

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 11 September 1995 at 7.30pm

Present. Mr FR Botham (Chairman)	Mrs F Ball
Mr DA Blythe	Mr PG Hulbert
Mr GL Matthews	Mr JE Mitchell
Mr GCL Warburton	Mr DT Wilson (Clerk)

In attendance: Cty & Dist Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 1995 at Bothenhampton having been circulated were amended at para 3c as follows: "last line delete 'Carried unanimously' and insert 'Caried with one dissension'. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mrs DM England MBE

Mr RC Batten

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Parking problems Bowhayes/Crock Lane. The Clerk read a letter from Dorset County Council regarding the proposed removal of the bank in front of numbers 90 to 104 Crock Lane. and the reply to this council's concern re the "Keep Clear" markings recently laid down by the DCC.

b. TPO Walditch Road/The Hyde. The Clerk explained that as this is a conservation area no TPO is necessary as any tree felling within a conservation area is subject to a planning application. The Clerk was instructed to write to WDDC requesting that they remind the owners of The Hyde of these conditions regarding the trees.

c. New Health Authority Boundaries. Clr England was not present and no report was given.

d. Rented Homes for Rural Areas. Clr Ball gave a report on the Policy Statement of the National Federation of Housing Associations.

4. REPORT FROM CTY & DIST COUNCILLOR

a. Bulky Household Waste. The life of the site has been extended until 31 May 1996. It will be necessary to continue extensions for one year at a time until a new site is found. It was pointed out that the contract conditions require that a new transfer station be found by the contractor within the next two years. It is extremely unlikely that should this condition not be complied with the contract be terminated, but such action would attract a severe financial penalty.

b. Access to Safeway Superstore via Sea Road South. Progress on this matter is very slow as communications with Safeway are difficult. The Clerk read a letter received from Mr Avery on this subject and it was agreed that the points raised therein should be passed to Dorset County Council for their comments.

5. 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.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were approved for payment:

D Wilson		
Clerk's salary and expenses for the 2nd Qtr	£	791.79
J White		
Grass and High Pavement maint Aug '95		114.55
Cornhill Insurance		
Additional Premium re play equipment		9.40
Wicksteed Leisure		
New play equipment for John Holt Play Area		3,616.29
CAB		
Donation as agreed		150.00
Hotprint		
Photocopying for July '95		5.50
Bothenhampton Church Hall		
Hire of hall for Sep '95 meeting		11.00

b. The Clerk gave details of the current financial state.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. The following applications were received by WDDC:

1/W/95/0450 - DEL. Land adjacent to Home Cottage, Main Street Bothenhampton. Renewal of PA 1/W/90/0502 to erect a house. In view of the inordinate length of time since this application was first approved (Sep 1972) it is essential that plans be provided to show exactly what this application entails.

1/W/95/0481F - DEL. 6 Nordons, Bothenhampton. Erect single storey extension and construct new dormer window. No objections provided this property will not be used for any commercial use.

b. The following decisions have been made by WDDC:

1/W/95/0416F Little Wych, Burton Road, Bothenhampton. Erect extensions and make alterations to dwelling etc

1/W/95/0369F. "Wych Elm" Wych Hill, Bothenhampton. Erect extension and garage.

8. REPORTS

a. Footpaths & Roads. Footpath No 4 washed out in the recent heavy rain. Also the gully at the top of Quarry Lane blocked.

b. Street lighting

NTR

c. John Holt Play Area. The repairs to the goal post will be put in hand this week. Cost in the region of £40. The chain link fencing is in need of repair. Mr J Bright to be asked to carry out the necessary work. The new play equipment is now installed and is much appreciated by the younger children of the village. Weed killer has been put down around this play area and the bark safety surfacing needs topping up. It was agreed that Mr B Smith be approached to supply what is needed.

d. Neighbourhood Watch. Clr Hulbert reported that one minor incident had taken place in Manor Fields which had been dealt with promptly by the police.

e. Conservation and Open Spaces. The main path through the nature reserve area has now been completed. The steps had been taken out but will be replaced shortly. A workshop to make bat and bird boxes is to be held in the Bothenhampton Church Hall on Sunday 22 October '95. It was agreed that close observation should be kept on the progress, or otherwise, of the construction of the open space in Lowr Walditch Lane. Clr Hulbert produced a leaflet that he had received from the Woodlands Trust, the Clerk was instructed to obtain more details of their Millennium Challenge.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Bothenhampton Brownies and Guides. Request for donations. Proposed by Clr Ball, seconded by Clr Matthews that a grant of £150 be made. Carried nem com.

b. Capt E Johnson re objection to the proposed grant of £500 towards the cost of refurbishment of the Real Tennis Court Walditch. The points raised had been answered to Capt Johnson during the democratic half hour.

c. Waste Disposal Issue. Noted

d. County Sec DAP&TC Circulars:

25/95	Rural Crime - Support the NALC proposals.	
26/95	Agreements for delegated functions	Noted
27/95	Casual Vacancies bye-election or co-option	Noted
28/95	Clerks Training Day	NFA

September Newsletter:

91.95 Identity Cards. The Council were unanimous in supporting the introduction of a compulsory identity card. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Home Office accordingly.

103/95 Annual Seminar for Local Councillors. It was agreed that Clr Botham should attend at a cost of £15.

e. NFHA -Right to buy for housing association tenants. Proposed by Clr Matthews, seconded by Clr Hulbert that this council is strongly opposed to such a proposal and that the Clerk be instructed to write to Sir James Spicer MP accordingly. Carried with one abstension.

f. Austen Whetham & Guest. Lease of Walditch Old School Room. Noted.

g. Damage to seat on High Pavement. Clr Matthews agreed to look into the question of repairs to this seat and report back at the next council meeting.

10. Successor to the present Clerk. The Clerk has indicated tat he wishes to retire at the end of this financial year (31 Mar 1996). This was accepted by the Council. Proposed by Clr Blythe and seconded by Clr Matthews that the outline timetable to find a successor be as follows:

to advertise the post in three local papers, within the Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council and DAP&TC 1 Oct '95

At October Council meeting to nominate interviewing panel of three Councillors.

Applications with CV and references to be received by 21 Oct '95

Short list and take up references etc. Arrange interviews to be held on either 8,9 or 10 Nov '95.

Confirm appointment at the November meeting with the nominee taking up post wef 1 Jan '96 for a three month hand/take over period.

Carried nem com

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Date. 2/10/95 Chairman 