

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the church hall, Walditch on Monday 14 March 1994 at 7.30pm

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 Feb '94 having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting with the following alterations:

- a. Para 5. add: The Clerk was requested to obtain an up to date analysis of the leachate removed from the site
- b. Para 8. amend to read: Bridport Town Council be asked if they would consider making the necessary arrangements with the appropriate authority to have this section of path made up to an acceptable standard.

With these alterations the minutes were duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr C Horton

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Hollow Way and Quarry Lane. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from the County Surveyor.
- b. Bothenhampton Landfill Site. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from the County Waste Disposal Officer. Clr Blythe drew the meetings attention to the very poor state of road surface in Hollow Way resulting from the excessive use of this road by the tankers over a prolonged period. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain when it would be likely that repairs would be carried out.
- c. Footpath to Safeways Store, Sea Road, South. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from Bridport Town Council. The Council expressed their extreme displeasure at the remarks contained in the final paragraph of Bridport Town Council's letter and the Clerk was instructed to reply to Bridport Town Council accordingly.
- d. Dog Bye-laws - Childrens' play area. The Clerk gave details of the reply received from the Dept of the Environment. The Clerk was instructed to proceed with the completion of the proforma and prepare a draft bye-law. The resolution to obtain the bye-law to be advertised on all parish council notice boards as soon as possible.



e. Britt Valley Project. The additional names from the Residents Association are Mr H Lee and Mr J Shires. It was agreed that the contact person be changed to Mr G Matthews. The Clerk was instructed to advise Mr Carman, West Dorset District Council, accordingly.

4. REPORTS

a. Rear Admiral G Pritchard wished to emphasise that it was still only in the planning stages that the landfill site would be closed off in 1999 and warned against taking it as a certainty that the tip would close.

b. Clr Cracknell reported that the previous unanimity with the Dorset County Council over the local government re-organisation had now fallen through and the sides were now some way apart. Both sides have been at length to explain why their particular proposals are the best way forward.

After some discussion on this point the Chairman drew the meetings attention to the special meeting arranged for 28 Mar '94 to discuss this councils response and invited both Clr Pritchard and Clr Cracknell to attend.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

a. Lower Walditch Lane and Lings Field. The attention of the Council was drawn to the disgusting state of the area of Lings Field.. The Clerk was instructed to advise the Environment Control Officer WDCC accordingly.

b. Manor Fields. The attention of the council, was drawn to the broken street lights in Manor Field. The Clerk explained the difficulty of ascertaining who was responsible for individual lights and agreed to take the matter up with the Lighting Authority County Council.

c. Lower Walditch Lane road side pavement. The attention of the council was drawn to the generally poor state of the pavement leading into the A35. The Clerk was instructed to take the matter up with the highway authority.

d. Bowhayes. It was reported that the Road sign has been vandalised and there is a lack of adequate street lighting in this area. The Council agreed to look into the question of obtaining additional lighting in due course.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were approved for payment:

D Wilson	
Salary and expenses 4th Qtr 93/94	£ 800.02
DAP&TC	
Annual subscription 94/95	266.06
Western Gazette plc	
Advert re grass cutting contract '94/95	41.92



M Jolliffe			
Photocopying			5.84
Walditch DCC			
Hire of hall for March '94 meeting			10.00
SWEB (Connect) plc			
New street lighting	£ 484.10		
New street lighting Crock Lane	491.15	975.25	

- b. The Clerk gave details of the current financial position
- c. Before considering whether to give a donation to the 1st Bridport Scout Group the council wish to know how many, if any, boys from the villages are members of the Group.
- d. Proposed by Clr Ball                      Seconded by Clr England

That the estimate of £983 + VAT from South Western Electricity (Connect) Ltd for additional lighting in four locations in Bothenhampton be accepted.

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7. PLANNING

- a. Applications received by WDCC:
1. 1/W/94/0122F - DEL Middlehill Farm, Marrowbone Lane Bothenhampton. There were no objections to this application. The Planning Authority are requested to consider a condition that the materials used in this extension should blend in with the remainder of the building.
- b. Decisions by WDCC:
1. 1/W/93/0265P Development of land at Lower Walditch Lane.
  2. 1/W/94/0077 Development of land at Park Ridge off Sea Road.

8. FOOTPATHS/ROAD/STREET LIGHTING

- a. Footpath Mountjoy/Coopers Drive. This footpath, although well used does not seem to appear on the definitive map. The Clerk was instructed to find out if this is correct and if so what steps may be taken to have this path classified as a footpath
- b. Footpath Green Lane/Crock Lane. The steps which lead from Green Lane to Crock Lane have for a number of years been maintained on a voluntary basis by a local resident. This has now ceased and it is for discussion whether this council should take on this responsibility. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the ownership of the land which leads down from Green Lane into Crock Lane, when the subject of maintenance of the steps can be fully debated.



9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew the attention of the Council to the following matters:

Centenary service of Parish and Town Councils Salisbury Cathedral  
2.00pm 8 May '94.

Village Retail Services Association - NFA

Rural Viewpoint - NFA

Notice of Audit. It was agreed that the accounts etc will be deposited with Clr Botham during the inspection period.

Great Domesday Book - NFA

Protection in the Community. Seminar 23 Apr '94 Kingston Maurward  
Dorchester, 10.00am to 4.30pm.

Safeway Superstore. Letter from Bothenhampton WI to County Surveyor re the entrance to Bradford's on Sea Road South being used by customers to the superstore. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor expressing the Council's full support of the views expressed in the letter and also to write to Bridport Town Council requesting their support.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.10. pm.

Date.....11.4.94. Chairman ..........