

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 13 May 1996 following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.G.L.Matthews, Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mr.J.E.Mitchell, Mr.G.C.L.Warburton, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.R.Batten, Mrs. Ball, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1 April 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

Mr.Botham asked to place on record before the meeting really started the appreciation of the Parish Councillors on the work carried out by the previous Clerk Mr.D.Wilson.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Cty Clr Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Fourwinds, Mount Joy Estate; the Clerk confirmed that he had received a reply from WDDC on this matter which he read to the meeting and it was agreed that this matter was now closed.

b. Spring Clean; Mr.Blythe confirmed that this had taken place..

4. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting was adjourned to enable members of the public to air their views on matters of local interest. The meeting then re-convened to complete the Council's agenda.

5. THE HYDE TENNIS COURT

The Clerk informed the meeting that an application had been received concerning alterations to the car parking at the Tennis Court. This matter had been discussed in the democratic half hour as some residents objected to this alteration. While the Council had passed on these concerns to WDDC the Council does not object to these alterations, but they are not the Planning Authority and therefore has not the power to make any decisions in this matter.

6. THE CHURCH HALL WALDITCH

Mr.Botham declared an interest and Mr.Matthews took the chair.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received two letters from Mr.J.Scott concerning the leasing of the Church Hall and his request for financial help towards the legal costs.

It was proposed by Mrs.England and seconded by Mr.Hulbert that the Council would provide a contribution of 50% or up to £350.00, whichever is the lower towards the legal costs. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr.Scott accordingly.

Mr.Botham resumed the chair.

7. BOTHENHAMPTON TIP

The Clerk referred to the application received from Dorset County Council concerning an the continuation of the Bulky Household Waste Facility for a period of two years a copy of which had been sent to each Councillor. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter a vote was taken on the period Councillors believe should be given;

No extension [5 votes], 6 months, [2 votes], 1 year, [2 votes], 2 years [no votes].

It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to DDC; that the Council does not approve a 2 year extension as the applicant has had enough time to find an alternative site. They should therefore be given no more than 6 months to made good and leave the BHWF site. If they do not , then DDC should consider them to be in breach of contract and a financial penalty of £100,000 a month should be imposed. This could them be used to finance an alternative access route to the landfill site.

8. PUBLICITY

Mr.Botham raised this subject and if was agreed that the minutes of meetings should be available for members of the public to see at the monthly meetings. Also the notices advertising these meetings should state that if members of the public wish to see the minutes then they should telephone the clerk and make an appointment.

9. FINANCE

a. The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation.

b. The following accounts were approved for payment;

N.David Landscapes	£1,862.37
DAPTC	£227.89
Jim White	£114.55
SWEB	£288.20
Audit Commission	£103.40
Austen Whetham & Guest	£371.25
Walditch Church Hall	£12.50
Cornhill Insurance	£101.50
Mr.Blythe [materials for play area repairs]	£27.29

10. PLANNING

a. Applications received from WDDC;

No. 1/W/96/0224-DEL 8 Green Lane Bothenhampton, erect conservatory
NO COMMENTS

No. 1/W/96/0247P Land off Lake Lane Bothenhampton, erect 4 No bungalows and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access

No valid reason for objecting to this development, however we would make the following comments;
[a] The occupier of 15 Lake Lane is concerned that the new development will over look their property therefore could the new property have no windows overlooking 15 Lake Lane or as part of your permission a fence could be erected between the two properties?.

[b] The occupier of 28 Lake Lane is concerned about the existing trees and hedges bordering the development can these be retained?.

[c] the three garages used by the occupants of 16,18 & 20 Lake Lane are placed in a spur off the lane turning at 28 Lake Lane. People using these garages have to back out going across the entrance to the new development, which could be a hazard.

b. Decisions by WDDC; NTR

11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Speeding along Lower Walditch Lane, the Clerk was instructed to write to DDC asking that they consider the installation of a sleeping police near the entrance to the cemetery to reduce speeding traffic.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

12. CORRESPONDENCE;

[a] WDDC; The following letters were received, the contents of which were noted.

Walditch Conservation Area, 3 The Green Walditch reduction in the height of eucalyptus tree approved

Tree preservation order, 7 Bowhayes Bothenhampton approval to cut back dead wood of Ash Tree.

Partnerships for the Environment - National Lottery Funding Opportunities.

Ideas for the Regeneration of Bridport.

Charity Collections.

[b] DCC; The following letter was received, the contents of which was noted.

Remedial work at Sea Road South & Walditch Green.

[c] Citizens' Advice Bureau, confirming that they would be moving on the 20 April 1996 to 45 South Street Bridport.

[d] Letter from Bothenhampton Residents Association, inviting all Councillors to a meeting on the 30 May at the church Hall Bothenhampton with BFI LTD. concerning the Tip. Also to request that we remove our notice board out side the Sub-Post office as it is in need of repairs.

[b] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted, 16/96 [Consent to Use of Capital Money], 17/96 [Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996], 18/96 [Rural Sewerage Schemes], 21/96 [Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996]

DATE OF AUGUST MEETING; It was agreed to hold this meeting on Wednesday the 21 August 1996

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

Date 10/8/96 Chairman 