

b. Mr HEMMINGS raised the question of the very dangerous cross roads at Lower Walditch, Crock Lane and Walditch Road. It was resolved that application should be made to Dorset County Council for consideration for a change of priorities at this difficult junction.

The litter problem opposite the Toll House was also raised.

c. Mrs England expressed concern over a rumour that a sub post office is to be opened in the new Safeways Superstore at Skilling. It was resolved that Mr Botham would ascertain the correct position and report to the next council meeting. It was also resolved that confirmation would be sought over what pedestrian access to the Superstore across Sea Road South is proposed. It was stressed that it would be essential to have a controlled pedestrian crossing and 'No Right Turn' for vehicles leaving Holow Way. It was resolved that this matter to be taken up with the County Council.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a. The Clerk gave details of the reply from the Police re speeding vehicles in Walditch

b. The Clerk gave details of the reply from JC & RH Palmers re the lamp brackets on the old 'George' pub. It was resolved that two councillors, (Mr Matthews and Mr Batten) with the Clerk should meet with Palmers to discuss what arrangements can be made to take over the control of these lights and have them integrated into the village lighting system.

c. Additional lighting in Holow Way. The Clerk gave details of the estimate received from SWEB.

Proposed by Mr Casstles
Seconded by Mrs England

that the estimate of £824 + VAT be accepted.
Carried

d. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from the Bridport Cricket Club re damage to the fence in the play area.

e. The Clerk gave a report on the Consultative Plan for Dorset Minerals and Waste Plan.

5. REPORTS

a. Rear Admiral G Pritchard reported that Dorset had been granted Intermediate Assisted Status. He stressed this was not a bag of gold, it only opened the door for enterprises to get additional financial assistance. This depended on having the right scheme and an undertaking to match cash for cash. He also touched briefly on the number of parties interested in developing Portland Harbour when the Royal Navy leave. There are no firm proposals on the table at present.

b. Mr Cracknell had nothing to report from the District Council.

6. FINANCE

a. The Clerk gave details of the current and anticipated financial state up to 31 Mar '94. Attached at Annex A to these minutes.

Proposed by Mr Blythe
Seconded by Mr Botham

That both National Savings accounts be closed and the monies be put to the Lloyd's Bank Deposit account
Carried

b. The following accounts were approved for payment.

Walditch Church Hall	
Hire of hall for Aug meeting	£ 10.00
Jim White	
Grass maintenance Jul '93	£ 63.44
Bothenhampton Church Hall	
Hire of hall for Feb '93 meeting	£ 11.00
Beta-Print	
Balance of Invoices M0489 and M0552	£ 41.15

c. The Clerk gave details of a possible cheaper banking arrangement. It was resolved that the Clerk should investigate the possibility of banking with Building Societies, who in some cases offer free banking. To report back at the next council meeting.

d. The Clerk gave details of a request for a donation from the Bothenhampton Play Group.

Proposed by Mr Casstles
Seconded by Mr Horton

That an exceptional donation of £100 be made to the Play Group.
Carried

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications or decisions to record.

8. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/STREET LIGHTING

a. Report by Mr Warburton on the lighting arrangements in Crock Lane is attached at Annex B to these minutes. It was resolved that estimates should be obtained from SWEB for the extra lighting mentioned in the report.

b. It was resolved that no further road signs were required into and out of Walditch.

c. It was resolved that Mr Matthews should obtain estimates from Mr Wheeler for the repair, or replacement, of the two seats at the Church. To report back at the next Council meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk brought the following correspondence to the attention of the Council

- a. Dorset on the Move
- b. Casual vacancy on Parish Council
- c. Emergency contacts for parishes in West Dorset
- d. Rights of Way Newsletter
- e. Minutes of Bridport Area forum
- f. DAPTC Circulars:

Integrated Emergency Management.
Parish Clerks Forum
Golbal Allocation for Borrowing 1994/95
Minutes of DAPTC Executive meeting 21 Jul '93

- g. BCHA Ltd on Single Homelessness in Dorset
- h. Letter of complaint by Mrs Chandler re parking in Walditch and the reply by Mr Botham.
- j. Parish Constables. Mr Botham agreed to draft the reply before 17 Sep '93

At this point it was resolved to go into Confidential session. The press and public were requested to leave.

