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**MINUTES OF BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held at BOTHENHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL, 7pm on 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Initials	Councillors	Initials	Councillors
JB	Cllr Jim Basker (Chair)	GS	Cllr Graham Styles
CA	Cllr Chris Addis	MW	Cllr Martin Warne
TC	Tan Cox (Clerk)		
Also Invited: Cllr Sarah Williams / Cllr Kelvin Clayton / Cllr Dave Bolwell			

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	<b>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Eligibility:</b> No Declarations were received.	
	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr M Warne and Dorset Cllrs D Bolwell and S Williams	
1	<b>Reports from Dorset Council Councillors:</b>  Cllr KC attended the meeting and said that Dorset Council is currently pursuing a devolution deal with central government. Cllr KC spoke about the advantages of gaining some devolution in that it could mean increased funding and potentially more control over transport and housing. Cllr KC said that these discussions were ongoing and there had been no firm proposal.  Cllr KC also referred to Bridport Town Council's stance on 20mph zones and said that there is a proposed Transport Regulation Order being prepared for Bridport Town Centre for 20mph, this is at the 'consultation' stage which closes on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November. Cllr KC said that Bridport Town Council is keen for 20mph to cover its whole area.	

*Cllr Jim Basker*

Minutes agreed on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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2	<p><b>Democratic Half Hour:</b>  Bothenhampton Village Hall welcomed many residents from Bothenhampton who attended mainly to voice their objection to both planning applications made by the owners of Land South of Barn Corner Westtown (application numbers P/MPO/2023/04147 and P/VOC/2023/05014).</p> <p>The Chairman first read a short statement explaining the reasons for the withdrawal of the Parish Council's letter sent on 18<sup>th</sup> August to Dorset Council Planning objecting to the initial planning application P/MPO/2023/0414. Cllr JB explained that this was because of an error in the letter and after contacting Dorset Council's Monitoring Officer the advice received was to withdraw the letter.</p> <p>The Chairman also read out a letter received from Mr and Mrs Dennis.</p> <p>There was widespread dismay among residents at the withdrawal of the Parish Council's letter and several asked why a corrected version of the letter had not been sent in its place. Residents did not feel that they were being adequately represented. Cllrs pointed out that there had been no Parish Council meeting in August (when the application was launched) to discuss planning applications; and that, by the time the error in the letter was noted, the deadline for comments had passed. Residents remained strongly opposed to development on the land and to the removal of the S106 restriction.</p> <p>There was sustained discussion around the further application P/VOC/2023/05014 on the linkage between the studio and the property at Barn Corner. Residents also expressed strong views on this latest application and the Parish Council will reflect those views in their response to the Dorset Council Planning team in due course.</p> <p>A resident asked whether the parish council would provide a financial grant towards the resurfacing of the pathway in front of the Village Hall building. This will be escalated to the Finance and Funding sub-committee.</p>	Clerk
3	<p><b>Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> September having been agreed by email were accepted, and a copy has been posted to the website.</p> <p><b>Carried forward Actions:</b></p> <p>Email from James Craddock wherein he asked that the Parish Council consider opening a dialogue with the Hyde Care Home with regards the creation of a path on the Hyde side of Walditch Road leading to a spot near to the mini-roundabout.</p> <p>There was some discussion around this, and Cllr Basker reminded those present that the lower section of that land does not belong to the Hyde and further research would be needed. Matter to be transferred to TT&amp;F sub-committee.</p>	Clerk

