

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the church hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 13 of Nopvember 1995 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr F R Botham (Chairman) Mr D A Blythe
Mrs F M Ball Mrs D M England MBE
Mr P G Hulbert Mr G L Matthews
Mr J E Mitchell Mr G C L Warburton
Mr D T Wilson (Clerk)

In attendance: Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Walditch on 2 October 1995, having been circulated to all councillors, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from:

Clr R C Batten

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. A35 Sea Road South - pedestrian facilities. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from Dorset County Council.

b. Development Lower Walditch Lane - The Clerk gave details of the regulations concerning street lighting in the development area. It was agreed that all residents of Manor Fields and Lower Walditch Lane should be contacted and advised on how they should make complaints concerning lighting in this area. The report on the meeting with the MD of Betterment Properties was to be discussed at a confidential session later in the meeting.

c. Kerbing Walditch Green. This item was updated from enquiries made in October 1994 and following recent damage to the green in Walditch by a contractor's vehicle. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Harris, West Dorset District Council to arrange a meeting with Councillors to discuss ways and means of kerbing the green area in Walditch.

4. REPORT FROM CLR PRITCHARD

a. Street lighting in Lower Walditch Lane. Complaints are still being pursued with the County Council.

b. Access to Safeways. Contact has been established with Safeways in an effort to solve this problem. Barriers are to be erected and possible alterations to the present signing maybe considered if the barriers are found to be ineffective.

c. A35 junction to new development Lower Walditch Lane. Progress is very slow. The junction was agreed in principal and the various agencies were to present outline plans. If plans are not forthcoming shortly then it maybe necessary to enlist the support of the local MP once again.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR.

At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow the members of the public to air their views on matters of local interest. A member of the public wished to express his appreciation on the speed in which the unsightly pile of undergrowth and rubbish had been removed from the vicinity of St Mary's Church, Walditch. Thanks were also given to Clr Hulbert for his action in getting signs put up for contractor's vehicles to the Lower Walditch Lane development. The meeting was then re-convened for the remainder of the Council's agenda.

6. THE JOHN HOLT PLAY AREA

a. The Chairman gave a report on the recent meeting with a representative of Wicksteed Leisure, members of the Bothenhampton Playgroup and Councillors. The play equipment as it stands conforms to the requirements of BS 5696. It was agreed that the swing seats would be lowered, but other items could not be altered in any way.

b. A letter from Mrs Marsh of 28 Crock Lane was read to the meeting. It was pointed out that the equipment installed was for children aged 3 - 12 and if parents took younger children on the slide etc it was their responsibility for the child's safety. It was resolved to seek the advice of NALC on the wording for a notice to the effect that it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of any child to supervise their child's safety when using this play equipment.

c. Safety Surfacing. The possible cost of putting in a tile or wetpour safety surfacing would be in the region of £6,500 to £7,500. After some discussion it was agreed that this council could not justify such expense for a small minority of the residents of the parish. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek advice on the Council's legal position with regard to the provision of safety surfacing in this area.

7. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Southern Newspapers PLC	
Ad re new clerk	£ 18.96
South West Counties Newspapers	
Ad re new clerk	16.22
Hotprint	
Photocopying for Sep '95	9.74

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D Wilson		
	Clerk's salary and expenses 3rd Qtr 95/96	794.18
Jim White		
	Grass & High Pavement maint Oct '95	114.55
Western Gazette Ltd		
	Ad re new clerk	67.51
DAP&TC		
	1 x Notice of Audit	0.45
Bothenhampton Church Hall		
	Hire of hall for Nov meeting	11.00

8. PLANNING

a. No applications for planning consent have been received from WDDC.

b. The following planning consents were granted by WDDC:

1/W/95/0406L The Hyde Real Tennis Courts
Form new door openings and reinstate penthouse

1/W/95/0407F The Hyde Real Tennis Courts
Reinstatement of real tennis court etc.

1/W/95/0481F 6 Nordons Bothenhampton
Erect single storey extension and new dormer window

1/W/95/0511F 42 Maple Gardens Bothenhampton
Erect conservatory.

1/W/95/0513F 58 Crock Lane Bothenhampton
Erect conservatory.

1/W/95/0512F 5 Bothen Drive Bothenhampton
Construct dormer window and velux rooflight.

9. REPORTS

a, Footpaths and roads. Two road signs reported damaged and the speed restriction signs in Crock Lane have not yet been cleared.

b. Street lighting. Lighting at lower end of Hollow Way obstructed by tree growth.

c. Neighbourhood watch. Co-ordinator for Walditch is now Mr Bradley. Minor incidents reported to the police.

d. Conservation and open spaces. Strong support had been received from Colfox School in the making of bat and bird boxes. These boxes will be installed shortly.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Dorset County Council

Archaeological Days Noted
Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer Passed to Chairman
Highway structural maintenance
The Clerk was instructed to submit Quarry Lane and Lower Walditch Lane to DCC for consideration to be included in unspecified drainage schemes.

b. West Dorset District Council

Street naming and numbering in the Betterment Development, Lower Walditch Lane to be known as Howard Road 1 - 72, and Gundry Road 1 - 89.
Open Day - Planning & Building control Bridport Noted
Report on Bridport Area Forum Noted

c. DAP&TC

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d. Magna Housing Association

The Clerk was instructed to obtain copies of the leaflet and pass to all councillors for discussion at the next council meeting.

e. Capt E Johnson - Play area for Walditch.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the Executors of the late J Grundy to pursue the points raised by Capt Johnson.

f. The Home Office

Identity cards NFA

C O N F I D E N T I A L

LOWER WALDITCH LANE

The Chairman gave a full report on the recent meeting with the Managing Director of Betterment Properties. The Open space in Lower Walditch Lane has been fenced off on one side, a footpath is to be constructed and the Council has been offered £50,000 from Betterment Properties to be used at the discretion of the Parish Council.

It was resolved that a letter should be sent to Betterment Properties expressing our interest in their proposals. We wish to know more details of what liabilities we may be taking on, if the ground is to be transferred to the council, The Council to take advice on the implications of taking on the maintenance of such an open space and play area within the development at a later date, in the light of the reply from the developer. Such reply to be referred to the National Association of Local Councils.