

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 13 March 1995 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance:   Cty Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB  
                          Dist Clr D Cracknell OBE

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 1995 at Bothenhampton having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr D Blythe

Mr C Horton

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Lower Walditch Lane Development. The Clerk gave details of the correspondence received from the Highways Agency in reply to this councils letter of 21 Feb '95 and of the contents of copy letters received from Bridport Town Council, Mr Hulbert of 24 Manor Fields, Walditch and Rear Admiral Pritchard. There is still considerable concern over the overall plans for this development, in particular the road improvements, the plans to alleviate any possible traffic congestion and the possibility of a piecemeal development taking place when the question of funding the open spaces and riverside walk will be pushed to the background and become lost. It was agreed that letters should be sent to Sir James Spicer MP, Dorset County Council and West Dorset District Council expressing these concerns and to press all agencies to bring pressure to bear on the Highways Agency to agree to having a roundabout at the junction of the proposed exit point of the development and Lee Lane. Also to ensure that the infrastructure for the complete development be in place before any construction takes place on the present reduced plan of 27 dwellings. The Chairman expressed his thanks for the valuable input to this debate from Admiral Pritchard.

4. COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

a. Cty Clr Rear Admiral Pritchard reported that so far there had been no indication of where, or when, a waste transfer station will be implemented and this may have the effect of delaying the closure of the Long Lane tip.

b. Dist Clr Cracknell thanked the Council for their good wishes during his recent illness.

The residents at Down End Court had made a complaint about car drivers parking in front of their accommodation using that area designated for their private use. It was agreed that there is little this council can do in these circumstances.

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:

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| 1st Bridport Scout Group  |         |
| Donation as agreed in Minute 9c of Feb '95 meeting                                  | £100.00 |
| Office Needs (Dorset) Ltd   |         |
| Purchase of 40 chairs for village hall as agreed in munite 6a(1) of Mar '95 meeting | 418.77  |
| Hotprint  |         |
| Photocopying for Jan and Feb  | 6.79    |
| Alex Lawrie Factors Ltd   |         |
| Bye-law notice board John Holt Play Area  | 425.35  |
| D Wilson  |         |
| Clerk's salary and expenses 4th Qtr 94/95   | 784.08  |
| DAP&TC  |         |
| Annual subscription to NALC   | 278.46  |
| Bothenhampton Church Hall   |         |
| Hire of hall for Mar '95 meeting  | 11.00   |

a(1) Proposed by Clr Casstles Seconded by Clr England that the Council purchase 40 chairs from Office Needs (Dorset) Ltd at a total cost of £418.77. Carried nem com

b. The Clerk gave details of the current financial state as follows:

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| Current account as at 13 Mar '95  | £ 751.79 |
| Capital Reserve account   | 2,420.00 |
| (Note £2,000 held in reserve for possible expenses from Walditch Church Hall and £200 for a potential gratuity for any Clerk leaving the post after five years. |          |
| Estimated VAT refund  | 704.92.  |

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications received from WDDC  
none



b. Decisions by WDDC

1/W/94/0660F 1 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton  
Demolish existing garage and replace.

- Granted

8. REPORTS

a. Footpaths and Roads

NTR

b. Street lighting

NTR

c. John Holt Play Area. A report from Clr Blythe was read out by the Clerk. Details of a replacement slide were discussed and it was proposed by Clr Ball, seconded by Clr England that the Wicksteed 3.4m Stls Steel Pedestal Slide be purchased at a price of £1,465.45 (ex VAT) to include fixing. Carried nem com.

Following the vandalism to the two garden seats in the play area the cost of replacements is being investigated

Mr Udall offered his service to assist with the removal of the climbing frame.

Consideration should now be given during the next financial year to renewing the swing and a toddler size climbing frame.

d. Neighbourhood Watch was already covered at the start of the meeting.

e. Conservation and Open Spaces. Arrangements have been made for work to start on the conservation area on Sunday 19 Mar 95. Wessex Water have agreed that the pill box on their land can be converted to a bat house and a number of bat boxes have already been received. "Get a grip on Litter" campaign will be held on Sunday 8 April '95 to be co-ordinated by Clr Casstles.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of the following correspondence received:

Minutes of the Bridport Area Forum (circulated to all Councillors)

Minutes of the Western Area DAP&TC meeting on 10 Jan '95

The Royal British Legion VE Day 50th Anniversary Celebrations

DAP&TC

County Secretary's Circular 9/95

County Secretary's Circular 11/95

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.10pm

Date.....10.4.95 Chairman .....

