

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 8 August 1994 at 7.30pm

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 Jul '94 at Bothanhampton having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr C Horton

Mr D Batten

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Local Government Review. It was agreed to support the Commissioners 1st Preferred Option for Dorset. It was agreed to emphasise to the Commissioner that this Council is strongly opposed to any change in the current parish council boundaries, or the amalgamation of smaller parishes with larger ones as suggested by Bridport Town Council. This council also wishes to have the revised roles of Parish Councils to be clearly defined.

b. Bothenhampton Land fill Site. The clerk gave a report on the recent site meeting with representatives from Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council and this Council. It has been agreed to fix a filter at the landfill site end of the sewer pipe, and for regular six monthly inspections of the critical area. Consideration will also be given to changing the present manhole covers to prevent surface water and other debris being carried into the sewer, and to alleviate the smell to nearby residences.

In addition to the landfill problem, the matter of surface water in Quarry Lane was also discussed. It proved very difficult to find just where surface water drains away in the area of Quarry Lane. This is still under investigation by the West Dorset District Council and further reports will be issued when new information is to hand.

c. The High Pavement, Hollow Lane. The Clerk gave details of the Dorset County Council's legal responsibilities with regard to the maintenance of this footpath.

Proposed by Clr F Botham

Seconded by Clr F Ball

That the estimate from Jim White for the regular monthly maintenance of the High Pavememnt in Hollow Way, as detailed in his letter of 25 June '94, in the sum of £43.50 + VAT = £51.11 per month be accepted and that he be offered a three year fixed price contract on this figure

Carried

d. West Dorset District Plan. Support was given to the basic plan and the Council were pleased to note the designation of areas of local landscape importance was included. The only criticism of this designation was that it had been carried out without consultation with the various land owners.

e. Focus on Youth 1994. Details of this project were given by the Clerk. After some discussion it was agreed that this Council, was not in a financial position to make any grant towards this venture.

f. Ling's Field. Cllr Botham reported on the latest position. Two caravans have moved out of the field and are now encamped in a space in Lower Walditch Lane on the banks of the Walditch, with two cars now parked on the road, and a dog has been seen running wild in the area. Concern was expressed on the following points: what happens to the waste products; what is happening to the children's welfare; is the dog a threat to passers by. The Clerk was instructed to contact Social Services, WDDC Dog Warden and NRA to request an investigation into the points of concern raised.

4. There were no reports received from either Cllr G Pritchard of Dist Cllr Cracknell

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

Members of the public were given the opportunity to air their views on local matters.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Bothenhampton Church Hall	
Hire of hall for Aug meeting	£11.00
Jim White	
Grass maintenance for Jul '94	63.44
SWB	
Energy Charge to Jun '94	352.98
Hotprint	
Photocopying	5.52

b. Donations:

Proposed by Cllr Casstles Seconded by Cllr England

That the following donations be made:

Bothenhampton Brownie Pack	£100
Bothenhampton Youth Club	£100

Carried (one against)

c. Insurance schedule for street lamps. After discussion it was agreed NOT to insure street lamps

7. PLANNING

a. Applications received by WDDC

1/W/94/0408P Fourwinds, Mount Joy Bothenhampton.
More details requested.

b. Decisions by WDDC:

1/W/94/0349C. 8 Uplands Walditch.

c. Decision by Dorset County Council re the Bothnhampton Landfill Site, Long Lane, Bothenhampton.

8. REPORTS

a. Footpaths and roads. Weed growth on all footpaths in the parish area is the cause of some concern, in particular Path No 14 and the path half way along from Mount Joy to Coopers Drive .

Clr Warburton gave details of the Ramblers Association report on the state of all the footpaths in the Parish. It was agreed to invite the Ramblers Association representative to the next Parish Council meeting.

b. Street lighting - NTR

c. John Holt Play Area. Clr Blyth reported that new goal nets have been installed. That the slide has been dismantled as it is considered to be unsafe. Repairs are in hand. Approx 1/3rd of the play area has been recovered with bark chippings. The Clerk gave details of the Cornhill Insurance estimate for a playground inspection and reported that he had requested the NPPA to carry out the test within the next two months.

d. Neighbourhood Watch - NTR. Local PC is ill.

e. Conservation and open spaces. A report was received of motor cycles being ridden in the Quarry. Clr England agreed to investigate further and attempt to obtain dates, times and registration numbers of the m/c involved. The Management Committee to meet in a month or two.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. DCC St Mary's Church. Clr Botham declared an interest and took no further part in these discussions.

Proposed by Clr England

Seconded by Clr Casstles

That a grant of £300 be made to the DCC St Mary's Church Walditch to assist with the maintenance of the grave yard.

Carried.



- b. Twynham Housing Association Ltd - NFA.
- c. West Dorset Tourism Calander 1995 - NFA
- d. Community Council for Dorset. Clr Botham agreed to attend the meeting on 18 Aug '94 at Milbourne St Andrew Village Hall.
- e. Dorset Minerals and Waste Local Plan - NFA
- f. R Plyer Audit of Accounts. Agreed to 30 day extension for payemnt.
- g. Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils

Clerks car travel allowances
 Annual General Meeting-2.30pm 15 Oct '94 County Hall Dorchester
 Centenary Yearbook
 Revised Training Programme
 Centenary of Parish Councils Exhibition
 Meeting with Local Government Commission 7.00pm 17 Aug '94

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.50pm

Date..17.9.94 Chairman.....