

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Walditch on Monday 9 January 1995 at 7.30pm

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

                 Mr C Casstles                      Mr C Horton  
                 Mr D Cracknell OBE

At the request of Clr Blythe the item on the John Holt Play Area was brought forward to the first item on the agenda for discussion.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

a. John Holt Play Area. Clr Blythe reported on his conversations with Mr Greenwood, Inspector for the NPFA Playground Services. The slide is not safe and fails in a number of respects to conform to the current BS. Recommended that the slide be condemned and a replacement be sought. Other items within the report are receiving attention. Clr Blythe agreed to report further developments at the next council meeting, to include the cost of a replacement slide. The notice board repair is now in hand.

b. West Area DAP&TC Carol service. Clr England reported that this was a most enjoyable event, marred by the fact that a number of councillors who indicated they would attend did not, resulting in an over provision of refreshments.

c. Audit of 1992/3 Accounts. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from the Cornhill Insurance Co.

d. Flooding in Bothenhampton CCTV. The Clerk gave details of the reply from WDDC. It is within the knowledge of councillors that at one time a pond existed at the end of Quarry Lane which was filled in during the 1940's and it is felt that the surface water probably drains into this and eventually soaks away. Mr Blackstock DCC is looking into the current state of the road surface in Quarry Lane and Ms J Robinson DCC is in consultation with Mr Blackmore of Quarry Cottage regarding the flooding which occurs at the bottom end of Quarry Lane. It was agreed to wait for reports from the County Council representatives before any further action is taken.

e. West Bay Coastal Defence Scheme. Clr Blythe gave a report on the briefing meeting held on 17 Dec '94. It is planned to give a deep sea anchorage of some 4 acres which will enhance West Bay and local industry considerably. It is proposed that much of the work will be given to local contractors. The work on the sea defences is likely to start in the spring of '96 subject to the necessary planning authority being obtained.

f. May Council Meeting. It was agreed that the May Parish Council meeting will now be held on Thursday 11 May 1995 at 7.30pm in Bothenhampton Church Hall.

4. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a. Rear Admiral Pritchard reported:

1. The County budget had been prepared in broad outline stage only and it is now up to individual services to determine how their individual budgets will be allocated. The Roads programme has been reduced by £1m which has been re-allocated elsewhere.

2. Local Government Reorganisation. The Commissioners report is now out and the options, and the action which could be taken by the Secretary of State, were explained in detail.

5. DEMORATIC HALF HOUR.

At this point the meeting was suspended to give the public the opportunity of expressing their views on local matters, then re-convened for the remainder of the Council's business.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

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| SWEB   |  |         |
| Lighting charges 4th Qtr '94                 |  | £360.06 |
| SWEB (Connect) Ltd                           |  |         |
| Lighting maintenance and repairs             |  | 4.04    |
| Walditch Church Hall                         |  |         |
| Hire of hall for Jan '95 meeting             |  | 10.00   |
| Clr Botham                                   |  |         |
| Photocopying Waldicth Lower Lane development |  | 13.00   |
| Colfox School                                |  |         |
| Donation to minibus appeal                   |  | 100.00  |

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. The following applications were received by WDDC.

1/W/94/0660F - DEL 1 Crock Lane Bothenhampton  
Demolish existing garage and erect new garage  
No objections

1/W/94/0683L - DEL Little Thatch, Walditch.  
Demolish front boundary stone wall

Obejections:

Listed Building Consent. Objection is raised to the demolition of the front boundary stone wall and the proposal for wooden gates in that this is all in a conservation area and the proposed alterations would be detrimental to the appearance of that part of the conservation area. There is no objection to the building of a stone boundary wall to the rear provided the materials used are sympathetic to those in place in the present front stone wall.

Planning Consent. Objection is raised to the laying of vehicular hardstanding because access to and from Walditch Lane would be dangerous especially with the proximity of the junction with Uplands at a narrow part of the lane. If consent were to be given for this development it would be very difficult to refuse a similar type of development at The Cottage which would be even more hazardous. Objection is also raised to the loss of some of the hedge between the two properties if the proposal were sanctioned

b. Decisions by WDDC:

1/W/94/0559F 96 Crock Lane Bothenhampton  
Approved.

1/W/89/1036P The Hyde Walditch  
Outline planning permission given.

c. Lower Walditch Lane Development. Following the democratic half hour earlier in the meeting the Council agreed that the following points should be put before the Planning Authority at the meeting arranged for 10 Jan '95.:

1. Access/Egress. This is the main concern with particular reference to the amended plan which does not allow for an exit point from the development on to the A35 opposite the junction of East Road and Lee Lane.

2. Schooling. The Bridport County Primary School is already up to maximum numbers, the school facilities are in a deplorable state and with this development as planned there is going to be an increase in children of school age to be accommodated.

3. Street Lighting. It was pointed out that it is the responsibility of the developer to put in the necessary ducting for street lighting and then its up to the Parish Council to decide whether or not to install the lighting.

4. The widening of Lower Walditch Lane must not be allowed to adversely affect the proposed open space and riverside walk.

8. REPORTS

a. There were no reports in respect of the following:

Footpaths and Roads  
Street Lighting  
Neighbourhood Watch - PC Jenkins is now fit and will attend  
a future Council meeting.

b. Conservation and Open Spaces. A meeting has been arranged for  
2.00pm on Sunday 15 Jan '95 at Bothenhampton to plan the summer  
work. A number of volunteers have come forward including members of  
the Guide Company.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of the following correspondence received:

Colfox School Minibus Appeal. Proposed by Clr Ball, seconded by  
Clr Botham that a donation of £100 be sent to the PFA. Carried nem  
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| Dorset Charities Information - Grant Request | NFA   |
| National Farm walk                           | NFA   |
| Community Council for Dorset Trg Programme   | NFA   |
| DCC Traffic Management Programme             | NFA   |
| DCC Developing Dorset Agenda                 | NFA   |
| SWEB electricity charges - public lighting   | Noted |
| NRA - Pilot Surveys Catchment 27             | NFA   |
| DAP&TC Secreatry's Circular 24/94            | NFA   |
| Minutes of AGM 15 Oct '94                    | NFA   |
| Western Area DAP&TC minutes Sep meeting      | NFA   |
| Dorset VE Day Newsletter No9                 | NFA   |

There being no further business for discussion the meetings wasa closed  
at 9.15pm.

Date... 13.2.95

Chairman .....

