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MINUTES OF BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held REMOTELY at 5pm on 8th FEBRUARY 2021

Initials	Present	Initials	Present
JB	Cllr Jim Basker (Chair)	CA	Cllr Chris Addis
AL	Cllr Ann Langridge	MW	Cllr Martin Warne
GSt	Cllr Graham Styles		
EB	Cllr Edward Berry	TC	Tan Cox (Clerk)
Also Invited			
Cllr Sarah Williams / Cllr Kelvin Clayton / Cllr Dave Bolwell			

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	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Eligibility: No Declarations were received	
	Apologies: Cllrs Bolwell and Williams	
	CLERK'S NOTE Due to the COVID-19 virus and social distancing requirements this meeting was held remotely using video conferencing software. The L01-20 Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (coronavirus) (flexibility of local authority and police and crime panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, Regulation 5(2) require that all participants should be able to be seen and heard throughout the meeting and this condition was satisfied.	
1	Reports from Dorset Council Councillors: Cllr Clayton attended the meeting and raised the matter of the Dorset Council Local Plan: he said that it is important that Parish Councillors look at the proposals in the local plan and make any comments they feel necessary. The planning applications relating to Marrowbone Lane and the Homestead Farm appeal received in early February were also discussed. Cllr KC confirmed that he had asked the Marrowbone Lane planning application to be placed before the Dorset Council Planning Committee.	

Minutes agreed on 8th March 2021

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2	<p>Democratic Half Hour:</p> <p>There were no items for discussion.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th January 2021:</p> <p>The Minutes of 11th January were approved, and a copy will be posted to the website.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to comment on the Summary of Actions on page 7. As follows:</p> <p>Regarding Marrowbone Lane – make parish council’s objection via the Dorset Council Portal and construct a letter to be sent to Dorset Council drawing a comparison with the Homestead Farm development, and re-iterating the various concerns highlighted on the Dorset Council portal. Action completed.</p> <p>Cllr EB said that when he looked at the Dorset Council portal and accessed the ‘documents’ tab, the letter that we had sent to them on the 14th January (the one detailed above), had not been made available for public inspection. The Clerk to enquire why this is the case and to gain assurance from them that the Planning Committee will see the letter.</p> <p>Regarding Transfer of Nature Reserves to Bridport Town Council – Cllr JB has spoken to the volunteer to repair the gate on the upper entry into the reserve. The volunteer has agreed to carry out the repair. The issue with the padlock can be discussed with Wessex Water and Dorset Council once the gate has been repaired. Action completed.</p> <p>Cllr EB queried the reason why the transfer to Bridport Town Council has not happened. He said that, as he understood it, the main reason was because of the number of trees within the reserve that had succumbed to the Ash Dieback disease. He said that the general state of the reserve had deteriorated and is getting worse the longer it is left. Cllr EB to send the Clerk some text (and images) and a letter will be sent to Dorset Council.</p> <p>Regarding Dorset Council’s Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan – Cllr JB has made a corporate response to Dorset Council Action completed.</p> <p>Regarding start time of meeting – Cllr AL said that all notice boards apart from the board outside of Bothenhampton Village Hall contained a notice of change of start time, this is because the door is stuck and cannot be opened by Cllr AL. Cllr GSt agreed to try to open it.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr EB/Clerk</p>