Date..... 13. 9. 93

Chairman..... 

FINANCIAL STATE AS AT 8 AUGUST 1993

Balances:

Current bank account	£	670.94
Deposit a/c		200.00
National Savings a/c		1,669.60
Nat Savings Childrens' a/c		29.15

	£	2,569.69

Estimated expenditure before 1 Oct '93

Clerk's salary and expns	£	740.00
Beta-Print		42.00
SWEB lighting charge		250.00
Jim White - grass cutting		127.00
Hire of halls		33.00

	£	1,192.00

Balances available to 1 Oct '93

£ 1,378.00 est

Estimated income as at 1 Oct '93

Balance of precept

£ 4,572.50

£ 5,590.00

Estimated expenditure 1 Oct '93 - 31 Mar '94

SWEB lighting charges	£	500.00
Clerks' salary & expns		
Salary	£997	
Rent	195	
Mileage	110	
Post	60	
Telephone	15	
Photocopying etc	30	
Jim White grass cutting		1,650.00
Hire of halls		410.00
Bank charges		66.00
Audit fee		60.00
		150.00

	£	2,836.00

Estimated balances available

£ 2,904.50

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£750 was put aside in the contingency fund and £2,000 in respect of anticipated expenses on the take over of Walditch Hall. So far only £106 of this sum has been paid out. The budget allowed for £500 in donations and so far £200 has been allocated.

The budget allowed for £100 for Walditch Green and foot[paths and £400 for the play area. As far as I can see, none of these sums have so far been allocated.

Budget sums left unspent so far = £2,994.

Annex B to Minutes
dated 9 Aug '93

Report by Cllr Warburton on the lighting in Crock Lane.

1. The lighting is erratic in distance between lamps, and two are almost blacked out by vegetation.
2. There is one particular black spot where as one approaches the bend there is no light visible. It appears that one is travelling towards a black tunnel. This occurs at 56A Crock Lane in both directions.
3. Botham Drive junction to the lane is unlit and dangerous at night.
4. The minimum improvement required would be :-
a light on pole no 15 opposite Botham Drive
two lights either side of 56A Crock Lane
vegetation cleared from two lights
5. Poles for mounting these extra lamps are already available (the present lighting is also on poles so there should be no political objections)
6. A full survey to modern standards is warranted.

CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerk gave details of the method of calculating a gratuity in accordance with the current recommendations of the NALC. On the current salary the amount of gratuity eligible would be £400 after a minimum of five years service.

After some discussion it was agreed to hold this matter over until the next council meeting, when the new members of the council will have had the opportunity of thinking the matter through. Mrs England and Mr Casstles expressed their reservations on the granting of a gratuity as it was something they had not encountered before and there was some concern on their behalf that this was not the normal practice of other parish councils within the DAPTC.

AUDIT OF 1992/93 ACCOUNT

The Clerk read a letter from Beta-Print re the outstanding amounts due to them. It revealed that the former clerk had opened an account with Beta-Print in the name of the Council. It was not within the knowledge the members present that any authority had been given for this account to be opened. In agreeing the payment of the outstanding sum the Clerk was instructed to obtain a copy of the letter purporting to come from the Council requesting the account to be opened.

The contents of the Clerk's letter to all Councillors dated 19 July '93 was discussed and it was resolved that the Chairman and the Clerk should now write to the former clerk, Mr Plyer, seeking his co-operation in sorting out the telephone accounts and for a full explanation of the other items in dispute.

Further action will be considered when the results of the approach to Mr Plyer is to hand.

It was resolved that, in future, the Clerk's expenses claim will be scrutinised by two Councillors (Mr Horton and Mr Warburton) at quarterly intervals.

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The meeting was closed at 10.30pm

