

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 10 March 1997 7.30pm.

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.P.G.Hulbert,Mr.G.C.L.Warburton, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.G.Matthews, Mr.J.E.Mitchell, Mr.R.C..Batten, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]
In attendance; Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 February 1997, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mrs.F.M.Ball

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] The Hyde Tennis Court Walditch; the Clerk read out a letter dated 4 March 1997 received from the Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust Ltd. which gave the current situation concerning the restoration work and that they had put in a application for a further grant to the sports council which will be considered shortly. The Chairman undertook to let the Parish Council know the out come of the application after Easter.

[b] The John Miller Trust; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from the Trust dated 24 February 1997 and it was agreed that this should be copied and sent out with the minutes of the meeting to each Councillor.

[c] Mr.Botham confirmed that the damaged black and white posts by Berry Farm in Lower Walditch Lane had been repaired.

[d] Bulky Household Waste Site; Mr.Blythe informed the meeting that a letter had been drafted on this matter but had not been sent. A copy of a Press Release on this subject had been issued by Dorset County Council, a copy of which was given to each Councillor.

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. A list of the items raised is attached at the end of the minutes.

5. REPORT BY CTY & DIST COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB

Rear Admiral Pritchard referred to the Press Release and confirmed that a temporary site for the Bulky Household Waste Site had been suggested. This was the Transportation and Engineering Area Office in South Street Bridport which will be available once the Area Office moves to Dorchester. The County Planning Authority will consider a planning application shortly, WDDC and Bridport Town Council will also be consulted. If everything goes according to plan then this site should be available in August 1997. He also confirmed the DCC had also purchased the old public house site next to the entrance to the Area Office. The Chairman of the County Council had also written to the President of BFI in the USA on the failure of BFI to provide this facility.

The temporary site provided by the County Council does not mean that BFI do not have to continue the process of finding a permanent site for both the Bulky Household Waste Site and the Transfer Station. As regard to the planning application concerning Manor Farm, he confirmed that a site meeting had been arranged for 10.00am on 24 March 1997.

6. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

The Clerk referred to the letter dated 26 February 1997 received from the Bothenhampton Brownie Pack and Guide Company a copy of which had been sent out with the agenda. This matter was discussed and it was proposed Mrs. England and seconded by Mr. Blythe that the Council make a grant of £100 between both groups in the next financial year. This was agreed by all the other Councillors. The Clerk was instructed to write to both groups confirming that the Council would give them a grant, but this would not be available until May 1997.

7. THE MILLENNIUM

Mr. Botham informed the meeting that he had spoken to the land owner concerning the planting of trees on the sky line over Walditch. It was possible that Scotch Pines could be planted to replace some that had been damaged in the bad weather. Mr. Botham to make further investigations on this matter. It was also suggested that tree planting could take place in Bothenhampton.

8. FINANCE

[a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] G. Truscott, Maintenance of Walditch Green 1995 £72.00, this account had not been received by the Parish Council and the clerk confirmed that no payment for 1995 had been made.
- [2] Forest and Tree Care £58.75, supply of wood bark for the John Holt play area.
- [3] Clerks' Salary and Expenses for the 4th Quarter £664.58.

9. PLANNING

- [a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application No. 1/W/97/0105F erect single storey snooker room 48 Crock Land, Bothenhampton. This was passed to Mrs. Ball for comment and was returned to WDDC "NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION".
- [b]. Decisions by WDDC; None received, however it was noted that the Manor Farm application was the subject of a site meeting at 10.00am on the 24 March 1997. Mr. Mitchell would attend as the Parish Councils' representative.

10. REPORTS

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; The Clerk was asked to confirm the situation concerning the footpath between Walditch Lane and Crock Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact Bradpole Parish Council in connection to repairs to the kissing gate along Sea Road South. The Clerk was asked to write to Betterment concerning the plastic sheeting and other materials that are being blown off their site on to the road which could cause problems to drivers and makes the area look untidy.
- [b] Street Lighting; The clerk confirmed that SWEB will be attending to the lights in Manorfields on the 12 March 1997.
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR
- [e] John Halt Play Area; NTR

11. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] WDDC; the following correspondence was received [1] Charity Collection Guide Lines [2] Care & Repair Report for 1996 [3] Planning Application Fees, Feb. & Oct. 1997 revisions. [4] Registers of Electors 1997.

[b]DCC; The following correspondence was received, [1] Dorset County Structure Plan Examination in Public - Report of the Panel [2] Passenger Transport Newsletter Issue 10 [3] Friends of Dorsets Archives "Unfit for Production" Exhibition, invitation to a private view on 14 March 1997.

[c] DAPTC; County Director's Circular 2/97 Play Equipment Symposium 3/97 Royal Garden Parties 1997.

12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

[a] Lower Walditch Development; the Clerk referred to a letter received from WDDC a copy of which was sent out with the agenda. It was proposed by Mr. Matthews and seconded by Mr. Hulbert that the Parish Council still want to take on the open space area within the development. This was agreed by all other Councillors.

[b] Maintenance of Walditch Green plants etc. the Clerk referred to a letter received from G. Truscott in which he confirmed that he is willing to continue maintaining the area for 1997 at the current rate of £72.00 for the year. It was proposed by Mr. Matthews and seconded by Mr. Botham to accept this offer. This was agreed by all other Councillors.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Date 14/4/97 Chairman 

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List of items raised in the Democratic Half Hour and noted by the Parish Council

[1] Mr. Ffooks; [a] Notice Boards; the need for repairs to the one near Sea Road South.

[b] Car Parking; had the Parish Council received any offers of land?.

[c] Bulky Household Site; which Planning Committee was approve the planning permission for the DCC depot?.