

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL  
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Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the School Room, Walditch on Monday 10 July 1995 at 7.30pm

Present. Mr FR Botham (Chairman)	Mr DA Blythe
Mr RC Batten	Mr PG Hulbert
Mr GL Matthews	Mr JE Mitchell
Mr GCL Warburton	Mrs FM Ball
Mrs DM England MBE	Mr DT Wilson (Clerk)

In attendance: Cty & Dist Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

Before the formal business was opened Mrs Butler from the Dorset Community NHS Trust gave a most interesting and informative talk on the work which is being carried out on the site of the Bridport Community Hospital.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 1995 at Bothenhampton having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Lower Walditch Lane development.

1. Street lighting. The Clerk gave details of the proposed street lighting for Lower Walditch Lane.

2. Development of Public Open Spaces. The Clerk gave details of a letter received from WDDC Development Services Manager. It was agreed that copies of the letter be made for each councillor and a full debate would be scheduled for the August Council meeting.

3. A35 Access. The Clerk gave details of a letter from WDDC Development Service Manager to the Highways Agency. Rear Admiral Pritchard gave details of the reply by the Highways Agency. He went on to say that as yet he had not had a reply to his latest letter to Sir James Spicer MP asking if the Minister would give instructions that all interested parties, (ie DCC, WDDC, Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council and the Highways Agency) must get together and arrive at a solution to this problem.. It was agreed that if nothing is heard by the end of July 1995 this council will take steps to initiate press and public support for the construction of a roundabout at the Lee Lane entrance to the proposed site.

b. Disposal of u/s playground equipment. A full report was given by Clr Blythe to the satisfaction of the council. The Council wish to record their appreciation for all the time and hard work Clr Blythe has put in for the disposal of the u/s play equipment and the installation of the new play equipment.

c. Bowhayes/Crock Lane parking problem. The Clerk advised the council that it would not be an easy matter to remove the bank as the services of gas, water, electricity and telephone were unsure exactly where their service pipes are and each would require a fee to move any of their equipment. After consultation with the Dorset County Council it has been agreed that the information gained by the Clerk should now be forwarded to the County Surveyor who is in the process of obtaining firm quotations for the necessary work. In the meantime DCC has agreed to put down "Keep Clear" markings in Crock Lane opposite its junction with Bowhayes. It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and obtain estimates for the signs to be installed at each end of the 'pinch' in Crock Lane. Upon receipt of which a decision would be made whether to install these signs as a back up to the "Keep Clear" road markings.

d. Local Councils Charter. Proposed by Clr Matthews and Seconded by Clr England that there is general agreement that the proposed Charter be adopted. It was felt that it would simplify street lighting if only one authority were responsible for all aspects of street lighting. Carried.

e. Helping Communities Prosper. This has proved to be a much wider subject than first envisaged and the report is not yet complete. Referred back to next months meeting.

f. Lease of Walditch School Room. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from Austen, Whetham and Guest.

g. WDDC Local Plan pre-Inquiry changes. This had gone past the date for any further representations to be made. No further action.

#### 4. REPORT FROM CTY & DIST CLR

a. A number of people are entering the supermarket via Bradford's yard instead of going round to the main entrance of the supermarket. This has been taken up with the supermarket and with WDDC as the plans did require an obstruction at this point to prevent this happening.

b. The shadow councils for DCC, Bournemouth and Poole have started working out who does what, finance etc. This is going to be a long haul and the original co-operation indicated prior to the reorganisation is fading fast.

c. Colfox School. The school governors to meet and the Policy and Resources Committee and the Education Committee of DCC to plan the way forward. Governors are adamant that the rebuilding must be done in one complete operation, covering two financial years and not a phased redevelopment which has found some favour with the County Council. This council will be kept fully informed of future developments.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow the public to air their views on matters of local interest. The meeting was then reconvened to complete the council's agenda.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were agreed for payment.

SWEB

Lighting charges to 30 June '95 £360.06

Jim White

Grass and high pavement maintenance June '95 114.55

Hotprint

Photocopying May '95 4.88

RHM Wheeler

Repairs to sign board and wall John Holt Play area 52.88

Walditch Church Hall

Hire of hall for April and July meetings 20.00

b. The Clerk gave details of the current financial state.

7. PLANNING

a. No applications were received by WDDC for this area.

b. Decisions by WDDC

1/W/95/0270F Coburg House, Walditch  
Erect a chimney. Planning consent granted.

8. REPORTS

a. Footpaths & Roads.

(1) When turning from Sea Road South into Pasture Way there is no indication that it leads into Crock Lane. The street name board of Pasture Way at the Crock Lane end has been vandalised and the name plate removed.

(2) Street numbering 11 Crock Lane. The Clerk gave details of the reply from WDDC.

b. Street lighting. The Clerk gave details of the revised estimate for the repairs to the street lights in Manor Fields. There is some confusion over column numbers as some have two numbers on them. This to be cleared up with SWEB before the estimate can be accepted to avoid paying for repairs to a column that is to be replaced by Betterment Properties at a later date.

c. John Holt Play Area. Nothing further to add than already reported under 'Matters Arising'.

d. Neighbourhood Watch - NTR

e. Conservation & Open Spaces.

(1) The Conservation area is to be formally opened on Friday 14 July at 10.30am.

(2) Avenue of trees Walditch Road to The Hyde. It was agreed that steps should now be taken to obtain a tree preservation order on this fine avenue of trees. Clr Matthews and the Chairman agreed to ascertain the number and types of trees involved.

9. REPRESENTATION TO THE DAP&TC.

Clr F Botham was nominated, and agreed to be the representative to the DAP&TC for this year.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust - The Hyde Real Tennis Court. It was agreed that councillors be provided with a copy of this letter and to discuss the request at the August meeting.

b. Holy Trinity Church, Bothenhampton. Village Entertainment - deferred to the August meeting.

c. Highways Agency - A30/35 Exeter to Bere Regis DBFO project. Does not affect this council. Clerk instructed to advise Highways Agency accordingly.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 1020pm.

Date

14/8/95

Chairman ..

