

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 10 April 2000 7.30pm.**

Those present for the monthly meeting were:- Mr.G.Matthews [Chairman],Mr.Batten [Vice Chairman] Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mrs.Regan,, Mrs. Ball, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13 March 2000, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed. This was following a discussion on item 8 of the minutes concerning the request for a grant towards the celebration of the closure of the tip. It was agreed that this minute was a true record of the vote taken.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr.Yates, Porfessor Eastham, Mr.Russ and Rear Admiral Prichard

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

a] The lady who raised the matter of badger sets and the Lake Lane proposed development was a Mrs. Westwood and not a Mrs. Jones as stated in the minutes.

b] The clerk confirmed that the caravan parked on the footpath near the reservoir should be moved shortly as WDDC will have the required order to remove it by the 14 April 2000.

**4. REPORT BY CTY & DIST COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB**

As Rear Admiral Pritchard was not at the meeting no report was given.

**5. 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.

**6. LETTER FROM OLIVER LETWIN MP "Government Threat to Abolish Parish Councils"**

The Clerk referred to the letter received from Oliver Letwin copy of which was sent out with the agenda and following a short discussion on this matter the clerk was requested to write a thank you letter to the MP for bring this to their attention.

**7. WDDC NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN**

The clerk referred to the letter received from WDDC copy of which was sent out with the agenda and following a short discussion on the matter Mr.Matthews under took to organise matters.

**8. RESIGNATION OF MR. RUSS**

The clerk referred to the letter received form Mr.Russ copy of which was sent out with the agenda. It content were noted and the clerk undertook to report the matter to WDDC so that the required notices concerning the 2 vacancies that exist could be produced and put up.

## **9. BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL "Bridport Regeneration Strategy"**

The clerk referred to the letter and strategy document received from Bridport Town Council copy of which had been sent out with the agenda. The clerk also informed the meeting of the views that he had received from Mr. Yates. Mr. Yates believes that all the points put forward are covered already by existing elected and voluntary groups. Following a discussion on this strategy document the clerk was instructed to invite the Town Council Co-ordinator to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in May to give a talk on this paper.

## **10. FINANCE**

- a] G.Truscott Garden Services maintenance of Walditch Green 1999 £82.25
- b] Jim White grass cutting March 2000 £116.84
- c] M.C.Farnham Salary April 2000 £203.54

## **11. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

None

## **12. PLANNING**

[a] Applications received from WDDC; application 1/W/2000/0136 LAND ADJACENT TO Barns Hayes, Walditch Road, Walditch erect dwelling with garage and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access, returned no comments. Application 1/W/2000/0147 21 Uplands, Waldtich erect first floor extension renew garage roof, returned no comments.

[b] Decisions by WDDC; application 1/W/1999/0051 1 Howards Road Bothenhampton erect single storey extension, permission granted.

[c] Applications received from DCC;

[d] Decisions by DCC; None

## **13. REPORTS**

[a] Footpaths and Roads NTR

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; Bin not emptied

[f] New Walditch Play Area; NTR

[g] A35 Communities Initiative; NTR



#### **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

[a] DDC; Letter dated 30 March 2000 Best Value Performance Plan Spring 2000. Letter dated April 2000 enclosing a copy of The Dorset Countryside Post.

[b] WDCC; Letter dated 14 March 2000 Best Value Performance Plan 2000. Letter dated 20 March 2000 Annual Housing Seminar 18 May 2000. Notes of the Bridport Area Forum meeting held on the 15 March 2000. WDDC 2000/2001 Direct Dial Guide to Services. Calendar of Planning Meetings 2000/2001.

[c] Letters from; Letter dated 21 March 2000 for Gerry Shepherd with Insurance details for use of John Holt Play Area on the 6 May 2000. Letter of thanks dated 22 March 2000 from Pathway to Care. Letter of thanks dated 18 March 2000 from the Millennium Advice & Information Centre.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Date 8.5.00 Chairman 

#### **MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

<sup>Watched</sup>  
a) Drainage of road