

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 11 October 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, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13 September 1999, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Mrs.Regan, Professor Eastham, Mr.Russ, Rear Admiral Prichard

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. The Clerk informed the meeting that the grit bin had been sited by the junction of Burton Road and Chestnut Road.
- b. The Clerk confirmed that the letter concerning the proposed extension to the planning application from DCC to Parish Council had in fact not been sent when he enquired on the 14 September 1999. However, this was given to him and this had been past to Mr.Matthews to comment.

4. THE A35 COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Mr.Yates gave a short report on the recent meeting concerning this matter. A further meeting will be held on the 21 October 1999 at which a final draft will be presented and agreed. Suggestions put forward by Mr.Yates and Mrs.Regan were to change the speed limit along the A35 once you enter Bridport, so that they do not keep changing. Other suggestions include improvement to A35 junction with Lodgers. Mr.Yates also raised the question of finances for this group for printing of papers etc. It was proposed by Mr.Matthews that the Parish Council should give £50.00 towards these expenses, this was seconded by Mrs.England and agreed by all the other Councillors.

5. MILLENNIUM PLAQUES

The Clerk referred to a letter received from WDDC concerning the presenting of plaques in relation to the millennium. It was agreed that he would write to the two committees that look after the two halls used to hold meetings to see if they wish to have such a plaque put up in their hall.

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

As Rear Admiral Pritchard could not attend meeting no report was given. However, Mr.Batten referred to a letter he had received from the Rear Admiral concerning bonfires. Suggesting that an item of this could go in the Parish Church Magazine?

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 October 1999 £203.54

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

[3] Jim White Grass Cutting September 1999 £114.55

[4] SWEB street lighting power costs £284.51

10. PLANNING

[a] Planning Application – Bothenhampton Tip; Mr. Matthews read out his comments to the application to extend the planning permission for the Tip and confirmed that the original has been sent to DCC on the 29 September 1999. All Councillors agreed with the contents of the letter.

[b] Planning Application – Barn Hayes; Mr. Batten reported on the sit meeting that took place earlier today concerning this matter and it would appear that the problem is within WDDC officers who can not agree on the reasons why this application should be refused.

[c] Applications received from WDDC; 1/W/1999/0610, 14 Glebe Close, Bothenhampton, erect conservatory on rear elevation. No Comments.

[d] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1999/0341, Land at Lake Lane, Bothenhampton, erection of 4 No bungalows and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access. Renewal of PA 1/W/96/0247.

Outline Planning permission Granted. Application No 1/W/1999/0441, Wychside, Burton Road, Bothenhampton, erect 6 No houses with associated garages, construct new vehicular and pedestrian access. Planning Permission Granted.

[e] Applications received from DCC; None

[f] Decisions by DCC; None

11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Mr. Yates confirmed that footpath No 24 had now been upgraded to a bridleway.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; NTR

[f] New Walditch Play Area; Mr. Batten informed the meeting that the legal documents transferring the area to the Parish Council will be available shortly for signing.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DDC; Letter dated 1 October 1999 concerning Millennium Church Services to be held on the 9 July 2000.

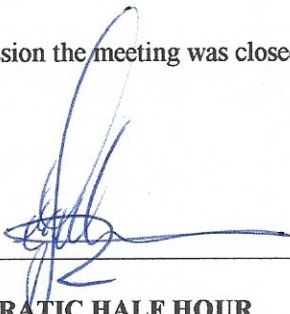
[b] WDCC; Letter dated September 1999 confirming that the next Bridport Area Forum will be held on the 21 October 1999. Letter dated 1 October 1999 on Guidance for specking at Planning Committees. Details of refuse collection arrangements for Christmas and New Year 1999/2000.

[c] Letters from; Bridport Blind Club thanking the Parish Council for the £50.00 grant. Letter dated 4 October 1999 from Wessex Water concerning Bridport Waste Water Treatment Works in Burton Road that had started recently. Agenda for DAPTC annual general meeting and minutes of the Western Area meeting.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

John Holt Play Area; Mr. Yates reported to the meeting Jim White had carried out the clearing work under the Play equipment. However, the bark that Jim White was going to lay was not standard Playbark and therefore not suitable. Jim White had also underestimated the amount of bark required when he quoted for the work. Jim White did indicate that if the Parish Council could get they own playbark he would lay it for the price quoted for labour only. Mr. Yates had therefore asked the Clerk to obtain two further quotations for the supply of playbark. The Clerk opened the two quotations received. Roffey Ltd. quoted £6.03 per 75lt. Bag. Humphries quoted £3.49 per 80 lt. Bag. Mr. Yates confirmed that we would require 150 bags of playbark. It was proposed by Mr. Matthews that the quotation received from Humpries should be accepted this was seconded by Mrs. England and agreed by all the other Councillors.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Date 8.11.99 Chairman 

MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

- a) Grit Bin.
- b) Closure of Bothenhampton Tip.
- c) Bonfires.
- d) List of Parish Council Meetings with dates and locations to be put up on notice boards.
- e) Request for grant towards renewing the heating system in Bothenhampton Church Hall.