

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 11 October 1993 at 7.30pm

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 Sep '93, having been circulated to all members, was accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mrs P England MBE Mr F Botham
Mr C Casstles.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

The Clerk reported on the following items:-

- a. Repair to the kissing gate in Walditch Road adjacent to Hyde Cottages.
- b. Replacement of the seat outside The Hyde by Court Cavendish.
- c. AGM of DAP&TC
- d. Vehicular traffic to the landfill site thro' Bothenhampton.
- e. Change of priorities junc Lower Walditch Lane/Crock Lane
- f. Footpath No 18 Valley Road/Quarry Lane. Bothenhampton. It was agreed that the Countryside Ranger, (when appointed) be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting, with a view to arranging a public meeting to discuss the future of the quarry as a local nature reserve.
- g. Car boot sales - Norman's Field, Walditch.

4. REPORTS FROM CTY AND DIST CLRS.

No reports were available from either the Cty or Dist Clrs.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR.

Mr R Ffooks asked what was the latest position regarding the privatization of the tip, and whether any potential purchaser would be required to carry out the final landscaping of the site, and if not, who was to be responsible for this work to be carried out.



It was reported that the seat in the playground has been broken and that the large gate is in need of attention. It was agreed that the Chairman would approach Mr Wheeler regarding the repairs to the seat and Mr Blythe agreed to ascertain the amount of work necessary on the gate and felt that he may well carry out the work himself. His gesture was very much appreciated by the Council.

A complaint was made concerning the poor state of the roadside footpath at the Manor Barns, Bothenhampton development. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the County Surveyor to ascertain who is responsible for the reinstatement of this path, and to make arrangements for the work to be carried out.

A complaint was made concerning the very poor state of the drains in the village, especially those in Quarry Lane and Long Lane. The drain in Quarry Lane is causing extensive flooding in the lower field to such an extent that the farmer has had to move his sheep to another pasture.

The Clerk drew attention to the state of the parish council notice boards. It was agreed that the original contractor should be approached to make all necessary repairs. Concern was expressed at the seemingly rapid deterioration of these boards. This to be brought to the attention of the contractor.

6. FINANCE

- a. The following accounts were approved for payment

Jin White	
Grass cutting Sep '93	£63.44
Bothenhampton Church Hall	
Hire of hall for Oct '93 meeting	11.00

- b. The Clerk gave details of the current financial state and advised the Council that West Dorset District Council would be requiring details of the precept for 94/95 by 15 Dec '93. To this end a budget would be prepared at the November meeting.

- c. The following grants were discussed:

Proposed by Clr Horton	Seconded by Clr Warburton
To make a donation to Holy Trinity Church of £150.	
Carried	

Proposed by Clr Ball	Seconded by Clr Horton
To make a donation to the Citizens' Advice Bureau of £150	
Carried	

It was agreed not to make a donation to the Bidport Film Society.

7. PLANNING

- a. Application 1/W/93/0536C Genus, Firch Lane, Walditch
No objections
- b. Application No 1/W/930477F granted planning permission.

8. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/STREET LIGHTING

Roads. No comments raised

Footpaths. No comments raised

Street lighting. The Clerk advised the meeting that the additional lighting was 'in the pipeline' of SWEB but no date could be given for the start of work

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of the following correspondence:-

D Hale, SW Australia. requesting historic details of the village.
DAP&TC - Centenary History of Parish Government.
Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of 11 Sep '93
Councillor's Day 30 Oct 93 - Finance. It was agreed
that the Clerk should attend.

The Clerk gave a brief report on the Public Transport Liaison meeting he attended on behalf of the Council on 5 Sep '93.

At this point it was resolved to go into confidential session and the press and public were requested to leave.

Date..... 8.11.93

Chairman

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

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 1992/93

The Clerk gave details of the formal reply sent on 27 Sep '93 to Mr Plyer to his letter of 6 Sep '93. To date no reply or acknowledgment has been received. A short discussion followed.

Proposed by Clr Horton

Seconded by Clr Batten

That unless a satisfactory reply is received by the 27th of October 1993 the Clerk be instructed to forward all relevant details to the National Association of Local Council's solicitor for advice on the next course of action to be taken by this council.

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The meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm.