

## **Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 8 November 1999 7.30pm.**

Those present for the monthly meeting were:- Mr.G.Matthews [Vice Chairman], Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.Yates, Mrs.Regan, Professor Eastham, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11 October 1999, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed. With the following amendments; Item 4; the A35 Communities Initiative. The third sentence should read, Suggestions put forward by Mr.Yates and Mrs.Regan were to change the speed limit along the A35 once you entered Bridport so that the speed limit is consistent i.e. not keep changing for 40 mph to 30 mph and then back to 40 mph etc. Item 8; Requests for Grants. Both item 1 and item 2 should be deleted and replaced with the following. Item 1; the Clerk referred to the letter received from the Citizens Advise Bureau copy of which was sent out with the agenda. Following a short discussion on the good work carried out by CAB Mrs.Ball proposed a grant of £100.00 this was seconded by Mrs.England and agreed by all other Councillors. Item 2; The Clerk read out a letter received from Bothenhampton Church requesting the second part of their annual grant. The Clerk confirmed that the sum of £400.00 has been paid and that a further £400.00 was due. It was agreed by all other Councillors that the second instalment should be paid.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Mr.R.Batten, Mrs.Ball, Rear Admiral Prichard

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Mrs.England asked if the question of Millennium plaques from WDDC. The Clerk confirmed that he had still to write to the two Hall Committees to see if they would be happy to have these plaques in their Halls.
- b. Mrs.England also raised the matter of Bonfires and an item in the Church Magazine. Again The Clerk said that this matter had not been processed, as he did not know who was the editor of the magazine. This was confirmed as Mrs.Ffooks. The Clerk undertook to send Mrs.Ffooks the details.

### **4. BOTHENHAMPTON TIP**

The Clerk referred to a letter dated 27 October 1999 from Dorset County Council a copy of which had been sent out with the agenda, the contents of which were noted. The Clerk was also able to inform the meeting that the application to extend the use of the Tip had been concerned at the County Council Planning Sub Committee on the 5 November 1999 and that the following was agreed. All waste disposal operations shall be completed by 30 April 2000. All importation of soil or soil forming material shall cease by 31 July 2000. All landscaping, seeding, tree and shrub planting shall be completed by 31 December 2001. It was also confirmed that the applicants should be informed that any further requests to extend operations at this site would not be looked favourably.

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

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

## **6. 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.

## **7. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

[1]The Clerk referred to the a letter received from the Bothenhampton Hall Committee, copies of which was sent out with the agendas asking the Parish Council to consider a grant towards the cost of renewing the Hall heating system. Mr.Matthews and Mrs.England declared an interest and took no part in this matter including voting. The Clerk confirmed that a grant was given to Walditch Village Hall Committee to help with the refurbishment of Hall in the sum of £250.00. Following a short decision on the matter it was proposed by Mr.Yates that a grant of £250.00 should be given this was seconded by Mrs.Regan and agreed by all the other Councillors.

## **8. PRECEPT 2000/2001**

The Clerk referred to the paper sent out with the agenda on this matter and he explained the way that he had arrived at the figures presented, including the need to keep a high contingency figure because of the possible drainage under the John Holt Play Area estimated at £4,000 by WDDC. Following a decision on this matter the following budget and precept was proposed by Mr.Yates, seconded by Mrs.England and agreed by all the other Councillors.

|                              |              |
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| Hire of Halls                | 200          |
| Clerks Salary                | 2550         |
| Office Rent                  | 420          |
| Office Expenses              | 200          |
| Insurance                    | 150          |
| DAPTC Subs                   | 350          |
| Audit Fees                   | 180          |
| Donations                    | 1700         |
| Grass Cutting                | 1500         |
| Street Lighting              | 1800         |
| Both. Church                 | 800          |
| Walditch Church              | 400          |
| John Holt Play Area          | 1000         |
| Walditch Play Area           | 1000         |
| Contingencies                | <u>7500</u>  |
| TOTAL                        | 19750        |
| Less b/f say                 | <u>12700</u> |
| <u>Precept for 2000/2001</u> | <u>7050</u>  |

## **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 November 1999 £203.54

[2] Bothenhampton Church Hall, hire of hall for October and November meetings £26.00

[3] Jim White Grass Cutting October 1999 £114.55

## **10. PLANNING**

[a] Applications received from WDDC; application 1/W/1999/0637 Juniper Lodge, Mountjoy Road, Bothenhampton erect 1 No dormer window to rear elevation. Application 1/W/1999/0665 4 Howard Road, Lower Walditch Lane, Bothenhampton erect front porch and rear extension. Application 1/W/1999/0668 Lee Cottage, East Road, Bothenhampton erect 2 No detached houses, 1 no garage and construt new vehicular access.

[d] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1999/0516 Green Pastures, Hollow Way, Bothenhampton amendment to P.A. 1/W/98/0733 alternative pedestrian access arrangements permission granted.

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; None

The following letter concerning Tree Preservation Orders were received giving permission to carryout tree surgery; 20 Howard Close, Walditch and Lower Walditch Development.

## **11. REPORTS**

[a] Footpaths and Roads; NTR.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; property break in, in Cooper Drive, Bothenhampton

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; Mr. Yates updated the meeting of the delay in supplying the play standard bark. Once this has been agreed the bark will be delivered in bulk for spreading by Jim White. It will then be necessary for the equipment to be inspected.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; NTR

[g] A35 Communities Initiative; NTR matter already dealt with under Matters arising.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

[a] DDC; letter dated 21 October 1999 concerning the introduction of a customer service system to deal with reports concerning Highway matters called CLARENCE.

[b] WDDC; Booklet received called a question of money a guide to WDDC finance. Letter dated 4 November 1999 concerning the proposed drainage under the John Holt Play Area.

[c] Letters from; Bridport & District Citizens' Advice Bureau thanking the Parish Council for grant.

The Clerk gave out a list of the proposed dates for next year's monthly Parish Council meeting, which was agreed. It was also agreed not to hold a meeting in December 1999.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Date 10-1-00 Chairman

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

a) Grit Bin Thanks to Parish Council for its provision.

b) Closure of Bothenhampton Tip.

c) Request for grant towards renewing the heating system in Bothenhampton Church Hall.