

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 8 of January 1996 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr F Botham (Chairman) Mr D Blythe
Mrs F Ball Mr R Batten
Mrs D England MBE Mr P Hulbert
Mr G Matthews Mr J Mitchell
Mr G Warburton
Mr D Wilson (Clerk) Mr M Farnham (Clerk Des)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 December 1995, having been circulated to all Councillors, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr Rear Admiral G Pritchard.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. The Clerk gave details of the reply from The County Surveyor regarding the provision of blue lias kerbs for Walditch Green. It was agreed that an estimate for the work should be obtained from County Council Works Organisation.

b. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from The County Development Planning Engineer regarding a pedestrian footpath on Sea Road South. It was agreed that this matter should now be taken up with the Highways Agency.

c. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from Austen Whetham & Guest regarding the Betterment Properties (Weymouth) Ltd development in Lower Walditch Lane. It was agreed to accept the terms outlined in their letter for them to act on the Council's behalf and the Clerk was instructed to advise Austen Whetham & Guest accordingly. It was also agreed that a committee be appointed to act on behalf the Council in future negotiations with the developers and West Dorset District Council.

Proposed by Cllr Matthews Seconded by Cllr England

That the following councillors be appointed to the committee to oversee the interests of the Council in future negotiations with Betterment Properties (Weymouth) Ltd and West Dorset District Council in the matter of the development of the site in Lower Walditch Lane.

Cllr F Botham Cllr D Blythe Cllr P Hulbert Cllr R Batten

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d. The Clerk gave details of the correspondence received from NALC and The Cornhill Insurance Company regarding the Council's responsibilities, and insurance cover, in respect of the John Holt Play Area. It was agreed that a disclaimer notice should be put up in the play area. Clr Batten agreed to obtain an estimate for a suitable notice to be made.

4. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to raise points of local interest. The meeting was then reconvened to complete the Council's agenda.

5. FINANCE

a. The Clerk gave details of the current financial position.

b. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Jim EWhite	
Additional maintenance to grassed area and high pavement	£114.55
SWEB	
Lighting & maintenance charges to 31 Dec '95	288.20
Bothenhampton Church Hall	
Hire of hall for Jan '96 meeting	11.00

c. The Clerk drew the attention of the Council that the Minutes of the November meeting were incomplete as the details of the Budget for 1996/97 was not included. It was resolved that the budget details should be included in these minutes.

Proposed by Clr Matthews	Seconded by Clr Ball
That the budget for 1996/97 should be as follows:	
Hire of halls	£ 150
Clerk's salary	2,050
Office Rent	400
Office expenses	500
Insurance	100
DAP&TC subs	350
Audit fee	150
Donations	1,250
Lighting charges	1,500
Grass cutting etc	1,000
Bothenhampton church	750
Walditch Church	300
Play Area	1,000
Contingency Fund	500

	£10,000
Less anticipated c/fwd from 95/96	600

Precept for 1996/97	£ 9,400

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d. The Clerk gave details of the District Auditor's Report. There were no observations raised by the Council.

6. PLANNING

a. The following applications were received from WDDC:

1. 1/W/95/450. Land adjoining Home Cottage Bothenhampton. Material should be in keeping with, and proposed position of house, to keep to the line of existing houses. The main concern is that it means yet another access onto to Hollow Lane immediately opposite the end of Crock Lane, and the church.

2. 1/W/95/610. Home Cottage Bothenhampton. Neighbour is refusing access to the proposed garage. Access even without this problem would be difficult, and may constitute an over development of the site.

3. 1/W/95/0625 The Cottage, Walditch. In view of the present car parking which is directly outside, on the street right on the corner of Uplands making the turn into the road both difficult and dangerous, may a condition of consent be that a rear access and parking area be created.

4. 1/W/95/0639. Four Winds Mount Joy, Bothenhampton.
a. The plot size is considered to be too small for the proposed bungalow.

b. There is considerable local concern regarding water pressure in Mount Joy, which another property would exacerbate.

c. There is concern whether the existing sewerage pipes can take any additional load, and in what route the pipes will take. In addition how does the electricity enter the site?

d. Whilst the north elevation does not have any windows, this high wall will, because of its close proximity to No 17 cause a serious lack of light to No 17. No 17 has six windows on its south side which the proposed bungalow will block.

e. Most of the properties in Mount Joy have hip roofs. It would be preferable if the proposed bungalow also had a hip roof.

f. This is a private road, maintained by the residents. May instructions be given to any builder's contractor vehicles not to use the end of the road a turning point. Whilst probably not a planning matter residents will expect builders to make good and restore fully any damage to the road incurred during any construction work

g. The plans are not very precise regarding the types of materials to be used other than tiles.

h. This site is currently part of "Four Winds" garden. If the present garage is taken down and the entrance is utilised for the proposed new bungalow, it is of some concern to other residents what proposals the present occupiers of "Four Winds" have for their own car

b. The following planning consent was granted by WDDC
1/W/95/0595 36 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton. Erect a garage.

7. REPORTS

a. Footpaths & Roads. The question of ownership of the land behind No 1 Uplands Walditch was raised. The Clerk was instructed to take this up with The Land Registry.

b. Street lighting. A letter from Mr D Ball of 112 Crock Lane was read by the Clerk. It was agreed that his complaint should be taken up with SWEB as a matter of urgency.

c. Neighbourhood Watch. It was reported that a new co-ordinator for Bothanhampton is being investigated by the Police.

d. Conservation & Open Spaces, NTR

e. John Holt PLAY Area. Clr Batten reported
1. The bark safety surfacing is now in very good condition
2. The goal post have now been tightened up; the fixing pegs are still awaited.
3. Estimate for the repairs to the safety netting is £249 and the work has now been put in hand.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Clr F Botham declared an interest in the subject to be discussed and handed the chairmanship of the meeting to Clr G Matthews.

The Clerk read a letter received from Capt Johnson regarding the heating of the Old School Room Walditch. After some discussion it was agreed to obtain two estimates for a heating system for the hall and to approach the Salisbury Diocese Central Board of Finance, to see if they would be prepared to meet half the cost of installing a new heating system. This item to be fully discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Clr Bothem resumed the chairmanship of the meeting and as there was no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.45pm

Date 12/2/96

Chairman 