

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Thursday 5 May 1994 following the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present. Mr G Matthews (Chairman)                      Mr C Casstles  
          Mr D Blyth    Mr G Warburton  
          Mrs F Ball    Mrs D England MBE

In attendance:   Cty Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB  
                          Dist Clr D Cracknell OBE

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 Apr '94 at Bothenhampton having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr F Botham

Mr R Batten

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised the meeting of the following developments:

a. Parking Crock Lane. The Housing Association have offered to transfer the ownership of the bank in front of the housing association properties to the County Council, free of charge, if the County Council will undertake to remove the bank and make the lay-by larger. A reply from the County Council is awaited.

b. Maintenance of the High Pavement. Jim White has agreed to meet with the Clerk in the future to discuss what is required and will then submit an estimate for the work.

c. Street Name Plates. WCCC have advised that a replacement street name plate for Bowhayes is now in hand.

d. Highway matters. The DCC have advised that they do not feel the condition of Long Lane is in any worse condition than many other country lanes and that consideration is being given to applying a surface dressing treatment later this year.

4. REPORTS

a. Rear Admiral Pritchard.

It was confirmed that the life of the bulky household waste site is expected to be a maximum of 2 years. It is hoped, however that it may be closed in a year provided an alternative site can be found. It is a statutory requirement that the County Council must provide a site for the disposal of bulky household waste. It was stressed that if no other site is forthcoming it could well be that a planning application may be



submitted to extend the life of the present site.

Parking in Crock Lane. It was stressed that the removal of the bank would involve some considerable cost as the services of gas, electricity and telephone are covered in the bank. The suppliers are under no obligation to move these services and the total cost would fall on the County Council. It was agreed, however, to look into the current position. Again it was stressed that even if the County Council did agree to the expenditure it could not take place before the next financial year as the budget for this year has already been set.

b. Dist Clr D Cracknell had nothing to report.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

a. Mr Ffooks raised the matter of the repairs to the High Pavement which were agreed by the County Surveyor in January 1994 which have yet to be carried out. It was agreed to ask the County Surveyor for the current position.

b. Mr Ffooks suggested that the police be requested to place a 'No Parking' sign in Crock Lane to allow the free passage of vehicles. It was agreed that the local police be approached.

6. FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:

SWE(Connect) Ltd	
Balance of payment due for addtl lighting	£ 618.05
Hotprint	
Photocopying of minutes agendas etc for May mtg	4.97
Jim White	
Grass cutting Apr '94	63.44
LJW Brake	
Repairs to Parish Council Notice Boards	221.70
Bothenhampton Church Hall	
Hire of hall for May mtg	11.00

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. The following applications have been received:

Development: Safeway - Bridport. Position of signs  
No observations.

b. The following decisions have been notified:

1/W/94/0122F Middlehill Farm, Bothenhampton  
Errect two storey extension.



8. ROADS/STREET LIGHTING/FOOTPATHS

a. Street Lighting.

1. A complaint has been received on the siting of the new lamp in Old Church Lane. This will be resolved at a meeting with SWEB and Clr England on Tuesday 10 May '94.

2. Southern Electric have asked if we would consider them for the maintenance contract for street lighting. It was resolved that the present contract is adequate and should remain with SWEB.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of the following correspondence:

a. Local Government Review. Bridport Town Council's proposals, and the Parish Council's response. Details of a letter from BTC to all organisations in the area was also read out. The meeting were disturbed by the tenor and manner of the Bridport Town Council's approach to the Local Government Review and its total lack of any consultation with the neighbouring Parish Councils they wish to absorb. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Town Council expressing this councils displeasure and annoyance at the arrogant attitude of the Town Council.

Copies of the submissions to the Commissioner by Dorset County Council and West Dorset District Council were available for Councillors.

b. The Clerk was instructed to write to Bridport Town Mayor advising him that his Clerk has not yet apologised to the Chairman as promised in his recent letter.

c. Letter of complaint from Mr Stapleton 4 The Green Walditch. The Clerk was insructed to write to the contractor accordingly.

d. Dorset Countryside Service Guided Walks and Events Programme. A copy of the booklet was given to all Councillors.

e. Traffic Managment Programme.

f. Guidance from the District Audit Service re the audit of parish council accounts.

g. Details of events by the Countrywide Workshops Charitable Trust.

h. Clr Blyth drew the Councils attention to the state of the slide and other play equipment in the John Holt Play Area. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clr Blyth would investigate and arrange for emergency repairs to be effected as soon as possible.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.00pm

Date ..... 13.6.94

Chairman ..... 