

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 2 December 1996 7.30pm.

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

In attendance Cty & District Clr Rear Admiral G.Pritchard CB

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11 November 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed with the following amendments

[a] Rear Admiral Pritchard was in attendance

[b] The last item "Confidential items" should read item 17 and not item 13.

2. APOLOGIES

None.

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Public Rights of Way, [1] Footpath No 6 [between A35 road & Walditch Lane [2] Footpath from Crock Lane to Walditch Lane; the clerk read out a letter received from DCC Rights of Way Section, Footpath No6 the hedge has been trimmed and the remaining growth will be cut back. The path between Walditch Lane and Crock Lane would seem to be a public path, they will therefore arrange for it to be cleared.

[b] Traffic problems Burton Road; the clerk read out a holding letter received from DCC, which confirmed that a full reply should be available for the next meeting.

[c] A35 Trunk Road junction with Firch Lane; the clerk read out a letter received from the Highway Agency the comments of which were noted.

[d] Highway Matters, Crock Lane, Main Street and Hollow Way; the clerk read out a letter received from the Area Surveyor; works orders have been issued to repair the road surface in Main Street and to clear the drains in Crock Lane. As regard to Hollow Way the Area Surveyor does not consider that it is necessary to carryout any repairs at this time.

[e] New Seat for Play Area; the clerk confirmed that a quotation had been received at a cost of £243.00 for the seat and £52.00 for installation. It was proposed by Mr.Matthews and seconded by Mrs.Ball that we go ahead with the purchase, this was agreed by all other Councillors. Mr.Blythe to deal with the supplies.

[f] Basketball goal etc.; Mrs.England asked if this had been ordered, the clerk confirmed that he was awaiting confirmation from the EBBA.

[g] Second Seat for Play Area; it was agreed that this item will be carried forward to the new financial year.

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. REPORT BY CTY & DIST COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB

Rear Admiral Pritchard referred to the Bridport News report dated 28 November 1996, this report is not accurate, he has written to Bridport News confirming that this matter does not come under the jurisdiction of Councillor Streets or the Shadow Environmental Services Committee. Progress is now being made due to his and the Parish Council representations. He also confirmed that meetings have taken place between Engineers and Planners on possible locations and land purchases are taking place. BFI have been invited to contact Admiral Pritchard to confirm progress to date. Admiral Pritchard also commented on the following, [a] Traffic Problems on Burton Road, he was not hopeful that any charges would be agreed [b] A35 Trunk Road, he asked if we knew when the access to the Lower Walditch Development would be constructed, the clerk was instructed to write to WDDC [c] Maple Gardens, the matter of parking has raised it head again, the new Home Watch Liaison Officer PC David Rist who was at the meeting was asked to investigate this situation.

6. PROVISION OF NEW SEAT PASTURE WAY

Due to limited funds available to the Parish Council this item was put on hold until the new financial year.

7. REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

[a] Bridport House Club; this matter was discussed and it was agreed that this request should be held over to the new financial year. The Clerk was instructed to write a holding letter explaining the situation.

[b] Bridport Art Centre; this matter was discussed and it was agreed that this request should be held over to the new financial year. The Clerk was instructed to write a holding letter explaining the situation.

[c] Bothenhampton Church Hall Management Committee; Mr. Matthews and Mrs. England declared an interest and did not take part discussions. Mr. Blythe proposed the a grant of £75.00 towards the improvements should be made in the new financial year this was seconded by Mr. Batten and agreed by all other Councillors excluding Mr. Matthews and Mrs. England. The Clerk was instructed to write confirming this.

8. FINANCE

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall for meeting 2 December £11.00
- [2] Repayment to WDDC of over payment of grant for improvements to Walditch Green £915.00
- [3] CIPFA purchase of Accounts & Audit Regs 1996 guidance notes £9.99
- [4] Creeds The Printers for Car Park Leaflets £17.70

9. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; NTR

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; NTR

10. REPORTS

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; drains etc. in Valley Road need inspecting, Clerk to write to Area Surveyor.
- [b] Street Lighting; Light in Elwell out?
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; PC Rist formally introduced himself and gave each Councillor a list of recorded crimes in the Parish between the 5 January 1996 and 10 November 1996 14 are recorded.
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR
- [e] John Halt Play Area; the bark has arrived, the bill is still to come.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- [a] WDDC; The following letters were received, the contents of which were noted. [1] minutes of the Bridport Area Forum dated 31 October 1996 copy given to each Councillor [2] a reply on their Business Plan for the next 5 years [3] refuse collection arrangements for Christmas and New Year.
- [b] DCC; None were received.
- [c] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 19 October 1996, No.35/96 New DoE Account and Audit Regs. 1996 Briefings by the District Auditors, No37/96 Symposium for Clerks-Proposal, No.38/96 Councillors Training Day 25 January 1997.
- [d] Letters from; Bothenhampton Church concerning grant for the upkeep of churchyard and new letting fees for the Church Hall.
- [e] Letter from; Bothenhampton Residents Association concerning Seat at Pasture Way and telegraph pole adjacent Lynch Gate.
- [f] Letter from; Walditch Church thanking the Parish Council for the grant towards the cost of clearance and upkeep of the Churchyard.
- [g] Letter from; Citizens Advice Bureau concerning the recent articles about Burton Bradstock PC and District Audit and confirming that they are not a profit making charity in any sense.
- [h] Letter from; Four Counties Forestry Ltd. offering their services to the Parish Council.
- [i] Letter from; Countryside Commission on Village Design Statement.
- [j] Letter from; Department of Environment on Rural England 1996

12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

[a] Car Parking; the questionnaires have been sent out with the Bothenhampton Church Parish News; the Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs.Fooks thanking her for doing this on our behalf. It is also understood that grants could be available towards the cost of land purchase.

[b] Lower Walditch Development-Riverside Walk & Open space; the Clerk referred to the meeting he had had with Mr.Page from DAPTC on the 19 November 1996 concerning the section 106 agreement and Mr.Page confirmed that the advice the Parish Council had received from its solicitor was in his opinion right, he undertook to take matter up and to come back to the clerk. The Clerk also asked if the DAPTC could provide advice on the best way of investing the Moines the Parish Council would receive when the two areas are handed over to them. He undertook to investigate this matter also. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr.Page got back to him confirming that the advice given by the Parish solicitor was sound and that the Moines received could only be invested and interest earned could only be spent on the two areas concerned. As regard investing the Moines he was still awaiting written advice. The Clerk then referred to the request from Mr.Botham to investigate who would be responsible in the event of Pollution or Flooding. The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted DAPTC. Mr.Page had come back and confirmed that WDDC would still have "Privity of Contract" i.e. they have responsibility to enforce the developer to carryout any necessary repairs if the problem was as a result of faulty workmanship. WDDC would be responsible if they had got it wrong when they set out the conditions of the 106 agreement. However if neither of these two points are relevant then the Parish Council would be responsible.

Mr. Page also commented they we need a formal transfer of deed to protect the two areas in case the developer goes out of business. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Parish Council insurers to see if we would need to increase the insurance cover for the two areas. The Clerk was also instructed to write to WDDC copy to Parish solicitors informing them that the Parish Council is having second thoughts on being the nominees for the two areas.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Date 13/3/97 Chairman


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