

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Walditch on Monday 12 February 1996 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.G.L.Matthews, Mrs.F.Bal', Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mr.P.G.Mitchell, Mr.G.C.L.Warburton, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.D.Wilson [Clerk] Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk Des]

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8 January 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Mr.R.Batten

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Church Hall Walditch - Heating this matter was discussed under item [10]
- b. Lower Walditch Development. The Clerk gave details of a letter received from Austen Whetham & Guest.
- c. SWEB - Tree Trimming Crock Lane - The Clerk gave details of a letter received from SWEB and was instructed to write to them again in about a month if work had not been carried out.
- d. Highway Agency - Sea Road Pedestrian Facilities - The Clerk gave details of a letter received from the Highway Agency in which they stated that the provision of pedestrian facilities had been included in their bid for funds for the coming financial year, however it was not possible to confirm if such a bid will be successful.

4. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting was adjourned to enable members of the public present to air their views on matters of local interest. the meeting then re-convened to complete the council's agenda.

5. REPORT BY Cty Dist Councillor Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

NTR

6. FINANCE

- a. The following accounts were agreed for payment:
 1. Walditch Village Hall - Hire of Hall for two meetings £20.00
 2. Hot Print - Photo Copying Jan 1996 £18.44
 3. W.D.D.C. - Election Charges £30.00

7. PLANNING

a. The following planning consents were granted by WDDC

1/W/95/159 6 Bothen Drive, Bothenhampton minor amendments to application approved on the 5 May 1995. [amended roof design by replacing the planned gable end to a hip end].

1/W/95/0450F Home Cottage, Main Street, Bothenhampton. Renewal of P.A. 1/W90/0502 erect house

1/W/95/0610F Home Cottage, Main Street, Bothenhampton. Erect garage.

1/W/95/625 The Cottage, Walditch. erect extension. The Clerk gave details of a letter received from West Dorset District Council confirming that approval had been given to this application without attaching the Parish Council condition on the applicant to create a rear access as the planning authority are unable to enforce such a condition as the application did not change the status of the single dwelling.

1/W/95/0639R Fourwinds, Mountjoy Estate, Bothenhampton. Erect bungalow and garage, construct new vehicular and pedestrian access. The Clerk was instructed to request the District Council for confirmation on the reasons why the Parish Council conditions have not been included in the approval given to this application as outlined in our letter of the 27 December 1995.

b. Dorset County Council - Dorset County Structure Plan: Deposit Plan

The Clerk gave details of the Structure Plan was placed on deposit for public consultation on the 19 January 1996, a further copy had been requested and will be circulated.

8. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads- Flooding of footpath - the Clerk gave details of a letter received from the DDC Assistant Area Surveyor Bridport confirming that they had requested the Farm owner to carry out necessary repairs.

[b] Street Lighting NTR - The Clerk Des. did give the telephone number people could phone at County Hall if they wished to report direct faulty street lights the number is 01305 224214 or to him on 01305 225275.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch - NTR - The name of the new co-ordinator for Bothenhampton had not been received from the police, the Clerk was instructed to contact PC Jenkins to see if anyone had been appointed.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces - Clr. Matthews reported that work had been carried out which involved the putting up of new nest boxes etc. at the Nature Reserve. He also raised the question of the ransom strips of land in Lake Lane at the bottom of the Nature Reserve which appear to be being sold by the developer he had taken the matter up with WDDC and was awaiting a reply.

[e] Emergency co-ordinators meeting on the 17 February 1996 at which Clr. Ball will be attending as the co-ordinator for Bothenhampton she asked if anyone new who would be attending to represent Walditch.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DCC

The 1996 Great Dorset Beach Clean. The Clerk gave details of this years beach cleaning day which is to be held on Sunday 14 April between 10am to 12 noon.

A copy of the Draft Economic Development Strategy and Programme for Action 1996/97 has been received from the County Planning Officer.

A copy of the Rights of Way Newsletter and Directory for 1996 has been received from the County Surveyor.

Dorset Parish Records Preservation Project. The Clerk gave details of a letter received from the County Archivist thanking the Parish County for depositing the additional Parish minutes, the Preservation Project was mentioned and the fact that a public appeal to raise £12,000 towards the project had started and asked if the Parish Council would consider making a grant or contribution to the project. This item will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

[b] WDDC

Local Area Forum Meetings. Details received from the Chief Executive on the programme of meeting for 1996.

National Spring Clean 12-21 April 1996. Details received from the Environmental Heath Division of the National Spring Clean to be held in West Dorset this year and asked if the Parish Council would take part they would be able to assist with advice, publicity, plastic sacks and disposal of waste.

[c] DAPTC

DAPTC Calendar for 1996 was received along with following County Secretary's Circulars which were noted.

1/96[redundant telephone exchanges], 2/96[flooding], 3/96[Local Council Audit Fees 1995/96], 4/96[Table of Parochial Fees from January 1996], 5/96[January 1996 Computer Development], 6/96[lamit-tax status], 7/96[new VAT reclaim form], 8/96[royal garden parties 1996].

[d] Community Council for Dorset Magazine for winter 1995 was received along with details of the Dorset Best Kept Village Competition which were noted.

[e] Holy Trinity Church- Bothenhampton Church Hall. Clr Matthews gave details of the forming of a Management Committee to maintain and run the Church Hall on a day to day basis. A meeting was held on the 5 February 1996 and attended by Clr Matthews.

[f] Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust Ltd. The Clerk gave details of a letter received from the Trust confirming that the Trust had accepted the gift of the Hyde Tennis Court and asked if we would release the money the Parish Council had set aside [£500] towards the cost of the restoration work. The Clerk has informed the Trust that the money set aside would not be available until after the 1 May 1996.

Clr Botham reported on the meeting held on the 9 February 1996 in Walditch at which Mr. Salt from the Trust confirmed that £167,000 had been granted by the Lottery, work should start in April 1996 hopefully using local builders the works should be completed so that the court can be opened by Prince Edward in the autumn. The following concerns were raised, car parking, this will be at the east end of the site and will be hidden by hedging and fencing. The kitchen will only provide coffee and tea. When work is being carried out the contractors will be asked not to park in the road.

[g] Post of Town Clerk for Blandford Forum, details noted.

[h] Copy of letter to DCC from the Bothenhampton Residents Association concerning the footpath in Hollow Way was noted.

[i] The Great British Poppy Chain. The Clerk gave details of a letter received from the Royal British Legion on the Legion's 75th anniversary this year and the event they are organising on the 25 August 1996 to raise £4.7 million and asking the Parish Council to sponsor one yard of the chain at £36. This item to appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

[a] Church Hall Walditch - Heating. For this item Clr Botham declared an interest.

Clr Matthews therefore took the Chairmanship of the meeting for this item.

The Clerk reported on his meeting with the District Auditor who confirmed that the Parish Council could not spend any money on the Hall until the Parish Council had signed a lease. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Parish Council Solicitor asking him to confirm the current situation in relation to this matter.

The Clerk instructed to inform Capt. Johnson that under current regulations and instructions from the District Auditor the Council are not permitted to fund any repairs until such time as the Council has signed a lease. The District Auditor also suggested that we should consider purchasing the Church Hall, Clr Hulbert undertook to speak to the Council Solicitor concerning this matter.

Clr Botham resumed the Chairmanship of the meeting.

[b] Kerbing Walditch Village Green - gave details of two quotations received for these works as follows:
Dorset Works Organisation £3,340 plus Vat
Nick David Landscapes £1,829.97 plus Vat

Proposed by Clr England Seconded by Clr Matthews

That the quotation received from Nick David Landscapes be accepted subject to West Dorset District Council confirming that they would make 50% contribution. The Clerk was instructed to write to W.D.D.C. and to also inform Mr. David that his quotation has been accepted.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.20pm

Date 11/3/96 Chairman 