

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 14 September 1998 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.R.C.Batten [Chairman], Mr.G.Matthews [Vice-Chairman], Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.T.Yates, Mrs.J.Regan, Mr.F.C.Botham, Mr.J.Challis Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 August 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Rear Admiral Pritchard

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

Inscription on seat in Walditch Lane will be dealt with by the Hyde Residential Home.

**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. PROPOSED SPLIT OF THE PARISH**

Mr.Batten reported that he had been unable to meet with Rear Admiral Pritchard to progress this matter due to Holidays etc. He hoped to be able to meet Rear Admiral Pritchard before the next meeting.

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

Nothing to report Rear Admiral Pritchard unable to attend meeting.

**7. DORSET COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Clerk raised the matter of the Community Action Day to be held on the 10 October 1998at which the following items would be under discussion; Parish Maps, Village Appraisals and Planning for real.this matter was discussed and both Mr.Botham and Mrs.England put themselves forward to attend this Action Day. Mr.Batten proposed that the Parish Council pay the fee the £5.00 for each of them to attend, this was seconded by Mrs.Ball and agreed by all the other Councillors.

**8. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

None

## **9. PROVISION OF NEW SEATS AND NOTICEBOARDS**

[A] Noticeboards; Mr. Yates reported that he had inspected all the noticeboards and that the condition of 4 of them was such that they needed to be repaired in the very near future. Following a lengthy discussion on this matter it was proposed by Mr. Matthews and seconded by Mrs. England that 4 noticeboards should be repaired and that these should be Community Noticeboards plus 2 Parish Council Noticeboards for use only by the Parish Council. This was agreed by all the other Councillors. Mr. Yates undertook to produce a drawing and specification and invite 2 local building firms to submit quotations for the repairs. The Clerk was instructed to obtain prices for the 2 Parish Council Noticeboards for approval.

[B] New Seats; The Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting a up to date price list for the new seats. The Clerk did confirm that approval for siting the new seat by the post box in Valley Road with the Area Highways Manager can be done by exchange of letters.

## **10. FINANCE**

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Jim White Grass Cutting August 1998 £114.55
- [2] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall £13.00

## **11. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; 1/W/1998/0453 Glenderry, 9 Mountjoy, Bothenhampton erect extensions, 1/W/1998/0461 7 Elwell, Bothenhampton erect conservatory, 1/W/1998/0463 erect cottage with garage and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access, 1/W/1998/0516 & 1/W/1998/0521 Manor Farm walditch extend block of garages from 4 TO 6, 1/W/1998/0522 site adj 3 Crock Lane Bothenhampton erect 1 No bungalow.

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; 1/W/1998/0366 Hyde Farmhouse, Walditch Bothenhampton convert agricultural buildings to 4 No units of holiday accommodation, laundry/grames room and car parking planning permission granted. 1/W/1998/0367 Hyde Farmhouse as above listed building consent granted.

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; 1/W/98/382 Carry out works for new secondary sewage treatment works, planning permission granted.

## **12. REPORTS**

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Mr. Yates reported that the provision of name plates for Lansdown Road and Hollow Way should be provided by WDDC he will speak to them. Mr. Yates also raised the scheme of "adopting a path" and if anyone was interested they should contact him. Some work had been carried out on the path on top of Walditch. Cutting back of hedge along Burton Road, the Clerk undertook to speak to Mr. Blackstock again concerning this matter.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; Mr. Hulbert reported the plants from gardens have been taken again.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; Mr. Yates reported on the meeting with WDDC concerning the drainage under the play area. The provision of new pipes under the play area would have to be funded by the Parish Council with the other landowners being responsible for their part of the drainage. cost could will be over £600.00 WDDC to contact other landowners on this matter before any works could be considered. Mrs.Regan reported that the gate to the area needs repairing as does a small section of wall plus the wood chippings under the play equipment needs to be topped up. She requested permission to arrange for these matters to be put in hand. Proposed by Mr.Matthews and seconded by Mr.Batten that Mrs.Regan should arrange for these matters to be put in hand, agreed by all other Councillors. The bin in the area does not seem to be emptied by WDDC, the Clerk was asked to see if this could be arranged.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; The Clerk was asked to write Mr. & Mrs.Cook to try and obtain their agreement for public access over the strip of land that leads to the proposed new play area.

The matter of Deeds relating to the John Halt Play area and the Village Green Walditch was raised. It was agreed by all Councillors that a statement will be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman stating the location of the original deeds for the John Holt Play area and the location of a copy of the deeds for the Village Green Walditch and the land owned by the Parish Council. This will start at next years Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and there after at each annual meeting.

### **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

[a] WDDC; Bridport Area Forum minutes of meeting held on the 16 June 1998 and notice of meeting to be held on the 12 November 1998.

[b] DCC; None

[c] DAPTC September newsletter Western Area meeting agenda 17 September 1998

[d] Letters from; Mr. Stapleton re Walditch Green copy given to all Councillors for them to read in conjunction with the other letters they have and the Clerk would draft a reply for their approval to go to Mr. Stapleton before the next meeting. Letter from Betterment Properties concerning the tree planting scheme for the lower Walditch Development, given to Mr. Botham so that the three Walditch Councillors could visit site and report back. WDGH NHS Trust Annual Report and Accounts 1997/98. Letter from Mr. J. White confirming that he will continue to cut the grass for the Parish Council at the same rate as the last financial year.

### **14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

The Clerk requested that the Council increase his salary in accordance with DAPTC Circular 34/98 this matter was discussed and it was proposed by Mr. Matthews and seconded by Mr. Botham that the Clerks Salary should be increased to £193.83 per month back dated to 1 April 1998, this was agreed by all the other Councillors. It was also agreed to pay the following this month; Salary for September 1998 £193.83 plus back pay pf £50.05 plus expenses of £125.47 for the period 9 June to 14 September 1998.

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

Date 12/10/98 Chairman 

**MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

**Millennium grant has been awarded to the "Topsy Ann" project.**