BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 11 April 1994 at 7.30pm

Present. Mr G Matthews (Chairman)

Mrs D England MBE Mr C Casstles

Mr D Blythe

Mr F Botham Mrs F Ball Mr C Horton Mr G warburton Mr D Wilson (Clerk)

Six members of the public were present.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 1993 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

APOLOGIES 2.

Apologies were received from:

Mr R Batten

Dist Clr D Cracknell CBE

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

REOPRIS

a. Cty Clr Pritchard reported that although there had been a change of political control of the County Council during the year this would be having little effect on the services given by the Council as the budget and plans had already been laid before the change of administration. The only item which will be readily visible is the increase in educational projects at the expense of roads maintenance.

The contract for waste disposal with Drinkwater Sabey Ltd is now in its final stages of completion and will initially be for a period of 25 years with a break point at 10 years. There is no indication at present that Drinkwater Sabey are intending to extend the life of the Bothenhampton tip beyond 4 - 5 years, but it was emphasised that this is only planned and anything can happen in the commercial world. Assurance was given that all restraints imposed by the County Council regarding industrial waste etc have been fully met by the Contractor, and will be included in the new contract

Brief details of the County Council's policy for the review of local government for submission to the Commissioners were given and again it was emphasised that the final document had not yet been approved by the full County Council.

b. The Chairman reviewed the achievements during the year which included the increased lighting that had been installed in Bothenhampton and the start of work on the nature reserve site. There is still some management agreements to be acquired/

On the down side, it was most regrettable that the pub had finally been closed and sold off. This was a loss to the village and now it would be necessary to keep a close eye on the fortunes of the village shop. It is very much a case of "use it or loose it".

Vigiliance is also necessary over the working of the tip to ensure that trade waste does not creep on.

On the subject of the local government review it has been agreed that this council follows the recommendation of the County Council while stressing that it is against any amalgamation with other town/parish councils and that the parish council's role must be clearly defined as an integral part of any future local government structure, with a greater degree of consultation embodied therein. In closing his report, the Chairman wished to express his thanks to all the councillors for their support during the year and wished to make special mention of the invaluable assistance, advise and friendship he had received from the Clerk, Mr D Wilson.

d. The Clerk gave the financial report (at Annex A) and advised the meeting that the accounts were to be audited by the District Auditor on Monday 9 May '94.

5. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

Mr Johnson. Walditch, made comment on the lack of street lighting in Walditch. It was pointed out that in a referendum held some time ago, by popular demand, no street lighting was required in the village.

A period of discussion took place on the progress of the nature reserve.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.35.pm

Date..... 10. 4.95. Chairman ...