

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Room, Walditch on Monday 2 October 1995 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr FR Botham (Chairman)                      Mrs FM Ball  
          Mr RC Batten                                        Mr DA Blythe  
          Mrs DM England MBE                             Mr PG Hulbert  
          Mr GL Matthews                                   Mr JE Mitchell  
          Mr GCL Warburton                                Mr D Wilson (Clerk)

In attendance     Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

1.     MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held at Bothenhampton on 11 Sep '95, having been circulated to all councillors, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed

2.     APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

3.     MATTERS ARISING

- a.     Street name plates - Pasture Way.     The Clerk gave details of the reply received from WDDC.
- b.     A30/A35 Exeter/Bere Regis DBFO project.     The Clerk gave details of the reply received from the Highways Agency.
- c.     New Health Authority boundaries.     Clr England gave a report on the proposed changes.
- d.     Damage to seat on High Pavement.     Clr Matthews gave a report on the current situation regarding the repair of this seat.
- e.     Nomination of interviewing panel for new clerk.     Proposed by Clr England, seconded by Clr Ball that:

The panel shall consist of Clr Botham, Clr Blythe, Clr Matthews and the Clerk. That the conditions of employment should in accordance with the NALC recommended contract for Clerks, and the salary to be in accordance with NALC recommended scales.

Carried.

4.     REPORT FROM CLR PRITCHARD

- a.     Safeways Superstore.     The Highways Agency and WDDC planners are now involved.     A letter has been sent to the Property Service Agency for Safeways.     Now awaiting their reply.
- b.     In response to a complaint it was pointed out that the new street lighting in Walditch Lane must comply with current regulations for street lighting i.e. it must not be intrusive to adjacent dwellings.     Such intrusion cannot be clearly determined until the lights are switched on.



5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR.

At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to air their views on matters of local interest. The meeting was then re-convened for the remainder of the Council's agenda.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were approved for payment;

South Western Electricity Energy charges qtr ending 30 Sep '95	£360.06
Jim White Grass and high pavement maintenance Sep '95	114.55
1st Bothenhampton Brownies Donation as agreed in Sep minute 9a.	150.00
Walditch Church Hall Hire of hall for Oct meeting	10.00

b. The Clerk gave details of the current financial state

c. It was resolved that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk should meet and bring forward proposals for a budget for 96/97. to the next meeting. In the meantime any Councillor who wished to make a proposal should advise the Clerk accordingly

7. PLANNING

a. The following applications have been received by WDDC

1/W/95/0511F - DEL 42 Maple Gardens, Bothenhampton  
Erect conservatory - No objections

1/W/95/0512F - DEL 5 Bothen Drive Bothenhampton  
Construct dormer window and install velux rooflight  
No objections

1/W/95/0513F - DEL 58 Crock Lane Bothenhampton  
Erect conservatory - No objections

b. The following planning consents were granted by WDDC.

1/W/95/0179C Real Tennis Court Walditch  
Change of use from agricultural to tennis court

1/W/95/0399F 17 Crock Lane Bothenhampton  
Erect extension and construct dormer window.

8. REPORTS

a. Footpaths & roads.

30mph signs in Crock Lane are obscured by hedge growth  
and some are broken.



Quarry Lane. Cleaning schedule is for six sweeps per year but has only been done twice in 1994 and not at all this year so far.

The gullies in Waldicth Lane are now blocked with silt and need to be cleaned out.

The Clerk was instructed to report these defects to the County Surveyor.

- b. Street lighting. Following a complaint raised in the democratic half hour it was agreed that the contractor should be approached to see if the newly installed lamp columns in Walditch Lane at the new development and the junction of Waldicth Lane/ Walditch Road/Asker Mead could be painted a colour more condusive to the immediate surroundings, also what action they intend to take to ensure there is no intrusion to the surrounding dwellings in Manor Fields. Concern was also expressed at the number of columns that have been installed at the junction. It would seem that the number is excessive for the size of the junction.
- c. John Holt Play Area. A complaint was received from two parents on the safety aspect of the newly installed play equipment viz:
- (1) the end of the slide is 19 inches from the ground, thus any child coming down the slide and coming off the end has a drop of 19 inches before meeting the safety surfacing.
  - (2) the swing seats are 2 feet 4 inches off the ground which makes it almost impossible for a child to get onto the seat unaided.
  - (3) the lookout climbing frame has an inviting pole at the back for children to slide down like a fireman's pole, only to find there is a bar across the inside about 21 inches above the ground which effectively stops small children before their feet have got to the ground.
- The Council were most concerned over these complaints and the Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting between a representative from the suppliers, Wicksteed Ltd, the National Playing Fields Association, the full council and any interested parents as a matter of urgency.
- d. Neighbourhood Watch. An incident was reported last Sunday of a number of youths removing the warning cones in the vicinity of the new development in Walditch Lane and using them as skate board obstacles and the stoning of the street lights. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Bridport police and inform them accordingly.
- e. Conservation and Open Spaces. The path has now been completed and the steps reinstated in the Nature Reserve. A further session of bat and bird box making has been arranged.



9. CORRESPONDENCE

The New Elizabethen Singers. It was resolved not to make a donation.  
WDDC.

Cutting of highway verges. It was resolved not to contribute to any extra cutting of the highway verges.  
West Bay Coastal Defences briefing meeting Noted

Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust. NFA

DCC public transport liaison meeting NFA

Dorset Heritage. Industrial Archaeology 21 Oct 95 NFA

DAP&TC

County Secretary's Circulars 29,30,31 Noted

Bothenhampton Playgroup. Proposed by Clr Ball, seconded by Clr Batten that the Playgroup be given a donation of £200.  
Voting: For 5 - Against 4. Carried.

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

Date...13/11/95... Chairman  .....

