

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 14 June 1993 at 7.30pm.

Present: Clr G Matthews (Chairman)
 Clr D England MBE

 Clr F Botham (Vice Chairman)
 Clr C Casstles
 Mr D Wilson (Clerk)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 Apr '93 having been circulated to all Councillors before hand were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from:
 Clr F Ball

 Clr G Warburton

3. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Report on Walditch Church Hall project. The Chairman reported on a meeting he had had with representatives from the PCC. and other interested parties on the proposed reclassification of the church hall to a village hall. The Parish Council would be the custodian trustees with a watching brief on the day-to-day running of the hall which would be carried out by a committee to be formed from user groups and one member of the Parish Council. The PCC will be meeting on 5 Jul '93 to discuss the details of the transfer and submit its proposals to the Salisbury Diocese. It would then be placed in the hands of the solicitors to draw up the formal documents. It was unlikely that this process would be completed before Christmas 1994.

b. Donations It was resolved to make donations of £25 each to the Bridport Cricket Club and The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

c. Parking in Crock Lane. The Clerk read a letter from the County Surveyor advising the Council that the complaint on parking in Crock Lane had been passed to the police for their attention. While this action is much appreciated by this Council it does not provide a permanent solution to the problem. It was resolved to ask the County Surveyor if he would consider widening the road at the point where the obstruction is occurring. This Council is most concerned that this obstruction has in the past hindered emergency vehicles from gaining access to other properties in Crock Lane and Bowhayes.

4. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR.

a. Mr Ffookes was given satisfactory answers to the following points:

Neighbourhood watch scheme. Details of co-ordinators to be displayed on Council notice boards.

Planning consent to the reclassification of 'The George' pub.
Paving stones at the bottom end of Hollow Way and cleaning
of banks.

Diverting of lorries conveying leachate from landfill site

Intended re-location of public amenity tip

Footpath Westown to Wonderwell badly overgrown.

The date of the proposed barn dance has been changed to 14
Aug '93.

- b. Mr Blyth was given satisfactory answers to the following
points:

Public entertainment licence for the proposed village hall
in Walditch.

Grants to organisations not part of the Parish.

Parking at the lower end of Main Street, Bothenhampton.

Theft of oak chest from St Mary's Church Bothenhampton.

- c. Cllr Casstles gave a short report on the NWS. As a result of
recent reports the police have been successful in apprehending a
number of suspects. All residents are urged to continue to
observe and report any unusual incidents to the police. These
actions are very much appreciated by the police.

5. REPORTS.

- a. Cllr Rear Admiral G Pritchard.
The County Council are aware of the problems caused by the
lack of off-street parking and house parking in Crock Lane
and requested copies of any letters that are written to the
County Surveyor on this subject, be sent to him.
There are problems with local land owners concerning the
transporting of the leachate but the County Council are
continuing their efforts to obtain a satisfactory solution.
The search for an alternative household waste site continues
but so far it has not been possible to find one. Its a case
of NIMBY. It is very unlikely that a site will be found
before privatisation. The licence for the tip is to be
discussed on Friday by the County Council when it will again
be stressed that there can be no trade waste unless
alternative access and egress is found.
- b. Dist Cllr D Cracknell.
The transfer of all WDDC housing stock to the West Dorset
Housing Trust is now complete. WDDC will maintain a small
housing committee to monitor the situation. The right to
buy remains unchanged.
There have been some hiccups over the grass cutting
especially in the area of Lake Lane/Valley Road which needs
to be watched and reported. (Cllr Pritchard advised that
a map can be obtained from the Rights of Way Officer, County
Council showing who is responsible for the cutting of hedge
rows, footpaths etc in the area.)

6 FINANCE

a. The Clerk was unable to give an up-to-date statement of the accounts as he had only received the books at the start of this meeting.

b. It was agreed that the following accounts should be paid.

D Wilson		
Clerk's salary and expenses 1st Qtr 93/94	£	243.32 ✓
BACIT		
Bridport swimming pool project	£1,726.00	✓
Nantes & Wylde		
Survey fee on village hall project	£	105.75 ✓
SWEB		
Routine maint and repairs	£	221.30
J White		
Grass cutting Apr and May '93	£	126.88 ✓
Bothenhampton Church Hall		
Hire of hall 26 Apr 14 Jun '93	£	22.00

c. It was resolved that the following should be authorised to sign cheques etc on behalf of this Council

Clr G Matthews - Chairman
Clr F Botham - Vice Chairman
Clr C Casstles - Councillor

d. It was resolved that this Council should purchase the PCW 9512 and printers and the Sharp SF 760 Copier from Mr R Plyer for the sum of £300.

e. The Clerk read a letter from the District Audit Service giving details of the errors found in the I & E Book in order to balalance the account at the end of the financial year 1992/93 and the retrospective entries to be made to the I & E Book.

7. PLANNING

a. The Clerk gave details of the applications for planning consent still outstanding to the WDDC, viz:
1/W/93/245, 1/W/93/260 and 1/W/93265.

There were no objections raised in any of these cases and the Clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

The Clerk gave details of planning consents that have been granted by WDDC.

8. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/STREET LIGHTING.

a. Additional lighting Hollow Way. It was resolved to obtain estimates to install two additional lights, one at either end, of Hollow Way.

b. Speed Restrictions - Walditch. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Traffic Manager requesting a meeting with a representative to discuss the ever increasing problem of speeding vehicles through the narrow roads in Walditch.

c. Hedge and grass cutting on footpaths. This was discussed at some length and it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain the map mentioned in para 5b when the matter will again be raised.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Relief of UBR for village post office. The Clerk reported on the current position. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Stretch, as a matter of urgency, expressing this Council's full support for his application.

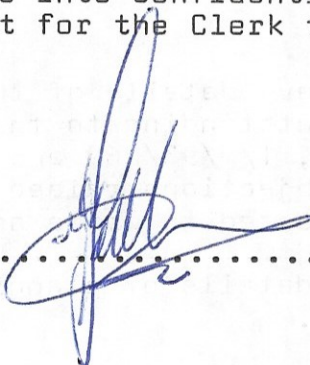
b. Bothenhampton 'Open Day' The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Chadney confirming this Council's ruling that camping in the marquee/playing field is strictly forbidden under any circumstances and in particular on the 'Open Day'.

other subjects brought to the attention of the council are:

- Public Transport News
- Symposium on the Fleet Lagoon & Chesil Beach
- Custody of Parish Records
- 50th anniversary of D Day 6 Jun '94
- Dorset Minerals and Waste local plan
- Traffic Management programme
- DATPC circulars 10 - 13/93
- WDDC Bridport Area Forum
- Overhead Line Maintenance - Tree Cutting
- 1st Bothenhampton Guides and Brownies thanks for donation
- Walditch Parent & Toddler group thanks for donation.

At this point it was resolved to go into confidential session to discuss the contract of employment for the Clerk to the Council.

Date..... 12 July 1993

Chairman 

C O N F I D E N T I A L

The revised contract for the Clerk was discussed at length and it was finally agreed that the proposed contract submitted by Mr D Wilson should be accepted with the following alterations:

The Fidelity bond figure be reduced to £4,000 as already covered in the Council's policy.

That the Clerk obtain details of the formula for the calculation of the gratuity mentioned in para 19 before this can be reconsidered for inclusion in the contract.

