

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Waldtich on Monday 13 September 1999 7.30pm.**

Those present for the monthly meeting were:- Mr.R.Batten [Chairman] Mr.G.Matthews [Vice Chairman], Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.Yates, Mrs.Ball, Mrs.Regan, Professor Eastham, Mr.T.Russ Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk] In attendance, Rear Admiral Pritchard.

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9 August 1999, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed, With the following amendment, item 10 [c] the following should be included " three abstentions".

**2. APOLOGIES**

None

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

a] Mr.Yates confirmed that Mr.White had not contacted him concerning the works to John Holt Play Area. The Clerk undertook to write to Mr.White.

**4. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Mr .Batten inform the meeting the Mr.T.Russ was willing to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Mrs.England proposed that Mr.Russ be co-opted this was seconded by Mrs.Ball and agreed by all other Councillors.

**5. WALDITCH GREEN**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been advised by the DATPC that the Parish Council should confirm the vote taken at the last meeting to ban ball games on Waldtich Village Green. This was proposed by Mrs.England and seconded by Mr.Matthews and agreed by all the other Councillors.

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

Rear Admiral Pritchard informed the meeting that the County Council had received an application to extend the current planning permission for Bothenhampton Tip for a further 12 months. The current approval ends on the 31 December 1999. The Tip has spare capacity which would allow them to continue using the Tip for a further period of 3-4 months. The remaining 8 months would be used to reinstate the site including the import of soil and planting which needs approval. Rear Admiral said if any further permission was given it should give an end date when no further waste could be dumped at the Tip. He is still waiting for condirmation concerning the verge cutting at the junction of the A35 and Lower Waldtich Lane.

**7. 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.

## **8. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

[1] The Clerk read out a letter received from the Bridport Blind Club. Mrs. Ball declared an interest and took no part in this matter including voting. Mrs. Regan proposed a grant of £50.00 this was seconded by Mr. Yates and agreed by all other Councillors.

[2] The Clerk read out a letter from St. Mary's Church Walditch requesting their annual grant. The Clerk confirmed that a sum of £500 was included in the precept and it was agreed by all Councillors that this sum could be paid out.

## **9. FINANCE**

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

[1] M.C. Farnham Salary for September 1999 plus expenses £375.51

[2] Walditch Village Hall, hire of hall for June meeting £15.00

[3] Jim White Grass Cutting August 1999 £114.55

[4] P.L. Hutchings & Co £51.70

## **10. PLANNING**

[a] Planning Application – Barn Hayes Walditch; The Clerk referred to the letters from Mr. J.S. Craddock concerning this application and confirmed that it had been dealt with in the normal way. As the proposed development fell within the permitted development area as defined by West Dorset District Council, the Parish Council could not really make any comment. The Parish Council noted the letters received.

[b] Applications received from WDDC; None

[c] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1999/0269, erect single storey extension 12 Slades Green Bothenhampton, minor amendments to consent already given. Application 1/W/1999/0416, Rydens Westown Bothenhampton, erect two storey extension, permission granted. Application No 1/W/1999/0418 Church Hall, Main Street, Bothenhampton, erect metal gates and railings to existing wall, permission granted. Application No 1/W/1999/0445, 18 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton, erect garden shed, permission granted. Application No 1/W/1999/0456 Land adjoining allotment gardens, Walditch Road, Walditch, change use of lane from plantation to Childrens Play Area, permission granted.

[d] Applications received from DCC; None

[e] Decisions by DCC; None

## **11. REPORTS**

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Mr. Yates gave a short report on the A35 meeting held on the 6 September and confirmed that the next meeting was to be held on the 21 October 1999.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; Mrs. Regan confirmed that she will be including a piece in the Church magazine on this matter.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; waste bin has not been emptied, Clerk said that he would report this to WDDC. Mr. Yates stated that until Mr. White has carried out the work under the play equipment these items should not be used. The Clerk was instructed to put up notices.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; Mr. Batten informed the meeting that the legal document concerning the use of the land should be available shortly and he asked the meeting for permission for himself and Mr. Matthews to sign document once it has been agreed by the Council. This was proposed by Mr. Yates and seconded by Mrs. Emglund and agreed by all other Councillors.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

[a] DDC; copy of letter dated 3 September 1999 Miss Horne Manor Fields, concerning Parking Problems Walditch Lane between mini roundabout and A35

[b] WDCC; letter dated 12 August 1999 stating date for next Local Are Forum meeting [21 October 1999]

[c] Letters from; [1] copy of letter dated 24 August 1999 to Rear Admiral Pritchard from Mr.Ffooks concerning Bothenhampton Tip Closure. [2]Letter dated 16 August 1999 from Mr. & Mrs.Harber concerning playing of ball games on Waldtich Village Green.[3] agenda for next meeting of DAPTC September meeting. [4] agenda for A35 Communities Initiative meeting 6 September 1999.

## **13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

The Clerk referred to the paper sent out with the agenda concerning his request for a pay rise in accordance with the national award. Following a short discussion on this matter it was proposed by Mr.Yates that the Clerk should progress to SCP 18 and a new hourly rate of £6.71 per hour back dated to 1 April 1999. This was seconded by Mrs.Regan and agreed by all other Councillors.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a) Setting of Grit Bin.
- b) Closure of Bothenhampton Tip.
- c) Suitability of location of new play area in Walditch.
- d) Tree preservation orders for trees.
- e) Surface of byway near "Old Boys Room" Bothenhampton.
- F) Lack of surface water drainage in Walditch Lane.
- G) Flooding of entrance to Hanover Court by mini roundabout at the bottom of Walditch Lane.