

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 14 February 1994 at 7.30pm

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 Jan '94 having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs F Ball

3. MATTERS ARISING.

a. Conservaton Area or Nature Reserve. The Chairman reported on the current situation and explained the proposed composition of a management committee to be formed. It was agreed that the following names be sent to the WDDC Environmental Manager :

Mr G Matthews (BWPC) Mrs D Englad (BWPC)
Mr D Weston Mr C Sparkes
Mrs M Westwood + two to be nominated by the Residence Assoc.

It was agreed that a meeting should now be arranged between the WDDC Environmental Manager, the Britt Valley Ranger and the newly formed management committee.

b. High Pavement - Bothenhampton. The Chairman reported on the recent meeting with DCC officials in which it was agreed to carry out urgent repairs to marked areas of the edging of the high pavement. Work has already been carried out in cutting back the undergrowth. It was agreed to look into the possibility of erecting a handrail on the land side of the path. Concern was expressed at the amount of water that is now running down Hollow Way, the Clerk was instructed to contact the County Surveyor on this point.

4. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

a. Rear Admiral Pritchard had nothing to report from the County Council.

b. Clr Cracknell wished to draw the council's attention to the many papers being produced regarding the re-organisation of local government and stressed the importance of Parish Councils making their views known at all levels.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR.

There was a general discussion on the work being carried out on the nature reserve.

Some concern was expressed at the continuance of lorries going through the village to the land fill site. It was explained that some difficulties had been experienced with the sewerage piping which had caused some delay in the completion of this work. The Clerk was instructed to write to DCC requesting that a formal liaison link be arranged between this Parish Council and Drinkwater Sabey when they assume responsibility for the land fill site.

6. FINANCE

a. It was agreed that the following accounts be paid:

Mr A Woodbridge

Donation as agreed at the previous council meeting £100.00

Bothenhampton Church Hall

Hire of hall for public meeting 16 Dec '93 £13.00

Hire of hall for council meeting 10 Jan 94 11.00 £ 24.00

b. Proposed by Clr Casstles Seconded by Clr Botham
That the estimate by LJW Brake to repair four notice boards for the sum of £72.00 be accepted.

Carried nem com.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications received by WDDC:

1. 1/W/94/0077R Park Ridge, Sea Road.

The exit from this site is directly opposite the proposed new location for the fire station. It is also in the "output" of a major roundabout. The noise level of A35 traffic is very high and other properties on Sea Road South have a noise reducing wall. This site has no plans for such a wall. The site is very low and a ditch carrying surface water runs along one side. The exit is directly on to the A35 and is unable to be re-located due to other properties. The northern boundary is a 6' wattle fence on the other side of which is a petrol/garage/industrial complex.

2. 1/W94/0086F - DEL. 21 Crock Lane
No objections.

b. The following decisions were notified:

1/W/93/0695F 58 Crock Lane

1/W/93/0691F 6 Bowhayes

1/W/93/0722L The George, Bothenhampton



8. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/STREET LIGHTING

a. Clr Warburton reported on an obstruction to Footpath 14 by an electrified wire fence. This has now been relocated to allow unhindered pedestrian access.

b. It was reported that there is no footpath after crossing Sea Road South in the direction of the Safeway Store. Bridport Town Council are to be asked if they would consider having this section made up to an acceptable standard.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. West Dorset District Council

EC Surplus food distribution

New planning procedures

Precept confirmation and Band D Charge

National Spring Clean 15 -24 Apr '94.

It was agreed to hold a 'Spring Clean Day' on 16 Apr '94. Details etc to be obtained from WDDC and publicity to be arranged nearer the day.

b. DAPTC

Clerks and Councillors Training day 12 Mar '94. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend and other Councillors to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend before 25 Feb '94.

c. British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

Rural Action Roadshow 11 Mar '94. Four Councillors expressed an interest in attending

d. Calor Rural Sponsorship Programme

Dorset Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed not to participate in this event.

10. REPORT ON DAPTC MEETING 3 Feb 94.

Clr England reported on the above meeting. The main points to be brought to the Council's attention are:

a. DAPTC Centenary Service Salisbury Cathedral 8 May 94. Ten Councillors and partners expressed an interest in attending.

b. DAPTC Centenary Celebration Garden Party. The date has yet to be fixed but likely to be either 20 or 27 Jul 94. Ten councillors and partners expressed an interest in attending.

c. Local Government Review. A limited number of papers produced by Dorset Community Council were distributed. The Clerk was instructed to obtain sufficient for all councillors to have a copy. It was agreed to hold a Special Council Meeting in Walditch at 7.30pm on Monday 28 Mar 94 to discuss and approve this Council's response to the Review authority.

11. CONFIRMATION OF CLERK'S APPOINTMENT

Proposed by Clr Batten Seconded by Clr Blyth

That Mr D T Wilson be confirmed in the appointment of Clerk to the Council with effect from 1 June 1993.

Carried nem com

12. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Proposed by Clr Casstles Seconded by Clr Warburton

That tenders be sought for the grass cutting contract for Bothanhampton and Walditch areas for a one year, two or three year fixed term contract.

Voting: For: Six Against: Nil Abstain: One

13. MAINTENANCE OF GARDEN AREA WALDITCH 1994

It was agreed that Mr Truscott be invited to continue with this work subject to a satisfactory estimate for the work being received from him.

14. AUDIT REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 92/93

The Clerk gave details of the discrepancies that have come to light over the period of the clerkship of Mr R Plyer. As a result a claim has now been settled by the Cornhill Insurance Co against the policy's fidelity bond in the sum of £1,982.02. The claim was paid on the understanding that the irregularities be reported to the police for further investigation. The Clerk confirmed that this had now been carried out

15. BYLAW FOR THE BANNING OF DOGS IN THE CHILDRENS PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported that the Home Office have been approached for a copy of a specimen bylaw for the prohibiting of dogs in the childrens play area. When these are to hand further discussion can take place.

16. D DAY COMMEMORATION EVENTS

Clr Casstles gave details of the events now to be held under the organisation of Bridport Town Council. After some discussion it was agreed that with so many other local events taking place it would be a case of 'over kill' for this council to undertake anything on its own. It was agreed to support Bridport Town Council as much as we are able.

Date 14.3.94

Chairman 