

BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 11 July 1994 at 7.30pm

Present. Mr G Matthews (Chairman)	Mr F Botham
Mr G Warburton	Mr C Casstles
Mr C Horton	Mr D Blythe
Mrs F Ball	Mrs D England MBE
	Mr D Wilson (Clerk)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June '94 at Walditch Church Hall having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of that meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr R Batten

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Review of Local Government in Dorset. The Clerk advised the meeting that only one copy of the Commissioner's Draft Proposals had been supplied to the Council through the DAP&TC. Further copies are available from the Commissioner's Office in London at a cost of £1 each.

Proposed by Clr England Seconded by Clr Blythe

That copies be obtained for all Councillors.

Carried

b. Bothenhampton Land Fill Site. The Clerk read the full report from Dorset County Council on the spillage of effluent from the site on Thursday 23 June '94. A meeting has now been arranged between all interested parties for Monday 18 July '94 at Quarry Lane to find what remedial action is needed to prevent a re-occurrence.

c. Various Highway Matters. Reported highway matters from the previous meeting are now receiving attention from the Dorset County Council.

d. Horses on footpath Mount Joy to Coopers Drive. The Clerk advised that before any further action can be taken in this matter it is necessary to establish the owner and rider of the horse(s) in question. On receipt of this information the Rights of Way Officer will take the matter further.

f. John Holt Play Area. The bark chippings have now been purchased and are in place.

g. Maintenance of the High Pavement. The Clerk gave details of the estimate received from Jim White to clear the pavement and for a regular maintenance programme. After some discussion it was agreed that the question of the maintenance of this area should be passed back to the Dorset County Council, whose responsibility it really is.

4. REPORTS.

a. Rear Admiral G Pritchard. The netting which had recently been installed at the landfill site was in fact part of the original planning detail and contained in the Waste Licencing Conditions.

(The Parish Council expressed their displeasure at not being invited to the event displaying the net at the landfill site, accompanied with some publicity, whereas it would seem that the Residents Association was)

The maintenance of footpaths is a common problem. It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure that any overhanging growth is kept to a reasonable high above the footpath to allow comfortable use of the path. The problem arises in trying to establish who the landowner is. It is the responsibility of the Highway Authority to ensure that all roadside footpaths are kept clear and any overhanging growth to be cut back, if the landowner cannot be traced, or fails to carry out his obligations. It was recommended that the Parish Council should contact the Highway Authority, giving details of Jim White's estimate for the work to be done and request that they should carry out this maintenance as soon as possible.

b. Clr Cracknell gave details of the recent meeting he had attended given by BT to explain the new format of the telephone directory soon to be issued.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

Members of the public were given the opportunity to air their views on local matters.

6. FINANCE

a. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Bothenhampton Church Hall	
Hire of hall for July meeting	£ 11.00
Mr Botham	
Photocopying of file on Lower Walditch Lane Development	9.00
C W Groves & Sons	
4 bags of Woodland chippings	24.80
Jim White	
Grass maintenance June '94	63.44

b. The Clerk gave details of the result of the Police enquiry into the misappropriation of Council Funds by the former Clerk. No further police action is contemplated.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. The Clerk gave details of the following applications received by WDDC:

1/W/94/0349C 8 Uplands, Walditch.
No observations were raised.

b. The Clerk gave details of the following planning consents that have been granted by WDDC

1/W/94/0269F Stonecott, Walditch
1/W/94/0175F The Hyde, Walditch Road.
1/W/94/0186L The Hyde, Walditch Road.
1/W/94/0300F Land adj Westland Park, Crock Lane, Bothenhampton.

8. REPORTS

a. Footpaths and Roads. Nothing to report

b. Street lighting. Nothing to report

c. John Holt Play Area. The Clerk advised that the slide is in a dangerous condition where the metal slide has come away from the top. The Chairman agreed to rope off the steps and put a sign to say the slide is out of order. Cllr Blythe reported that he had asked Mr Brian Smith for an estimate for wood bark chippings for use in the play area, as there will be an on-going need for this commodity. He had also made approaches to Grundy Netting for an estimate to replace the goal post netting.

d. Neighbourhood Watch. Nothing to report. It was agreed that the next Council meeting should start at 7.00pm and that the Community Police Constable be asked to attend with a specific item on the agenda on all aspects of Neighbourhood Watch.

e. Conservation and Open Spaces. Nothing to report. Disappointment was expressed at the poor response to a call for volunteers to help in the conservation area. It was agreed that those youth organisations who have been given grants be specifically asked for help when needed. It was agreed that a meeting of the Conservation Area Management Committee should be convened. The Chairman undertook to organise this.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of the following correspondence received:

Dorset County Council.

Education Department - 1994 Focus on Youth. Before any grant is considered this Council would like to know just what is involved in this project.

West Dorset District Council
Bridport Area Forum (circulated to all councillors)
Target Area Scheme - passed to Clr Botham for Walditch area
Charity Collections

Bridport Town Council;1
Democratic Half Hour at Town Council meeting.

Holy Trinity Church.
Request to hold a Bar-B-Q in the John Holt Play Area.
No objections were raised.

Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils
County Secretary's Circulars 9, 10 and 11 of 94
Minutes of Executive Committee meeting 4 Jun '94.

VIVA Voluntary Groups
Notice of meeting on 22 Jul '94.

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

Date..... 8.8.94..... Chairman