

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 14 February 2000 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.Regan, Professor Eastham, Mrs. Ball, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 January 2000, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr.T.Russ, Rear Admiral Prichard

3. MATTERS ARISING

a] Mrs. Ball raised the question of ownership of the tress on the other side of Hollow way from Westown.

b] Mr.Yates gave a short report on the Public Consultation Meeting that he attended in Dorchester on the 31 January 2000 concerning the Provisional Local Transport Plan.

c] Mr.Yates confirmed that he had been unable to carryout the surveys on the condition of the notice board by the telephone box in Walditch. The matter of notice boards within the Parish was discussed and it was agreed that the notice board at John Holt Play Area should be moved and fixed to the wall of Bothenhampton Church Hall. The notice board at the old Post Office should be removed. Mr.Yates agreed to include for the removal of these notice boards and the fixing of one in the survey of the Walditch notice board so that a cost for all works could be obtained.

D] WDDC Plaques, the clerk reported that these should be handed over to the Parish Council shortly.

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

As Rear Admiral Pritchard could not attend meeting no report was given.

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. NOTIFICATION OF MEETING & DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Mrs.Regan asked for this item on the agenda and requested that the notification of meetings could be more than the current 3 days. Following a short discussion on this matter it was agreed that the clerk would put up the required notices and deliver the agenda etc. 1 week before the date of the meeting.

7. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

a) Pathway to Care, the clerk referred to the letter received from Pathway to Care copy of which was sent out with the agenda. Following a discussion on the work carried out by this organisation. It was proposed by Professor Eastham that a grant of £200 should be given this was seconded by Mr.Matthews. The other Councillors voted 3 for and 3 against the proposal therefore the Chairman had the casting vote in favour of the proposal.

b) Millennium Drop-in Centre, the Clerk referred to the letter received from the Millennium Drop-in Centre a copy of which was sent out with the agenda. The Clerk also confirmed that the Parish Council had given a grant of £100 last year. It was proposed by Mr.Matthews that a grant of £100 should be given this year this was seconded by Mrs.Yates and agreed by all the other Councillors.

8. REQUEST FOR CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE CLOSING OF BOTHENHAMPTON TIP

Mr.Matthews declared an interest and took on part in this matter. The Clerk referred to the letter received on this matter a copy of which was sent out with the agenda. The Clerk stated that 2 questions were asked of the Parish Council [a] could the John Holt Play Area be used to hold the celebrations including the erection of a marquee [b] would the Parish Council be able to help fund the said celebrations?

Following a discussion on these two items it was proposed by Mrs.England and seconded by Mrs.Ball that the John Holt Play Area could be used subject to the organisers have the required Public Liability insurance cover. As regard the provision of funding towards the celebrations, Professor Eastham was not in favour of Council money being used for this type of celebrations. Mrs.England, Mrs.Ball and Mrs.Regan were all in favour. Mr.Batten whose view was similar to Professor Eastham suggested that they should obtain confirmation from the DATPC if they are able to help fund such a celebration, Mr.Yates agreed with this way forward. The Clerk was therefore instructed to contact the DATPC and report back to next months meeting.

9. OFFER OF LAND NEAR THE BETTERMENT DEVELOPMENT BT BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL

The Clerk referred to the letter received from Bridport Town Council copy of which had been sent out with the agenda.

Following a discussion on this matter it was agreed that the Mr.Batten, Professor Eastham and Mr.Yates should meet with the Bridport Town Surveyor to discuss the issue further and report back to the Parish Council before any decision could be made.

10. BRIDPORT AREA FORUM MEETING 15 MARCH 2000

Following a discussion on items that the Parish Council would like to have discussed at this meeting it was agreed that the matter of additional tipping away costs that now appear to fall on the council tax payers of West Dorset following the closure of the tip.

11. 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 February 2000 £203.54
 - [2] Hire of Walditch Village Hall January 2000 £15.00
 - [3] Hire of Church Hall Bothenhampton February 2000 £13.00
 - [4] SWEB electricity for street lights 4th quarter £284.51
 - [5] Humphries for supply of playare bark for John Holt Play Area £615.11

12. PLANNING

- [a] Applications received from WDDC; application 1/W/2000/0013 28 Upland Walditch, erect first floor extension. Application 1/W/2000/0038, land at Hyde Park Farm, Walditch erect agricultural building for sheep housing. Application 1/W/2000/0051 1 Howard Road Lower Walditch erect single storey extension.
- [d] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1999/0687 29 Manor Fields Lower Walditch erect 3No dormer windows permission granted. Application 1/W/1999/0704 4 Hyde Cottages Walditch partial demolition to remove roof and part wall of wash house, extend wash house to form utility room and install 1 No rooflight. Carry out internal and external alterations. Listed building consent granted. Application 1/W/1999/0719 9 Marsh Gate, Burton Road, Bothenhampton erect dormer window with balcony. permission granted.
- [c] Applications received from DCC; None
- [d] Decisions by DCC; None

13. REPORTS

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; condition of Quarry Lane [mud on road] because of Frys development at Blossoms. The Clerk to take up with DCC.
- [b] Street Lighting; Light out in Bow Hayes has been reported by the Clerk.
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; Mrs.Regan informed the meeting that following her letter in the Team News on this subject she had recruited a potential co-ordinator.
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; Frys are using the entrance to play area to park their vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to write to Frys.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; Mr.Batten reported that the documents relating to the transfer of this land will be ready for signing shortly.

[g] A35 Communities Initiative; NTR

13. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DDC; Letter dated 13 January 2000 concerning the order to upgrade Footpath 14 to a bridleway. Letter dated 18 January 2000 replying to PC letter dated 22 December 1999 on items raised by Bothenhampton Residents Association. Letter dated 10 February with a copy of the amended order in relation to Footpath 14.

[b] WDDC; Letter dated 17 January 2000 confirming PC precept for 2000/2001. Copy of letter dated 19 January 2000 giving permission to carry out tree surgery at 7 Howards Way Lower Walditch. Copy of letter dated 21 January 2000 giving permission to carry out tree surgery at plot 143 Howard Close Lower Walditch. Letter dated 27 January 2000 giving address to new property, 3a Crock Lane Bridport. Copy of letter sent to Mr.Ffooks concerning street nameplates in Old Church Road. Letter dated 7 February 2000 concerning PC request to carry out survey of street nameplates in the Parish. Letter dated 11 February 2000 concerning WDDC Local Plan Review.

[c] Letters from; Copt of Letter sent to WDDC by Bothenhampton Resients Association concerning tipping away costs. Letter dated 9 February from Mr.Chadney concerning the provision of footpath in Quarry Lane plus a copy of his letter to DCC. Copy of letter dated 9 February 2000 from Austen Whetham & Guest to Pengilly & Ridge solicitors for Betterments concerning the handing over of the amenity area at Lower Walditch Lane development.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Date 13.5.00 Chairman 

MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

a] Mr.Ffooks thanked the Clerk for the steps taken in relation to his letter.

b] Notice boards

c] Bothenhampton Tip Closure Celebration, use of John Holt Play Area and possible grant

d] Lake lane proposed development and badgers sets

e] The future of Parish Council because of changes by Central Government