

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall Bothenhampton on Thursday 11 May 1995 following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

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

In attendance: Cty & Dist Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB
The Chairm congratulated Clr Pritchard on his recent election to the WDDC

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 1995 at Walditch having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
Mrs F Ball

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Walditch Lane Development. The Clerk gave details of a copy letter sent by DCC to the Highways Agency re the proposed roundabout on the A35(T) at the NE corner of this development. It was noted that a start had been made to lift some of the topsoil on the site. Some of the brush wood that had been cleared was being burnt on site causing some invironmental hazard. This had been taken up with Environmental Health, DCC.

b. Church Hall Walditch. Mr Botham declared an interest in this matter and handed over the Chair to Mr Matthews. An up to date report was given by the Clerk. It was resolved that the Council would obtain the services of Messrs Austin, Whethan and Guest, Solicitors to act on its behalf in this matter.

Mr Botham reassumed the Chair.

3A. CO OPTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

At the recent local government elections there were only six nominations for the nine vacancies on the Parish Council.

Proposed by Clr Matthews and seconded by Clr England
That the following be co-opted on to the Council to fill the remaining three vacancies:

Mr D Blythe, Mr P Hulbert Mr J Mitchell
Carried nem com.

The Chairman wished to record the Council's deep appreciation for the many years of hard work that Mr Casstles had put in, his experience and knowledge will be sorely missed at future council meetings

4. 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.

5. FINANCE

The following accounts were agreed for payment:

G Truscott		
Maintenance of Walditch Green 1994		£ 72.00
DAP&TC		
Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms		1.90
Jim White		
Maintenance of play area and High Pavement Apr 95		114.55
Hotprint		
Photocopying Apr '95		3.92
Bothenhampton Church Hall		
Hire of hall for May meeting		11.00

6. PLANNING

a. The Following applications have been received by WDDC.

1/W/95/0179C Former Real Tennis Court Walditch
No objection to this change of use.

1/W/95/111 Land adjoining The Old Barn, Bothenhampton
The amended plan will still deny car parking space at a vital position in Hollow Way
A serious traffic hazard can be foreseen in what is already a congested stretch of road.

b. The following applications were approved by WDDC:

1/W/95/0118L Hopewell House 33 Main Street Bothenhampton
1/W/95/0124F 11 Lake Lane Bothenhampton
1/W/95/0159F 6 Bothen Drive, Bothenhampton
1/W/95/0175F 11 Pasture Way, Bothenhampton

7. REPORTS

a. Footpaths and roads
b. Street Lighting

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c. John Holt Play Area. The reason for the removal of the play equipment is because it has been condemned as unsafe for use. The Clerk reported on the latest position re grants to help finance the replacement items. It was reported that the wall has been damaged and it was agreed that Cllr Blythe should obtain an estimate for the repairs necessary.

d. Neighbourhood Watch
e. Conservation and Open Spaces

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8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of the following correspondence:

- a. Reply from Mr D Cracknell OBE NFA
- b. Wessex Water - Water main Coopers Drive to Wanderwell Quarry NFA
- d. Nantes & Wylde - Walditch Church Hall - See Minute 3b
- e. DCC
 - Waste Management Licencing Regulations NFA
 - Traffic Regulation closure of Footpath No 5 NFA
 - Focus on Youth - Resolved not to give a grant
- f. WDDC
 - Helping Communities - Copy to all councillors
 - Street naming and numbering NFA
 - Charity Collections NFA
- g. DAP&TC
 - County Secretary's Circular 17/95 NFA

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.35pm

Date.....12/6/95..... Chairman 