

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 12 June 1995 at 7.30pm

Present. Mr FR Botham (Chairman) Mr RC Batten
 Mr GCL Warburton Mr JE Mitchell
 Mr PG Hulbert Mrs DM England MBE
 Mrs FM Ball 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 11 May '95 at Bothenhampton having been circulated, and with the addition at Para 3.b. of

"It was resolved that Clr Batten should act as the Council's liaison with the Solicitor in this respect"

the minutes were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr DA Blythe

Mr GL Matthews

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Development Lower Walditch Lane. The Clerk gave details of correspondence between Rear Admiral Pritchard and Sir James Spicer MP regarding the proposed road improvements on the A35. Admiral Pritchard reported that he had been advised by Sir James that all relative correspondence together with his support for our case had now been passed to the Minister of Transport for his attention.

Clr Hulbert gave a report on his findings of the work so far carried out by the developers on the site.

Following a request from DCC the Clerk was instructed to ascertain from DCC how far the proposed street lighting will be carried down Lower Walditch Lane and the possibility of DCC installing a street light from the junction Lower Walditch Lane/Askers Meade down to the A35.

b. Response to WDDC Helping Communities Prosper. This was discussed at some length and resolved that this councils response should be drafted by Clrs Botham and Batten and presented at the next council meeting.

c. Mr Cardwell, Drinkwater Sabey was unable to attend the June meeting and suggested either Aug or Sep. It was agreed that the invitation be sent for the August Council meeting.
It was confirmed that Mrs Butler, Dorset Community NHS Trust will be at the July meeting.

4. REPORT FROM REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD

Dist Cl report. re Landfill Site. The application for extension of use to 1999 has been considered. Recommendation made to DCC that this should only be extended for 1 year at a time to maintain the pressure on Drinkwater Sabey to find an alternative site.

Cty Cl report. re Council Reorganisation. Work on the formation of the revised County Council is going ahead. The general policy is to put aside all that has been the form in the past and start with a clean sheet. The police authority remains the same, outside the scope of the County Council. There will be problems with the two new unitary authorities and a difficult time lies ahead for all concerned.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow the public the opportunity of discussing items of local interest. The meeting was then re-convened to complete the agenda items.

(Following the Democratic Half Hour there was a disturbance involving 6 youths who had to be forcibly ejected from the meeting. The incident is to be reported to the police)

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

D Wilson	
Salary and expenses 1st qtr 1995/96	£709.67
Cornhill Insurance	
Council insurance	81.79
Jim White	
Grass cutting etc	114.55
Bothenhampton Church Hall	
Hire of hall for Jun '95 meeting	11.00
DCC Holy Trinity Bothenhampton	
Grant towards churchyard maintenance	375.00
Austen, Whetham & Guest	
Solicitors fees	100.00

7. PLANNING

a. The following applications have been received by WDDC:

1/W/95/0270F - Del Coburg House Walditch
Erect a chimney - No objections

1/W/95/0294F - Del
Erect extension - No objections

b. The following grants of planning permission were given by WDDC

1/W/95/0111F Land adjoining Old Barn, Hollow Way, Bothenhampton
Erect house and make alterations to barn and construct new
vehicular access.

8. REPORTS

a. Footpaths and Roads.

(1) The Clerk gave details of the closure of footpaths 5. 13 and
Back Rivers lane

(2) Obstruction to Bowhayes in Crock Lane. Details of the
complaint made by Mr Legg of 1 Bowhayes, Bothenhampton were read
together with the reply from the Chairman. It was resolved that
the Clerk should ascertain from the Gas Board, SWEB, Wessex
Water and British Telecom the precise location of their services
in the bank. Further approaches will then be made to the Housing
Association for this bank to be removed to widen the road and
provide better parking facilities for the residents while
maintaining a clear access for emergency vehicles. In the
interim it was resolved to have signs placed at each end of the
embankment 15 yards from the junction saying,

"PLEASE KEEP CLEAR FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS"

(3) Grass cutting - Wych Hill/Burton Road. After some
discussion Admiral Pritchard agreed to take this matter up with
the County Surveyor. It was pointed out that the County will
ever only cut grass etc for approximately 1 yard in from the
road and will not cut any foliage on the bank. The ownership of
this bank is in some doubt, the Council maintain it belongs to
the owners of the bungalows, while the owners maintain their
property stops short of the bank. Until this is resolved no
further action can be taken. Clr England agreed to approach the
owners in question to obtain proof of their claims.

b. Street lighting.

(1) Light at Old Church Bothenhampton. The removal of the
obsolete lamp to be taken up with SWEB.

(2) The Clerk gave details of the repairs recommended by SWEB to
various lights in Main Street Bothenhampton and Manor Fields.
It was pointed out that one of the lights is due to be removed
when additional lighting is installed following the proposed
development in Lower Walditch Lane. A revised estimate to be
obtained..

c. John Holt Play Area.

(1) Disposal of u/s play equipment. Clr Blythe was not
available to give this report. A full report is requested for
the next council meeting.

(2) The Clerk gave details of the grants which have been
approved for the replacement of the play equipment.

Proposed by Clr England

Seconded by Clr Ball

That the replacement play equipment as detailed in Wicksteed Leisure Quote No 5/9142 dated 20 March 1995 be purchased at a total cost of £3,077.85 (excl VAT)

Carried nem com.

d. Neighbourhood Watch NTR

e. Conservation & Open Spaces NTR

8. CORRESPONDENCE

DCC. Selected Statistics from 1991 Census NFA

WDDC

West Dorset District Local Plan Passed to Clr Botham

Street Naming 9 Crock Lane NFA

Country & conservation grant scheme Passed to Clr Matthews

Austen, Whetham & Guest.

(The Chairman declared a non financial interest and Clr England assumed the Chairmanship)

Details of the proposed lease for the Walditch Church Hall were given by the Clerk.

Proposed by Clr Batten

Seconded by Clr Ball

That Messrs Austen, Whetham & Guest be retained by the Council under the conditions outlined in their letter. That the Clerk request that the Trustees should be "The Parish Councillors of the Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council for the time" rather than named individuals from the Parish Councillors.

That the fee of £730.60 be accepted and that the interim payment of £100 be sent now.

That the Parish Council authorise the acquisition of a Lease of Walditch Church Hall for a period of 35 (thirty five) years at an annual rent of £10 (ten pounds).

Carried nem com

Clr Botham resumed as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Clerks Salary.

The revised method of calculating part time clerk's salaries as recommended by NALC was discussed in detail.

Proposed by Clr Batten Seconded by Clr Ball

That with effect from 1 June 1995 the clerks salary shall be calculated on an hourly basis

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That the hours of work shall be 7 hours per week

That the SCP be 19 at an hourly rate of £6.22 per hour

That future reviews of the clerks salary shall be carried out on 1 April annually.

That the following amendments be made to the Clerk's present contract of employment:

(1) Paragraph 4 SALARY. Line six and Line eight

Delete "1 July" insert "1 April"

(2) Paragraph 6 HOURS. Line two

Delete "15" insert "7"

Carried nem com

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was closed at 10.05pm.

Date.....

10/7/95.

Chairman

