

## **Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 9 June 1997 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.D.A.Blythe [Chairman], Mr.R.C.Batten, Mr.F.R.Botham, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.J.E.Mitchell, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

In attendance; Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14 April 1997, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed. With the following amendment; location of meeting was at Walditch and not Bothenhampton.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Mr.G.C.L.Warburton and Mr.G.L.Matthews

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] The Hyde Tennis Court Walditch; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from the Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust confirming that they had had their grant increased to £241,936 and this will allow them to complete all necessary works. They will be writing to the Parish Council again once they have a start date for the works.

[b] Bowhayes Name Plate; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a reply from WDDC, which stated that they had not been able to contact Dr.Thompson to agree a site for the sign. They will be calling at his home once again and if they are unable to speak o him they will write.

c] Notice Boards; the Clerk informed the meeting that he was still awaiting details of the type of Notice Boards available.

[d] Highway Obstructions Knapp Cottages Walditch; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a reply from Magna Housing Association, which stated that they did not have funds available to provide the off road parking which we had suggested.

[e] Future of Parish Council; the Clerk informed the meeting that he was still awaiting for a reply from WDDC and DAPTC. Rear Admiral Pritchard requested a copy of the letter so that he could take up the matter with WDDC on behalf of the Parish Council.

[f] Play Area for the Children of Walditch; Mr.Batten reported to the meeting that he and Mr.Botham had had the meeting with Mr.Gundry and he was willing to give to the Parish Council a plot of land at the end of the allotments to the west side of Uplands, which provides a safe access. Mr.Gundry has indicated that that the only condition is that the Parish Council must meet all costs involved in the transfer of the plot of land and any work required including the provision of fencing etc. to make the play area safe. Mr.Batten requested permission to obtain costings for this work, which would be reported back to the Parish Council in order that further discussions could take place. This was agreed by all the other members of the Council.

### **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. A list of items raised is attached at the end of the minutes.

## **5. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB**

The Rear Admiral informed the meeting that DCC had put forward a planning application for the siting of the temporary Bulky Household Waste site at the old Area Surveyors Depot in South Street, Bridport. Bridport Town Council have been asked for their comments. These will be discussed on Thursday 11 June 1997 at WDDC Planning Committee meeting at which WDDC Officers are suggesting to DCC that the application should be approved. DCC will then have to apply for a licence for the site from the Waste Regulation Authority and this process takes 3 months. It should be remembered that none of this would be necessary if BFI had fulfilled their obligations within the contract they have with DCC to find a new permanent site for the Waste Transfer Station and the Bulky Household Waste Site. After a discussion it was decided that the Parish Council should write to DCC supporting their application for the temporary siting of the Bulky Household Waste site, but reminding them that they must not let up on BFI finding permanent site[s]. Rear Admiral Pritchard undertook to find out why work had not started on the A35 access into the Betterment Development at Lower Walditch.

## **6. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

[1] The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Bothenhampton Church requesting the half year grant of £375.00 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard which was included in this years budget and also the £75.00 already agreed towards the Church Hall maintenance improvements.

## **7. BRIDPORT AREA FORUM 17 JUNE 1997 7.00pm BRIDPORT TOWN HALL**

The Clerk referred to the letter received from WDDC which was sent out with the agenda, the contents of the letter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council supported the fact that this meeting will be open to the public and not as before by invitation only. It was also suggested that perhaps these meetings could be held jointly by WDDC and DDC as the public are not always aware of the services provided by each Council. Members of the public may not be happy that when they raise matter of concern they do not get an answer, but are told that DCC are responsible and they should take the matter up with them. The Clerk was instructed to write to WDDC confirming that the Parish Council has no items for the agenda ,but that they supported the new format.

## **8. FINANCE**

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

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- [1] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall [March] £12.00 and [June] £12.00
  - [2] Jim White ~~April~~ grass cutting etc. £114.55
  - [3] Connect South West Ltd. street lighting maintenance 1997 £354.97
  - [4] M.C.Farnham salary & expenses first quarter 1997/98 £652.77

## **9. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; application No.1/W/97/0323F Del,1 South Lawns, Church Fields, Bothenhampton - Erect Conservatory, refereed to Mrs.Ball, returned "no comment".

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; application No.1/W/97/0073F 2 Green Lane, Bothenhampton - Demolish bungalow and erect chalet bungalow approved. Application No.1/W/97/0287P Garden plot adj. to 9 Mount Joy, Bothenhampton - erection of a bungalow and modify existing access refused. Application No1/W/97/0192F land adjacent to Wanderwell Farmhouse, North Hill Way, Bothenhampton - erect bungalow and construct new access approved.

## 10. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; it was reported that the footpath linking Walditch Lane and Crock Lane is overgrown, the Clerk was instructed to request to have the path cleared.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; the meeting was informed that no reported crime for the area since April 1997. However, members of the public should be aware of door to door sales people currently in the bridport area.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Holt Play Area; Mr.Blythe reported to the meeting that the netting at the south end of the play area needs to be re-fixed to the fencing. It was agreed that Mr.Blythe could instruct J.Bright to carryout the required repairs.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DDC; the following correspondence was received [1] Focus on Youth Summer Programme, request for grant from the Bridport Youth Leader [2] Temporary Closure of Crock Lane from Environmental Services[3] Dorset Lottery News.

[b] WDDC; None Received

[c] DAPTC; County Director's Circular 14/97 50th Anniversary Celebrations of National Association. Circular 15/97 Local Policy Courses. Circular 16/97 National Lottery Charities Board Briefing Meetings. Circular 17/97 Holy Places - Community Spaces. Circular 18/97 Budgets and Finance Seminar.

[d] Copy of letter from Bothenhampton Residents Association to WDDC concerning Bridport Area Forum

[e] Birdport House Club.

[f] Reglan Housing Association Ltd. - West Dorset Woman's Refuge.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Date 14/7/97 Chairman J. Blythe

### List of items raised in the Democratic Half Hour and noted by the Parish Council

a] Mr.Ffooks

[1] Re-sitting of the Bulky Household Waste site

[2] Format of the Bridport Area Forum

[3] Grant to the John Miller Trust

[4] Survey of Hedgerows on behalf of CPRE