

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 13 January 1997 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]

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.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Valley Road; the Clerk read out a letter dated 17 December 1996 received from the Area Surveyor stating that he could not find anything wrong with the surface water drains. Mrs.England confirmed that the problem was not the drains but the road surface. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Area Surveyor and ask if he could arrange for the area concerned to be inspected and any necessary repairs carried out.

[b] Traffic problems Burton Road; The Clerk referred to the two letters sent out with the agenda one dated 18 December 1996 from the County Surveyor, the other dated 3 January 1997 from Dorset Police the contents of which were noted.

[c] New Seat for Play Area;Mr.Blythe confirmed that the seat was installed on the 7 January 1997 and that a further load of bark had been delivered.

4. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

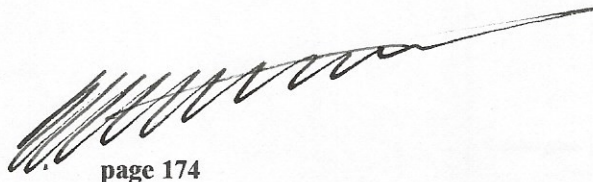
At this point the meeting was adjourned to enable members of the public to air their views on matters of local interest. The meeting then re-convened to complete the Council's agenda.

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

Mr.Botham informed the meeting that Rear Admiral Pritchard had written to him concerning two matters; [a] the on going matter concerning the Tip had not progressed as was hoped and that Rear Admiral Pritchard had asked the County Surveyor to contact the American owners in order that they can be pressured into action. [b] A35 Trunk Road access to the Lower Walditch Development; Rear Admiral Pritchard had stated that work on the right hand turning lane was to start in April 1997. Currently a safety audit was being carried out on the design.

6. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

None received.



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7. POSSIBLE PROVISION OF CAR PARK IN BOTHENHAMPTON

The Clerk referred to the summary of the results of the questionnaires sent out with the Agenda; 700 forms sent out, 141 forms returned, 120 voted Yes to the provision of a car park, 10 vote No to the provision of a car park, 11 returned with comments. While only 20 % of the forms sent out had been returned of those 85 % had voted in favour of the provision of a car park. It was agreed that the Parish Council take note of the results of the survey and that if land become available the parish Council would take the matter further. It was also agreed that a press release would be sent to the Bridport News, Dorset Evening Echo and the Western Gazette confirming this, including the statement that if a car park was ever provided it would not be at the expense of the provision of yellow lines in Main Street.

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 13 January 1997 £12.00
- [2] SWEB £281.91

9. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application No. 1/W/96/0690F-DEL Erect garage/studio Manor Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton. Appeal against WDDC decision. This was passed to Mrs. Ball who had dealt with the original application. Mr. Matthews declared an interest and took no part in the discussions that took place concerning this application. The Clerk read out Mrs. Balls comments; [1] Since the appeal does not appear to consider moving the position of the proposed development, the comments on the original application still stand. [2] The appeal appears to be based on whether the proposed development is within the LLL1 boundary or not. In our opinion, which can be confirmed by a site visit, it is within the boundary and the Consultative Local Plan, issued in 1992 which is accurately drawn and shaded confirms this. The scale of this plan is such that there is little opportunity of doubt as to the line and certainly there is no indication of any "angling across the garden" of Manor House. The line follows the boundaries of the gardens on the south side of Main Street and this includes the original garden of Manor House, not the enlarged one now in existence which takes in part of the paddock and orchard. Finally, it is not understood why the garage/studio has to be so far from the house.

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; NT.

10. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Mrs. Ball reported that the "Bowhayes" sign had been damaged again, Dr. Thompson had agreed that this sign could be erected in his garden at the entrance to Bowhayes. The Clerk was instructed to write to WDDC as they were responsible for the provision of road name signs. It was also reported that Kenning Way footpath was in need of some maintenance, the Clerk was instructed to write the Rights of Way Officer for an inspection to be carried out.

[b] Street Lighting; No 7 Manor Fields not working, the bottom light in Holloway was very dim, the Clerk was instructed to report these matter to SWEB.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; the Clerk referred to the RoSPA safety inspection pamphlet sent out with the Agenda, last years inspection was carried out by Playing Field Association and the Clerk was instructed to check the cost paid last year.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] WDDC; The following letters were received, the contents of which were noted. [1] Letter dated 17 January 1996 concerning the numbering of and Street names for Lower Walditch Development [2] PLANIT Newsletter.

[b]DCC; The following letters were received, [1] letter dated 29 November 1996 from the County Surveyor concerning the Traffic Management Programme for 1997/8 [2] letter dated 29 November 1996 from the County Surveyor concerning the Highway Maintenance Programme for 1997/8 [3] letter dated 10 December 1996 from the County Archivist concerning a recently opened exhibition on the Preservation of Parish Records. [4] DCC First Newsletter on National Lottery Funding.

[c] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on the 7 December 1996, No.39/96 New DoE Account and Audit Regs. 1996 Additional Clerks Time, No40/96 South West Regional Planning Strategy - Comment on Priority Issues Report, No41/96 DAPTC office arrangements for Christmas and New Year, No42/96 Forth coming NALC Training Days.

[d]Letters from; Bothenhampton Church thanking the Parish Council for agreeing to give a grant in the new financial year towards work on the Church Hall.

12.CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

[a] Car Parking; the matter was discussed under agenda item 7.

[b] Lower Walditch Development-Riverside Walk & Open space; the Clerk referred to the correspondence attached to the agenda i.e. his letter dated 18 December 1997 to Cornhill Insurance and their reply dated 2 January 1997. His letter dated 18 December 1997 to WDDC copy of which was sent to Mr.Salt at Austen Whetham & Guest . It was noted that to date WDDC have not replied. A copy of Mr.Salt reply was attached., along with details received from the DAPTC was attached concerning investment advice. These matters were fully discussed and it was proposed by Mr.Batten and seconded by Mrs.Ball that the Parish Council do not proceed with the hand over of the Riverside Walk area. This motion was carried by all Councillors. The Clerk was instructed to write to WDDC informing them of the Parish Councils decision.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

Date 10/2/97 Chairman

