



Bothenhampton & Walditch  
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**MINUTES OF BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held at BOTHENHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL, 7pm on 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

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

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	<b>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Eligibility:</b> No Declarations were received	
	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr E Berry, Cllr M Warne, Cllrs Williams/Clayton/Bolwell	
1	<b>Reports from Dorset Council Councillors:</b> None present.  There was discussion about the application P/RES/2022/03490 relating to land South of Langdon Green, Marrowbone Lane, Bothenhampton which had been put before the Parish Council in 2021 as an outline plan and to which the council had lodged an objection (providing clear rationale as to why). However, Dorset Council had chosen to ignore the objection and the outline planning consent was granted. The full application has now been received. The Parish Council objected to it via the DC Planning Portal. As no Dorset Councillors were present it is not clear whether this application has been placed before the Dorset Council Planning Committee. The Clerk to write to Dorset Councillors (KC and DB) to ask them to confirm this.	Clerk
2	<b>Democratic Half Hour:</b> None present.	
3	<b>Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022:</b>  The Minutes of 13 <sup>th</sup> June having been agreed by email were accepted, and a copy has been posted to the website.	

*Jim Basker*

Minutes agreed on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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3	<p><b>Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022: (cont.)</b></p> <p>Councillors were asked to comment on the <b>Summary of Actions</b> on page 6 of the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June, as follows:</p> <p>Regarding trees on Sycamore Avenue – the Clerk confirmed that she had sent a follow up letter to Dorset Council along with the previous letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 which has remained unanswered and unactioned.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had sent the latest correspondence on this issue to Dorset Councillor – Cllr KC. The letters to Dorset Council can be found on the parish council website. Action completed.</p> <p>Regarding Jubilee Tree in Walditch – The Clerk confirmed that she had arranged for one meter diameter ring of bare soil around the base of the Jubilee Tree in Walditch. Action completed.</p> <p>Regarding dead apple tree in Howard Road amenity area – now on Finance and Funding Agenda for budget. Meeting scheduled 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Action completed.</p> <p>Regarding Footpath – Cllr MW to ask VFO to deal with the brambles and nettles. Action completed.</p> <p>Regarding Walditch Village Hall Window – The Clerk confirmed that funds had been transferred to the Village Hall. Action completed.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to comment on the <b>Rolled over Actions</b> on page 7 of the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June, as follows:</p> <p>Regarding further measures to respond to the CGR recommendation. A discussion was held at the end of the meeting.</p>	
4	<p><b>Reports from External Organisations:</b></p> <p><b>WATAG</b> – There has been no meetings since the COVID lockdown. The Clerk was asked to contact the organiser to ask for a schedule of dates of meetings.</p> <p><b>BLAP</b> – Liaison meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr GS attended on behalf of the Parish Council. There was a presentation from Dorset Council (ICT) department on digital connectivity, focusing on addressing the needs of those with particularly poor service. A representative from Jurassic Fibre briefed on the status of their fibre rollout. Cllr GS also notified parish councillors that BLAP subscriptions will be increased by 4% for 2023/24.</p> <p><b>BANP/JCC</b> – The next BANP/JCC meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. (Cllr JB to report at next meeting)</p> <p><b>DAPTC AGM</b> – The Chair said that the AGM is scheduled for September 2022. The Clerk advised that if any Councillor wished to attend to let her know.</p>	Clerk

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5	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>Planning Consultations</b> The planning consultations specified on the agenda were noted.</p>	
6	<p><b>Finance and Budget:</b></p> <p>Payments made from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council</li> <li>• Cllr G Styles Exp 'Village Green' environmental event</li> <li>• Post Office</li> <li>• Walditch Village Hall</li> <li>• Dorset Council (SLA)</li> <li>• Zoom subscription</li> <li>• Derek Smith</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Jim Basker</i> Chairman .....</p> <p>The Clerk said that the payments listed above had already been paid and had been authorised via email.</p> <p>The Clerk's salary for July and August 2022 was approved as were any expenses.</p> <p>The Bank Balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> June 2022 was provided to Councillors for their perusal, the Bank Statement was signed by the Chairman and handed to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Cash Flow Forecast up to 31<sup>st</sup> June 2022 was sent to Councillors for their review and approval.</p> <p><b>THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WERE APPROVED AND/OR AGREED, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Statement and Invoice Cover Sheet (Approved and signed by the Chairman)</li> <li>• Cash Flow Forecast – approved by Councillors</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Parish Council Sub-Committees:</b> There were no sub-committees in the period.</p>	

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8	<p><b>Other Parish Matters:</b></p> <p><b>Possible 'Environmental event' in Walditch</b> Cllr JB said that he is looking for an opportunity to hold an event in Walditch in the Autumn. There was discussion about this including the various invitees, Cllr GS said that he would let Cllr JB have the contact details of the invitees that attended the Bothenhampton event if required.</p>	
9	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>The following correspondence was sent during the period and can be found on the council's website <a href="http://www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com">www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com</a></p> <p>Letter to Mr J Bennett (Dorset Council) regarding Sycamore Avenue, Walditch</p>	
10	<p><b>AOB:</b> Cllr JB referred to an email received recently that warned of a shortage of batteries for defibrillators. Cllr GS to look into this, including finding out how long a battery should last and if necessary, will order 2 spare batteries for use by the two village halls.</p> <p>CGR - There were discussions focusing on the actions to take now that the decision to abolish the Parish Council had been ratified by Dorset Council.</p>	Cllr GS
	The meeting ended at 7.50pm	

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Walditch Village Hall, 7pm  
Previous council minutes can be found on [www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com](http://www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com)

### SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 18th July 2022

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Regarding P/RES/2022/03490 relating to land South of Langdon Green, Marrowbone Lane, Bothenhampton – write to Dorset Councillors (KC and DB) to ask them to confirm that this planning application has been placed before the Dorset Council Planning Committee.	Clerk	1
Regarding WATAG – contact the organiser of WATAG meetings to ask for an update on the status of the meeting and a schedule of dates for diaries.	Clerk	2
Regarding AOB (Defibrillator) – establish how long a defibrillator battery should last and if necessary order 2 spare batteries for use by the two village halls.	Cllr GS	4

### ROLLED OVER ITEMS – 18th July 2022

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None		

**ITEMS REFERRED TO OSPA SUB-COMMITTEE – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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None	

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**ITEMS REFERRED TO TT&F SUB-COMMITTEE – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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**External Organisations - Acronyms:**

WATAG – West Dorset – Western Area Transport Action Group

BLAP – Bridport Local Area 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 Graham Styles

BANP – Cllr Jim Basker

Misc

VFO - Volunteer Footpath Officer