

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish
Council held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Tuesday 25 May 1999 7.30pm.**

Present :- Mr.R.Batten [Chairman], Mr.G.Matthews, Mr.Challis Mrs.Regan, Mrs.D.M.England MBE,
Mr.F.C.Botham, Mr.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 11 May 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Mrs.Ball

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1998/9

My first full year in office has seen the review of the Parish Council end with no changes as it was agreed that it was not what the electorate wanted. The flooding of Old Church Road etc. has been investigated by West Dorset District Council, who have held a joint open meeting with us to look at the way forward. The Parish Council has agreed to provide funding to improve matters in relation to the piping under the John Holt Play area. The suggested play area for Walditch has been approved. However, Mr.Gundry has put forward an other area of land behind Uplands. The development at lower Walditch is still growing and hopefully before not to long the open space will be handed over to the Parish Council. It is now looking very likely that the Tip will close in the not to distant future, which will be good new to us all. While the Post Office closed last November it is good to know that a replacement could be no its way. The next year could see good news for many people within the Parish and I look forward to my year next in office also.

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

From the County Council point of view nothing further to report on the situation concerning the Tip. The footpath on the A35 Sea Road South is to allow access to Safeways. As regard West Dorset District Council, the drainage under the John Holt playing field in relation to flooding is an on going situation. The Slurry problem is a matter that the Environmental Agency is taking up woth the farmer concerned. Both the County Council and West Dorset District Council are restructuring to bring in new management systems. Further legislation from Central Government will be introduced later this year.

6. REPORT FROM BOTHENHAMPTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Mr.Ffooks reported that not a lot to say in relation to last year. Membership is still 100 households, they continue to attend Parish Council meetings, Bridport Area Forum meetings and are members of CPRE. They have produced two Newsletters mainly in relation to the Closure of the Tip.

7. FINANCE STATEMENT 1998/9

Opening balance Current Account	£2,567.71
Opening balance Capital Reserve Acc	£1,860.80
Total	<u>£4,427.51</u>

Expenditure to 31 March 1999

Hire of Halls	£141.00	Opening Balances	£4,427.51
Clerk Salary plus expenses	£2,416.54	Precept	£12,560.00
Office Rent	£390.00	VAT to be reclaimed	£508.48
Street Lighting energy costs etc	£1,896.11	Total	<u>£17,495.99</u>
Grass cutting etc	£1,017.32		
Grants	£1,166.80		
Walditch Church Grant	£500.00		
Bothenhampton Church Grant	£800.00		
DAPTC fees	£312.13		
Planning Application Fees	£95.00		
Course fees	£10.00		
Solicitors fees	£381.87		
Insurance	£118.87		
Estimated carry forward to 99/00	<u>£8,250.35</u>		
Total	<u>£17,495.99</u>		

8. OPEN FORUM

The following matters were raised; [a] Flood Alleviation scheme in Bothenhampton [b] Play Area in Lower Walditch [c] Cutting of verge at the junction of Wych Hill and Burton Road [d] thanks to the Chairman for all his work, particularly the provision of a new play area for Walditch.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.25pm

Date 18/5/00 Chairman _____