

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 10 May 1999 7.30pm.**

Present:- Mr.R.Batten [Chairman], Mr.G.Matthews [Vice Chairman] Mrs.Regan, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mrs.F.Ball, Mr.T.Yates, 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 12 April 1999, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed with the following small amendment; The opening paragraph, second from last sentence should read " It was also noted that the appropriate time scale for the monthly meeting was Not adhered to i.e. 3 clear days before the date of the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

None

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

- a] Replacement of Name Plate "Crock Lane" at the junction of Crock Lane & Main Street. The Clerk reported that this had been referred to WDDC for action.
- b] Finger Post for Walditch from the A35 covered by overgrown bush. The Clerk reported that this had been referred to DCC for action.
- c] Notice boards and Seats. The Clerk confirmed that these had just been ordered.

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

The Rear Admiral confirmed that he had been re-elected as a district Councillor. WDDC will shortly have a new committee structure with 3 main committees with sub-committees serving them. DCC will also have a new committee structure with a small executive committee making decisions. Sub-committees have been reduced. The matter of flood etc. still needs further consideration along with the Environmental Agency.

**5. 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.

**6. BOTHENHAMPTON PROPOSED FLOOD ALLEVIATION WORKS**

The Clerk referred to the letter dated 22 April 1999 from WDDC concerning this matter a copy of which had been sent out with the agenda. This matter had already been discussed in the democratic half hour. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact WDDC to confirm that while the sum of £4,000 had been set aside for improvements to the pipe under the John Holt Play Area. However, this would not be released until the Parish Council is happy that the Village would see some benefit from this investment.

## **7. WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN WALDITCH LANE**

The Clerk referred to the letter dated 14 April 1999 from Mr.Hulbert and the letter from DCC dated 19 April 1999 copies of which had been sent out with the agenda. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Mr.Hulbert and inform him of the situation.

## **8 REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

- a] Request for grant by Mr.Regan towards the provision of new sub-post office for Bothenhampton. The Clerk confirmed that the DAPTC had verbally confirmed that a Parish Council can make a grant if they believe that provision is for the good of the community. Mrs.Regan declaimed an interest and took no part in this matter. Mr.Yates proposed a grant of £100 seconded by Mrs.England agreed by all the other councillors.
- b] Request from the Millennium Drop-in Advise & Information Centre. The Clerk referred to the letter dated 31 March 1999 copy of which was sent out with the agenda. Mr.Matthews proposed a grant of £100 seconded by Mr.Yates agreed by all the other councillors.
- c] Request from the Bridport House Club. The Clerk referred to the undated letter received a copy of which was sent out with the agenda. Mr.Yates proposed a grant of £50 seconded by Mr.Matthews agreed by all other councillors.
- d] Request from Bridport Youth Centre. The Clerk referred to a letter dated 20 April 1999 copy of which was sent out with the agenda. Mrs.Ball proposed a grant of £100 seconded by Mr.Matthews agreed by all other councillors.

## **9. DAPTC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Clerk referred to the copy form sent out with the agenda. Subscription for 1999/2000 is £335.85. Mr.Batten asked if the Parish Council should renew this subscription and this was agreed by all other councillors.

## **10. 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 May 1999 £193.83
- [2] DAPTC invoice for acceptance of office forms £3.00
- [3] Bothenhampton Church Hall, hire of hall for May meeting £13.00
- [4] Milne & Lyall Solicitors confirmation of holds deeds £11.75
- [5] Jim White grass cutting April 1999 £114.55
- [6] Bridport Town Council excess rent on allotment to 39 Sept. 1999 &5.00

## **11. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application No 1/W/1999/0269, 12 Slades Green, Bothenhampton, erect single storey extension. Application No 1/W/1999/0274 land opposite Blossoms, Quarry Lane, erect 1 No cottage and double garage.

[b] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1999/0174, 6 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton, erect conservatory, permission granted.

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; None



## **12. REPORTS**

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; Quarry Lane finger post needs replacing. Mr. Yates confirmed that Mr. Canterbury had adopted 2 footpaths..
- [b] Street Lighting; NTR
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR
- [e] John Halt Play Area; Mrs. Regan to obtain quotes for bark etc.
- [f] New Walditch Play Area; NTR

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

- [a] DDC; letter dated 16 April 1999 giving details of Traffic Management programme.
- [b] WDCC; letter dated 30 April 1999 concerning "a strategy for sport in west dorset".
- [c] DAPTC, Circular on progress on best value and on heath & safety course.
- [d] Letters from; Highways Agency on the A30/35 Exeter to Bere Regis Trunk Road. Letter from Mr. D. Blythe concerning the proposed flood alleviation scheme in bothenhampton. Letter dated 26 April 1999 from Miss L. Batten thanking the Parish Council for grant towards her trip to India.

If was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Botham for all his work over the years for the Parish Council.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

Date 14/6/99 Chairman 

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

- a) Meeting with Local MP concerning Walditch Green
- b) Proposed Flood Alleviation Works
- c) location of seats