

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THE VILLAGE HALL - MONDAY 9th MAY 2022 AT 8.00 pm

This is not a Parish Council meeting – it is a meeting of residents in the Parish a place to raise issues of concern or interest to the Parish and to Parish life

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Matters arising from minutes of last year's meeting**
(these minutes were circulated to and approved by attendees of that meeting - see item 4. Below re the Walton Bay bus service)
- 3. Reports from Interest Groups if Available**
Parish Council Chairman's report / Financial report
North Somerset Council
St Paul's Parish Church
Walton-in-Gordano Community SpeedWatch
Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall Committee
Walton-in-Gordano Social Club
- 4. The Walton Bay Bus Service**
Last year there was a call for this service to run to Portishead rather than to Clevedon. NSC want to do this, but need a bus turning point on the Coast Road for it to be possible.
- 5. Noticeboards in the parish**
As they become due for replacement they will cost in the region of £1200 each - do parishioners rely them for information?
- 6. Doge Waste Bins**
Bins in the parish have been proposed. Other parishes have experienced long term and expensive management issues which we will have to budget for if they are to be a success.
- 7. Discussion**
An open forum on issues of concern to the parish and its residents

MINUTES OF WALTON-IN-GORDANO ANNUAL RESIDENTS MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021

Present: Mike Ralston (Chair), Don Hill (Minute Taker), and 5 other residents

ARM21/01 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received

ARM21/02 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MAY 13TH 2019

These were circulated to attendees and approved in June 2019 and were therefore not a formal agenda item for this meeting. There was no meeting held in May 2020 due to Covid-19.

ARM21/03 REPORTS TO THE MEETING

Due to the restrictive circumstances prevailing during the past year there were no reports from local organisations called for this meeting, which of regulatory necessity, had to be held via Zoom.

ARM21/04 DISCUSSION

Resident Involvement in the Parish Council:

Walton-in-Gordano has long been a socially vibrant parish, with a wide range of active interest groups that have been able to keep a monthly newsletter functioning over many years. There was an eloquently developed proposal that the Parish Council could do much to involve the community in *its* affairs by developing a strategic vision of where it wants to go and how it plans to get there. Many larger parishes are developing Neighbourhood Plans that are probably beyond the scope of very small parishes such as ours. However, a community consists of landowners and of residents, who will all have a sense of why they are part of the parish and how they would like to see it progress. Hopefully the Parish Council will be expanding its number of Councillors to its maximum of five over the coming months and this will provide much needed people-power for the development of some of these ideas.

The 56 Bus Service from Clevedon to Walton Bay:

There is apparently disappointment at Walton Bay that the new 56 bus service runs to Clevedon rather than to Portishead. The meeting asked that the Parish Council be asked to find out, more widely, the views of Walton Bay residents and to see what further plans North Somerset Council have - or might be persuaded to - to service the needs of this isolated population. **Don Hill noted this for action, in his role as Parish Clerk.**

The Parish Street Light at Moor Lane:

5 residents responded to the Cross Tree Chronicle piece about the light, which was phrased in a way calculated to draw responses. All respondents were strongly in favour of the light being replaced by a new light rather than it not being replaced. The Parish Council report that the necessary budget provision will be made in January 2022, so there is plenty more time for people to respond with their thoughts.

Fibre Broadband:

Truespeed is still the only company currently planning to offer a service through the Gordano Valley. They report, however, that it will be another 10 months before the service can be in operation. There is a new service from Starlink.com, currently in Beta form. This has the potential to be a significant improvement on currently available satellite broadband systems but is expensive to install (some £500).

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

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm