

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the church hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 14 November 1994 at 7.30pm

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 1994 at Walditch having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr D Blythe

Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Improvements to Walditch Green. The Clerk gave details of replies received from Dorset County Council and West Dorset District Council. It was agreed wait for the result of Dorset County Council's investigations before any further action is considered.

b. Flooding, Bothenhampton. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from West Dorset District Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should make the necessary arrangements for a CCTV survey as outlined by WDDC.

c. Fund for Children's Play Area. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from Mr Stretch. In view of the small sum involved it was agreed to leave things as they are at present until the proposed improvements to the play area equipment had been fully assessed, when application would then be made to the trustees of the fund for a contribution. The Chairman agreed to visit Mr Stretch.

d. Play Area Notice Board. The Clerk gave details of the donation received from Drinkwater Sabey towards the cost of the Eye-Law Notice Board. The Council expressed their appreciation of the generosity of Drinkwater Sabey.

4. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

a. No report from Rear Admiral Pritcahrd.

b. Dist Clr Cracknell had nothing to report, but expressed the wish to be kept informed of any feed-back to the revised household rubbish collections.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting was adjourned and the public were given the opportunity of expressing their views on local matters, and then reconvened for the remainder of the Council's business.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were approved for payment:

D Wilson		
Clerks salary and expenses 3rd Qtr		£ 687.85
J White		
Grass cutting Oct '94		63.44
Hotprint		
Photocopying		0.96
National Playing Fields Association		
Inspection of playground equipment		61.69
Forrest & Tree Care		
Wood chippings for play area		117.50
SWEB (Connect)		
Additional lighting Bothenhampton		121.03
Bothenhampton Church hall		
Hire of hall for Nov meeting		11.00
Western Area DAP&TC		
Donation for Centenary celebration		5.00
Dorset County Council		
Coast & Countryside Programme 94/95		4.52

b. Proposed by Clr Botham Seconded by Clr Casstles
That the budget for 1995/96 be as follows and that a precept be put forward for £8,000.

Hire of hall for meetings	£	150
Clerks salary		2,000
Office expenses		500
Office rent		400
Insurances		100
DAPTC Subs		300
Audit fee		100
Donations		500
Lighting charges		2,750
Grass cutting/High Pavement maintenance		700
DCC Holy Trinity church yard maint		750
Improvements to play area		1,200
St Mary's Walditch church yard maintenance		300
Contingency fund		750

£10,500

Less anticipated carry forward from 1994/95

2,500

Precept for 95/96

£ 8,000

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c. Clerks Salary.

Proposed by Clr Horton Seconded by Clr Batten

That the clerks salary be increased wef 1 Jul 94 in accordance with the recommendations of the National Association of Local Councils.

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7. PLANNING

a. The following applications have been received by WDDC:

1/W/94/0562F-DEL 33 Pasture Way, Bothenhampton.
No observations

1/W/94/0559F-DEL 96 Crock Lane Bothenhampton
No observations

1/W/94/0564F-DEL Little Thatch, Walditch

Oppose application on the following grounds

1. Danger in that it would be a concealed entrance/exit without a turning area and far too close to the Uplands turning
2. Proposed development is out of character with the surrounding properties on that side of the road.
3. Some 5 feet outside the wall of Quoits on Walditch Road belongs by Deed to the owners of Quoits thereby restricting the access to Little Thatch.

Listed Building Consent opposed on the following grounds:

1. It would be totally detrimental to the appearance of a conservation area and the other houses/cottages on the same side of the road between Many Sparrows and the Cottage.
2. Automatically vegetation would be lost
3. If consent were to be given to this proposal it would be difficult to refuse consent for the demolition of the rest of the wall belonging to the Cottage for the same purpose, thus creating an open space not in sympathy with the surrounds.
4. The destruction of even part of walls like this help toward the urbanisation of Walditch which should be opposed.

1/W/94/0607P Lower Walditch Lane.

Discussed at some length and finally agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Mr Derrien and Mr Greenslade WDDC Planning Dept to ascertain the latest position and what changes have been made from the conditions agreed in the 1989 application

b. The following decisions were notified by WDDC:

1/W/94/0526F 1 Elwell Bothenhampton
1/W/94/0541F 'Hainault' 26 Bowhayes, Bothenhampton

8. REPORTS

- a. Footpaths and Roads. The road surface in Crock Lane is now in a dangerous condition resulting from the numerous repairs to services that have been carried out. The Clerk was instructed to advise the Area Surveyor Dorset County Council accordingly.
- b. Street lighting. It was agreed to accept the SWEB estimate for additional lighting in Old Church Road.
- c. John Holt Play Area.
The Notice board has been ordered following the donation received from Drinkwater Sabey.
The report from the National Playing Fields Association on the state of the equipment was read. This indicated a number of defects. It was agreed that the climbing frame should be re-located and estimates be obtained for the necessary work to bring the equipment up to the required standard.
- d. Neighbourhood Watch. PC Jenkins is now fit and Cllr Casstles will arrange for him to attend a future Council meeting.
- e. Conservation and Open Spaces. Plans are now in hand to convert the pill boxes in the conservation area into bat houses. The complaint of motorcycles being ridden over the area is under constant review, but it is difficult to pin any one machine and rider down..

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of the following correspondence.

Hon Treasurer St Mary's Church Bothenhampton
Western Area DAP&TC Centenary Celebrations. Proposed by Cllr Ball and seconded by Cllr Casstles that a donation of £5 be given to this event. The Clerk was instructed to advise the organisers that approximately 11 would be attending from this council.

Dorincourt Industries - NFA
Lyme Regis Centenary Celebrations - NFA
DAP&TC Secretary's Circular 23/94
Dorset County Council

Coast & Countryside Walks. It was agreed to purchase an additional copy of the winter programme and 2 copies of the yearbook at a total cost of £4.52.

Council for the Protection of Rural England - NFA
National Spring Clean 1995 - Passed to Cllr Casstles.

The New Elizabethan Singers request for donation - refused.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Date..... 9.1.95

Chairman..... 