

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL  
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Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Walditch on Monday 12 September 1994 at 7.00pm

Present. Mr G Matthews (Chairman)	Mr F Botheam
Mr G Warburton	Mr R Batten
Mr D Blythe	Mrs D England MBE
Mrs F Ball	Mr D Wilson (Clerk)

In attendance: Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB Dorset Cty Clr  
Mr D Cracknell OBE West Dorset District Clr  
Mrs R Bramah The Ramblers Association  
Miss L Flemming Rights of Way Dept DCC  
Messrs J Cardwell, R Foot & P Delmaine Drinkwater Sabey

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 Aug '94 at Bothenhampton having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr C Horton

Mr C Casstles

3. RIGHTS OF WAY SURVEY

a. Mrs Bramah gave details of the recent survey carried out by the Ramblers Association of the footpaths in the parish area. It was explained that there is cash available from a number of sources to improve the present state of the footpaths. In general the rights of way in the parish are variable in useage, type and condition, and most need some kind of attention if full advantage is to be made of these most valuable assests.

Miss Fleming gave details of the financial and other help available from County Council resources, to include assistance with the cost of projects adopted by the parish council for notice boards, village trails, walks etc.

The Council agreed that all members should be provided with a full copy of the report of the Ramblers Association when a decision would be made as to future action to be taken.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Account from MAC Carpenters. It was resolved that in view of the delay in the payment of this account, any concern over its cost should now be disregarded and the account be paid, in full immediately.

Bridleway, Old Church Road. The Clerk reported that investigations with the Land Registry had failed to confirm the owner of this strip of land. The matter had been referred back to the West Dorset District Council and at the time of the meeting a reply had not been received .

Inspections of playground equipment. Clr Blythe reported that the NPPA had not yet inspected the equipment. The slide had now been repaired and was in good working order. The account for RHM Wheeler for £188.70 was approved for payment.

Collections of household waste Uplnads, Waldtich. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from West Dorset District Council.

Dog Bye-law. The Clerk reported that these have now been approved by the Secretary of State and will become law on 1 October 1994. It will be necessary for a suitable copy to be displayed at the entrance of the John Holt Play Area.

Bothenhampton Landfill/CA Site. Mr J Cardwell, Director of Drinkwater Sabey and Dorset Waste Management Ltd gave details of the company's proposals for the future of the landfill site. It is the company's intention to close the Bothenhampton site as early as possible, the stumbling block at present is finding a suitable alternative site in the Bridport area. As soon as a site can be found the Bothenhampton site will be closed within a few months. When the site is closed will be necessary to cap it off. At present the company has specialists investigating the safest and best method of completing this operation. The first steps are to drill bore holes to asceratin the quantity of landfill gases and water in the ground, and this operation is due to start shortly.

The Company's contract contains a restriction of 90 trade vehicles per week to enter the site. It will be necessary to have a certain quantity of 'trade waste' at the site in order to effectively cap it off. Although the company cannot have more than 90 vehicles per week there are occassions when a fewer number will bring the contracted waste in, and when this occurs the compnay would wish to make up the shortfall with vehicles bringing in trade waste. In the past the Dorset County Council had not made a charge for any trade waste but it was the company's policy from now on to make a charge.

A firm assurance was given that all the time the site was 'active' there would never be more that the contracted number of vehicles of 90 per week coming to the site.

It will be necessary to greately increase the number of heavy lorries coming through the village when the capping operation commences because of the sheer volume of capping material required. It was very much regretted that there was no other access to the site other than through the village, and the company very much regretted the inconvenience that will be experienced by the residents. Every effort will be made to keep the inconvenience to the absolute minimum, and for the capping to be carried out in the shortest time possible.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the public were given the opportunity to question the representatives of Drinkwater Sabey concerning their proposals for the landfill site as well as other matters of interest to the local community.

6. REPORTS

Rear Admiral Pritcahrd. Nothing to report

Mr D Cracknell. Nothing to report.

7. FINANCE

The following accounts were agreed for payment.

D Wilson	
Salary and expenses 2 qtr 94/95	£ 720.05
Jim White	
Grass cutting Aug '94	63.44
Audit Commission	
Audit fee 93/94	87.09
MAC Carpenters	
Notice board at Post Office	181.30
RHM Wheeler	
Repairs to slide in childrens play area	188.70
Citizen's Advice Bureau	
Grant	150.00.

b The Clerk gave details of the current financial state and advised Councillors that the budget for 95/96 would have to be considered at the next council meeting scheduled for Oct '94.

c. Proposed by Clr England                      Seconded by Clr Botham

That the Citiznes' Advice Bureau in Bridport be given a grant of £150 towards its general running costs.

Carried.

8. PLANNING

a. The Clerk gave details of the following planning applications:

1/W/94/0408P Fourwinds, Mount Joy, Bothnhampton  
This is for the renewal of outline permission granted originally in 1988 and therefore no comments were raised. However Clr England reported that we should watch closely when and if an application for a dwelling is submitted because of the possible overlooking of the neighbouring property.

1/W/94/0444F - DEL Wych Elm, Wych Hill Bothenhampton  
No observations.

b. The Clerk reported details of the following decisions of WDDC

1/W/93/0265P Land at Lower Walditch Lane, Bothenhampton

Renewal of outline permission for residential development. The Council expressed some concern that the original restrictions imposed may not have been carried forward into the current authority. The Clerk was instructed to see the WDDC Planning officer and confirm this. Clr England was concerned that originally the sum of £30,000 was due to the Parish Council to assist in the landscaping of the site and it would seem that this has not been carried forward. Clr England agreed to refer to the documents she holds to confirm that this was the case in the original outline authority.

9. REPORTS FROM:

- a. Footpaths and road. NTR
- b. Street lighting NTR
- c. John Holt Play Area See matters arising above.
- d. Neighbourhood Watch NTR
- e. Conservation and Open Spaces. Meeting of the Management Committee set for 20 September '94. Autumn/Winter programme to be agreed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew the attention of the Council to the following correspondence:

Association for the Conservation of Energy	NFA
Western Area DAPTC Minutes	NFA
DAP&TC	
Circular 18/94	NFA
Circular 19/94	NFA
Dorset County Council	
DICE Design Conference	NFA
Towards A Dorset Agenda 21	NFA
West Dorset District Council	
Quality in Town and Country	Passed to Chairman
Association of County Councils	
Review of Local Government	NFA
Costal Caravan Parks report	Passed to Clr Blythe

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 21.05.

Date.....10-10-94..... Chairman .....