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3	<p>Regarding state of Council Trees - contact the Contractor and ask him to regularly check the stakes of all the trees in the area, and to ensure an area cleared of grass surrounds each tree. Feed each tree with fertilizer in February or March 2024. Remove dead trees in the area. Action completed 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p> <p>Regarding Zoom Subscription – cancelled on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023</p> <p>Regarding Transition – inform Contractor of BTC’s proposal that the services in the dissolved councils should be carried forward for 12 months without change. Action completed 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p> <p>Regarding Transition – send BTC budget forecast for 2022/23. Action completed 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p> <p>Regarding 20’s Plenty Campaign – check status of Motion. Action completed 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p>	
4	<p><b>Reports from External Organisations:</b></p> <p><b>BLAP Liaison</b> –Cllr JB attended the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Lead speaker was Chris Loder MP who covered several key issues including retail fuel prices, Bridport Investment Prospectus, Connectivity and house building. The next meeting is on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and will focus on transport. Cllr MW as Chair of TT&amp;F will be asked to attend.</p> <p><b>BANP / JCC</b> – Cllr JB provided an update and said that because of the impending dissolution of neighbouring parish councils the BANP JCC does not have much of a role at present. A review will be conducted in 2024 after the new council has been formed. It has been recommended that there should be one councillor from each Ward and one councillor from Symondsburry. Next meeting is on 30<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	Cllr MW
5	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>Planning Consultations</b> The planning consultations specified on the agenda were noted.</p> <p>P/VOC/2023/05014 LAND SOUTH OF BARN CORNER, WESTOWN</p> <p>The Parish Council understands that P/VOC/2023/05014 is a different Application to P/MPO/2023/04147, that seeks to separate the linkage between the artist studio and Barn Corner by removing Condition 4 of the permission to build (ref 1/D/12/2000885 of 16 August 2012). The Parish Council had been asked to respond to the strength of feeling expressed by residents on this Application and lodge their response to the Application.</p> <p>The Parish Council’s response was that the Agricultural Condition of the land should be retained and can agree that Condition 4 of 12/2000885 should be modified to prohibit overnight stays. However, the original Section 106 Order should not be lifted. This will ensure that the land remains as ‘agricultural land’. The artist studio should remain-non-residential. This is a digest of the response.</p>	

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6	<p><b>Finance and Budget:</b></p> <p>Payments made from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council</li> <li>• Huck Nets</li> <li>• Ink Trader</li> <li>• Derek Smith</li> <li>• Bridport Town Council</li> <li>• Axminster Printers</li> <li>• BDO (External Audit Fee)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clr Jim Basker</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman .....</p> <p>The Clerk said that the payments listed above had already been paid and had been authorised via email.</p> <p>The Clerk's salary for October 2023 was approved as were any expenses.</p> <p>The Bank Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was provided to Councillors for their perusal, the Bank Statement was signed by the Chairman and handed to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Cash Flow Forecast up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was sent to Councillors for their review and approval.</p> <p>External Auditor Report had been completed (AGAR for 2022/23) and this had been forwarded to councillors for their perusal. They document was noted.</p> <p><b>THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WERE APPROVED AND/OR AGREED, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Statement and Invoice Cover Sheet (Approved and signed by the Chairman)</li> <li>• Cash Flow Forecast – approved by Councillors</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Parish Council Sub-Committees:</b></p> <p>There were no sub-committee meetings.</p>	
8	<p><b>Other Parish Matters:</b></p> <p><b>CGR Joint Working Party</b></p> <p>The Parish Council has received a TUPE spreadsheet from the Town Clerk and the Clerk has received the 'Ward Clerk' job description.</p>	
9	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>The following correspondence was sent during the period and can be found on the council's website <a href="http://www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com">www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter to Tony Burden regarding Dorset Council speed limits</li> </ul>	

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10	<b>AOB:</b> There was nothing further to discuss	
	The meeting ended at 8.45pm	

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Walditch Village Hall, 7pm  
 Previous council minutes can be found on [www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com](http://www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com)

#### SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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Regarding BLAP Liaison – next meeting on 30 <sup>th</sup> October will focus on transport. Cllr MW as Chair of TT&F to be asked to attend as Cllr GS is on holiday.	Cllr MW	3

#### ROLLED OVER ITEMS – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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None		

#### ITEMS REFERRED TO OSPA SUB-COMMITTEE – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

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None	

#### ITEMS REFERRED TO F&F SUB-COMMITTEE – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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<b>Bothenhampton Village Hall</b> - the provision of a financial grant towards the resurfacing of the pathway in front of the building.	2

#### ITEMS REFERRED TO TT&F SUB-COMMITTEE – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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<b>Dialogue with the Hyde Care Home with regards the creation of a path on the Hyde side of Walditch Road leading to a spot near to the mini-roundabout.</b> the lower section of that land does not belong to the Hyde and further research would be needed.	2

**External Organisations - Acronyms:**

WATAG – West Dorset – Western Area Transport Action Group

BLAP – Bridport Local Area Partnership

BANP JCC – Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan, Joint Councils Committee

DAPTC – Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils

NALC – National Association of Local Councils

External Organisations - Councillor representatives:

WATAG – Cllr Chris Addis (Deputy - Cllr Martin Warne)

BLAP – Cllr Graham Styles

BANP – Cllr Jim Basker

Misc

VFO - Volunteer Footpath Officer