a TV. The Asbestos will need specialist removal. **Clerk to write to Miles Estate cc NSC.**

#### Cllr Cannell:

**Public Rubbish Bins in Walton Street:** Still not being emptied. **Cllr Ashton to chase May Gurney for a long term satisfactory solution.**

**Somerset Stones Above Myrtle Cottage:** The pro-tem replacement seems to be disintegrating: **Clerk/Cllr Ashton to ask Adam Wood what is to be done.**

**Concrete Stream Cover Opposite Cross Tree Cottage:** This was repaired in tarmac - it is in need of re-doing - preferably in concrete.

**Telephone Box:** Its removal is believed to have been attempted - abortively. It is useful for shop deliveries and for such odd purposes as "storing one's dog whilst visiting the shop. The space is booked for shop use once available, but the Clerk, bearing in mind that the box is on private (Miles Estate) property, suggested that its release for that use is in the gift of BT.

**Recycling:** After a huge good-will start, waste collection has developed a raw history over past months. In particular, green waste bags have not been collected to monthly plan since early December. The Parish Council has worked closely with NSC to ensure everyone in the Parish is aware of, and is operating the new system. The credibility of that effort - and particularly the assiduous application of Simon Banbury, is being stretched by the apparent incompetence of the contractors, May Gurney. Cllr Ashton explained his understanding of residents' frustrations and referred to the public "dressing down" the contractors have already been subjected to. Notwithstanding these frustrations - arising from May Gurney's apparent under-resourcing of their contractual obligation - Cllr Ashton reported that North Somerset was among the national leaders in the recycling effort. **Cllr Ashton undertook to get a written apology sent to the Chairman from May Gurney - that can be put in the notice boards.**

### 3378 FINANCE

**Registering as an Employer with HMRC:** compulsory from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Electronic registration in hand. Clerk will need to keep PAYE/NIC records and receive net pay. Expenses will need to be separate. Clerk has experience of using HMRC payroll CD.

**Accounts:** 2010-11 accounts to date circulated and noted. Roy Betts has agreed to do the internal audit in April.

**Cheques:** 601 Clerks Fee Jan-March £438.25. 602 Hall Hire £6.50.

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**