

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church all, Walditch on Monday 13 June 1994 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance City Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB
Dist Clr Mr D Cracknell OBE
Mrs Munday - Chairman DAPTC

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 May 1994 at Bothenhampton having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr C Horton

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Parking Crock Lane. The Clerk gave the details of the reply received by Rear Admiral Pritchard from Dorset County Council.

b. Dog ByeLaw. The Clerk gave details of the instructions received from the Dept of the Environment of the stages to be followed on the proposed byelaws prohibiting dogs in the John Holt Play Area, Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton.

Proposed by Clr England

Seconded by Clr Casstles

That the following resolution be put to the Council:

To authorise the Chairman, Clr G Matthews and the Vice Chairman Clr F Botham to sign and seal the byelaws on behalf of the Council

To authorise the Clerk as the Propoer Officer to carry out the necessary procedures and apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

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c. Local Government Review. The Clerk gave details of the letter sent to Bridport Town Council on 7 June 1994.

4. REPORTS

a. Mrs Munday to speaking on the work of the DAP&TC. said that the letter sent by Bridport Town Council to local organisations and charities soliciting their support for the proposals of BTC for Local Government Review was causing much concern to many individuals as well as the organisations to whom the letter was addressed. A copy had been sent to the DAP&TC with a complaint, and this was now in the hands of the District Auditor.

The DAP&TC had now moved into new offices and part time clerical assistance had been obtained. Mrs Sue Manzies would be in the office from 9.00am to noon each day and it was hoped that the service given by DAP&TC would now improve. The office had been obtained thanks to the good offices of the Dorset County Council.

b. Rear Admiral Pritchard commented that only 1,020 individuals had submitted views to the Local Government Commissioner from the whole of Dorset.

Crock Lane parking. The procedure for obtaining the necessary estimates for the proposed work was in hand but it had a very low priority.

Uplands, Walditch. A brief outline of previous problems in this area was given. It was stated that it is now unlikely that the County Council will purchase the cottage on the corner and the residents are still against the road's formal adoption. Clr Botham agreed to visit the residents and gauge the current reactions.

c. Clr Cracknell reported there are fewer complaints this year over the grass cutting contractor, and on the matter of the closure of some footpaths. All complaints have been dealt with very promptly.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR.

The matter of the hippies in Lower Walditch Lane was again raised. After some debate it was revealed that this land is shortly to be developed and this should solve the problem, at least in Lower Walditch Lane.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

D Wilson		
Salary and expenses 1st qtr 94/95		£722.21
1st Bridport Scout Group		
Donation as agreed at the April meeting		100.00
Bridport Town Council		
Excess Allotment rent - Mr Albertella		9.00
Jim White		
Grass cutting May '94		63.44
Western Gazette		
Ad re Dog Byelaw		151.18
Cornhill Insurance PLC		
Insurance premium		79.80

M Jolliffe Photocopying Mar - Jun '94	16.00
South West Counties Newspapers Ad re Dog Byelaws	57.28
Walditch Church Hall Hire of hall for June '94 meeting	10.00
DCC Holy Trinity Church, Bothenhampton Grant towards maint of church yard as agreed at Jan '94 meeting	375.00

b. Audit Report. The Clerk reported that the Dist Auditor was satisfied with the presentation of the accounts and duly signed them off.

The Chairman reported that the Dist Auditor congratulated the Clerk on the manner in which the accounts had been presented. The accounts were clear, concise, neatly presented and easy to follow.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. The Clerk gave details of the following applications received by WDCC.

1/W/94/0269F - DEL. Stonecott, Waldtich.
No observations were raised

1/W/94/0300F Land adj Westland Park, Crock Lane, Bothenhampton
No observatiuons were raised.

b. The Clerk gave details of the following consents given:

1/W/94/0203L Many Sparrows, Walditch.

8. REPORTS

a. Footpaths and Roads.

1. The side growth on the High Pavement is now in a dangerous condition
2. The pavement in Main Street needs to be treated with weed killer
3. Walditch Lane, opposite the stream near Broadstone Farm. The weeds are now in danger of causing a driving hazard.
4. The side growth in Meech Close is getting out of hand

The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary report to the County Council for action.

5. A complaint was made that horses are being ridden along the footpath from Mount Joy to Coopers Drive.

The Clerk was instrcuted to advise the Rights of Way Officer accordingly.

6. It was reported that the 'Dog clean up' signs had all been removed or vandalised in the Crock Lane area.

The Clerk was instructed to advise the West Dorset District Council accordingly.

b. Street Lighting. Clr England gave a report on her recent meeting with a representative of SWEB and the residents of Old Church Lane concerning the recently installed light. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact SWEB to ascertain what cost, if any would be involved to have a shield attached to the present light as discussed at the meeting, also to find out if it would be possible to have the light removed to a site nearer to the corner of the lane where the light is needed, and what the cost of this might be. That the residents be fully informed of the action to be taken.

c. John Holt Play Area. The protruding bolts have been removed and new struts are needed on the slide. It was agreed that Clr Blythe should go ahead and order the necessary parts. It was also agreed that Clr Blythe be authorised to purchase bark chippings under the various items of play equipment in the play area. It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for a safety inspection on the play equipment be carried out by the Cornhill Insurance PLCd

d. Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report.

e. Conservation and Open Spaces. Seven residents assisted with path making in the conservation area on Sunday 12 June '94. another day is planned for Sun 20 Jun '94 when it is hoped that a few more helpers will turn up.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk gave details of the following correspondence:

TEC Offers to Voluntary Organisations
Dorset Carers' Week
Service for Parish Councils from the Community Council for Dorset

Dorset County Council: Access to Safeway Store, Bridport.

Community Council for Dorset: Village review.

It was agreed that Clr Matthews and Clr Botham would complete the questionnaire and return to the Clerk in due course.

There being no other business for discussion the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date..... 11.7.94

Chairman 