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4	<p>Reports from External Organisations:</p> <p>WATAG – Cllr CA had attended the latest meeting of the WATAG which was their AGM and had sent a report prior to the meeting. Councillors noted its contents.</p> <p>BLAP – Cllr AL attended the BLAP meeting on 13th January and said that most of the meeting had been dedicated to a presentation on Climate Change.</p> <p>BANP/JCC – Cllr JB attended a meeting on 27th January to prepare a BANP JCC response to the draft Local Plan. Members reacted positively to the Plan, and to its integration of the BANP into its own coverage of Bridport. The JCC response will replace words like ‘encourage’ or ‘expect’ by ‘guide’ and ‘require’ developers to do certain things.</p>	
5	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Planning Consultations</p> <p>The planning consultation and decision notices specified on the Agenda were noted.</p> <p>Cllr GSt raised the issue of the Homestead Farm Appeal and asked whether councillors wanted to make further representations now that an Appeal had been made. There was discussion around this, and Cllr CA said that it would be reasonable to respond to the grounds that the applicant had put forward to support his Appeal. Cllr GSt agreed to identify the grounds put forward by the appellant and to send text to the Clerk for a letter to be written to the Planning Inspectorate.</p>	Cllr GSt/ Clerk
6	<p>Finance and Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Payments for Approval – 12th January 2021 - 8th February 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DAPTC – Neighbourhood Plan – Online Training ● DAPTC – Neighbourhood Plan – Online Training ● Dorset Council ● Post Office ● Derek Smith grass cutting ● WIX Mailbox renewal ● Clerk Salary <p style="text-align: right;">  Approved </p> <p>The Clerk said that most of the payments listed had already been paid and had been authorised via email. The invoice cover sheet was signed by the Chairman and scanned back to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk’s salary for February 2021 was approved as were any expenses.</p> <p>The Bank Balance as of 31st January 2021 was provided to councillors for their perusal, the Bank Statement was signed by the Chairman and scanned back to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Cash Flow Forecast up to 31st January 2021 was sent to Councillors for their review.</p>	

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9	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The following correspondence was sent during the period and can be found on the council's website www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter to Bridport Town Council regarding Footpath W1/13 ends and Footpath W5/5 begins ● Letter to Dorset Council regarding WD/D/20/002660 Marrowbone Lane ● Letter to PlayQuest regarding the lack of signage on play equipment stating the date of installation and the manufacturer. The letter also referred to the 'ground level' marking (on poles) that is missing. 	
10	<p>Miscellaneous:</p> <p>Right to Regenerate</p> <p>The Clerk had previously sent an advisory document written by GovCo to help with councillors' response.</p> <p>Cllr JB explained to councillors the rationale behind the Right to Regenerate legislation and asked councillors for their opinion. There were various viewpoints, including the fact that the parish council has no land available for purchase by members of the public.</p> <p>Councillors referred to the numerous examples of land that private developers are sitting on and were surprised that the legislation did not take this into account.</p> <p>Cllr JB to reflect Councillors' views in responding to the consultation document.</p>	Cllr JB
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr EB referred to the issue he raised relating to the overhanging branches at The Old Vicarage. There was some discussion around this and Cllr EB said he will visit the property and speak to the resident.</p>	Cllr EB
	<p>The meeting ended at 6.30pm</p>	

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 8th March 2021 @ 5pm via Zoom (unless advised otherwise)
Previous council agenda and minutes can be found on www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 8th February 2021

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Regarding Marrowbone Lane – enquire why the letter is not available to members of the public.	Clerk	2
Regarding Transfer of Nature Reserves – send text to Clerk for letter to be sent to Dorset Council.	Cllr EB/Clerk	2
Regarding Homestead Farm Appeal - identify the grounds put forward by the appellant and send text to the Clerk for a letter to be written to Dorset Council.	Cllr GSt / Clerk	3
Regarding Appointment of Councillor responsible for Flooding/Flood Prevention – send details of the role to Cllr CA.	Clerk	4
Regarding Dorset Council Local Plan - councillors to look at the plan and send Cllr JB their views so that he can submit a collective / joint response. Deadline 28 th February 2021.	All Cllrs	4
Regarding Lengthsman Increase in hourly rate – write to Bridport Town Council to accept the increased charge.	Clerk	4
Regarding Right to Regenerate - reflect Councillors' views in responding to the consultation document.	Cllr JB	5
Regarding overhanging branches at The Old Vicarage Cllr will visit the property and speak to the resident.	Cllr EB	5

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External Organisations - Acronyms:

WATAG – West Dorset – Western Area Transport Action Group

BLAP – Bridport Area Local 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 Ann Langridge (Deputy – Cllr Graham Styles)

BANP – Cllr Jim Basker (Deputy Cllr Gill Smith)

Misc

VFO - Volunteer Footpath Officer