

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL  
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Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church hall, Walditch on Monday 8 November 1993 at 7.30pm

Present.	Mr G Matthews (Chairman)	Mr F Botham
	Mr C Horton	Mr D Blythe
	Mr G Warburton	Mr R Batten
	Mr C Casstles	Mrs F Ball
	Mrs P England MBE	Mr D Wilson (Clerk)

Before the official business of the meeting commenced the Chairman introduced Mr David Carman, West Dorset District Council Environmental Manager, and Ms Jenny Penny, the newly appointed Brit Valley Ranger. Mr Carman gave brief details of the terms of reference of the Ranger and answered a number of questions. It was agreed that a public meeting should be arranged early in 1994 to involve as many of the public as possible in the conservation of the area. It was agreed that this council's contact should be Clr Engalnd.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 Oct '93 having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of that meeting, and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:-

Rear Admiral G Pritchard.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from Dorset County Council concerning the request for a change of priorities at the Walditch Road/Crock Lane/ Walditch Lane junction.

b. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from Court Cavendish concerning the replacement of the garden seat at The Hyde. It was resolved to accept the kind offer of Court Cavendish to organise a small form of ceremony to mark the reinstatement of the seat.

c. The Clerk gave details of the reply from Dorset County Council concerning the reinstatement of the roadside footpath at the Manor Barns development.

d. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from Dorset County Council concerning the future of the landfill site. It was reported that a rumour is circulating that one or more prospective tenderers for the contract are saying that the site is basically uneconomical and if granted the contract they would close the site within one year. It was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Dorset County Council asking that if this is, in fact, the case that such tenders should be given priority consideration.



e. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from the Dorset County Council concerning the state of the drains and the flooding of the pasture land at the bottom of Quarry Lane. It was reported that the drain from the top of the main road just stops half way down Quarry Lane and has no apparent outlet, apart from flooding the pasture field at the bottom. The Clerk was instructed to write to Dorset County Council expressing the councils concern over the general state of the road drains in both villages and requesting that urgent attention be given to a complete survey of the whole area, and for a report to be submitted at the earliest opportunity.

f. The Clerk reported that the church hall, Bothenhampton was not available on Friday 6 May '94. It was agreed that the May meeting now be held on Thursday 5 May 1994 in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton.

#### 4. REPORTS

a. There was no report from Cty Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard.

b. Dist Clr Cracknell reported that there was a clear measure of agreement between the County Council and the other nine District Councils within Dorset over the future as a result of the speeding up of the Local Government Review. The proposal is to bring forward a single authority plan for the County with more duties being handed over to the Parish Councils. A document would shortly be circulated to all Parish Councils setting out the proposals and asking for comments.

#### 5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

a. Mrs Warburton reported that a number of roadside drain covers have been broken and are a potential danger, especially to cycle users. The same complaint was received from others present in other parts of both villages. It was resolved that the Dorset County Council surveyor be requested to carry out an urgent review of all the drain covers and the general poor state of the road surfaces throughout the whole council area.

b. In addition to reiterating Mrs Warburton's complaint on the state of roads etc Mr Ffooks made the following points:

1. Pasture Way, manhole cover is some three inches proud of the road surface.

2. Safeways car park lights are on all night to the discomfort of residents in Sea Road.

3. There are some edge stones of the high pavement in a dangerous state and the vegetation needs cutting back.

c. Clr England gave a report on the recent meeting of the DAP&TC executive committee. Concern was expressed at the Association's decision to reject the Parish Constable concept.

d. A complaint was received about dogs fouling the childrens' play area. The Clerk to investigate any possible bye-laws.





6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were approved for payment:

D Wilson	
Salary and expenses 3rd Qtr 93/94	£665.91
SWEB	
Lighting and maintenance charges	249.92
The Audit Commission	
Audit fee	181.87
Walditch Church Hall	
Hire of hall for Nov meeting	10.00

b. Budget for 1994/95.

Proposed Clr Casstles

Seconded by Clr Botham

That the budget for the financial year 1994/95 be as follows, and a precept be made for £9,000:-

Hire of Halls for meetings	£ 150
Clerk's salary	1,950
Office expenses	450
Office rent	390
Insurance	75
DAP&TC subscription	300
Audit fee	150
Donations	500
Walditch Green	500
Lighting	2,500
Footpaths etc	200
Grass cutting	500
Contingency Fund	1,135
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Notes:

1. Office expns incls telephone, mileage claims, postage & stationery.
2. The item for lighting includes the provision of additional lighting in the area of the old school rooms Bothenhampton
3. The item for Walditch Green includes the provision of a form of kerb stoning to prevent vehicular access to the grassed area.
4. £100 of the proposed contingency fund to be set aside for the possible payment of a Clerk's gratuity in five years time.
5. £1,895 carried forward from 93/94 is to be held in reserve against possible expenses in connection with the redesignation of the church hall, Walditch.



7. PLANNING

a. Applications received by West Dorset District Council

Application No 1/W/93/0592F - DEL Errect conservatory land adj 20 Elwell, Bothenhampton. This conservatory is positioned on the edge of the site and so high up that it completely overlooks No 20. The residents are extremely concerned about the position of the conservatory. It was agreed that representations should be made to the planning authority to have the plans modified to avoid this overlooking problem.

Application No 1/W/93/06060 - Cherrywood Farm Cottage. Obtain relief from Condition 2 of PA 1/W/86/342. It was agreed that this application should be strongly supported and should be approved.

Application 1/W/93/0563A - Safeway Site West Bay Road, Bridport. Erect illuminated wall mounted shop signs etc. It was agreed that representations should be made to the planning authority for a restriction to be put on the lighting time, ie that the lights should be turned off when the store is closed, apart from such lighting as may be required for security purposes.

b. No decisons were notified.

8. ROADS /FOOTPATHS/STREET LIGHTING

No additional points were raised to those brought to the Council's attention during Democratic Half Hour.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Consultation document on the merger of West Dorset Mental Health NHS Trust and West Dorset Community Health NHS Trust. Clr Botham agreed to attend the public meeting to be held at Colfox School on 23 Nov '93, on behalf of the Council, and to report back at a later meeting.

b. The Clerk drew the attention of the council to WDDC letter addressed to Mr J Lings concerning the possible misuse of a caravan on field No OS 9800 East Road, Bridport. Anyone who may have any information in this connection was asked to contact Mr Ruthven at WDDC direct.

c. The Clerk drew the attention of the council to WDDC letter on the environmental opportunity sites schemes. It was agreed that nothing fell within the scope of the scheme.

d. Bridport Town Council allotment for Mr G Albertella, now resident in Bothenhampton. It was agreed that the Council would pay the excess rent of £9 for the year 1994/95.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

Date..... 10.1.94 .....

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