

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 1 April 1996 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11 March 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Mrs.F.Ball

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Kerbing of Walditch Village Green; Mr.Botham confirmed that work started on the 26 March 1996 and is nearly completed . It would appear that everyone is happy with the Councils efforts.
- b. Running Water-Crock Lane; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Wessex Water confirming that their local Inspector will speak to Mr.Perry about the leak.
- c. Fourwinds, Mount Joy Estate; the Clerk confirmed that he had written again to WDDC on this matter and was still awaiting a reply. The Clerk was instructed to contact WDDC again.
- d. The Hyde Tennis Court; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust confirming that an application to WDDC will be made concerning a modification of the access and car parking arrangements at the Tennis Courts.
- e. Spring Clean; Mr.Blythe confirmed that this will take place on the 12 or 13 April 1996.
- f. Reports [footpaths & roads] [3] standing water, Walditch Green; the clerk was requested to chase this item. [5] "keep clear" junction of Walditch Lane and Uplands; NFA on this matter at this stage.
- g. Walditch Church Hall; the Clerk read out a letter received from Austen Whetham & Guest Solicitors confirming our instructions on this matter and enclosed their account.

4. FINANCE

- a. Statement of Accounts as at 31 March 1996; it was agreed that no statement could be given as the Clerk was still awaiting some papers from the previous Clerk.
- b. The following accounts were agreed for payment:
 1. Hire of Bothenhampton Hall £11.00

5. PLANNING

a. Applications received from WDDC;

No. 1/W/96/0133c Land adj. Blossoms, Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton
Change of use of part of agricultural land to garden. NO COMMENTS.

No. 1/W/96/0142f Renewal of P.A. 1/W/88/981/and 1/W/93/8 Flood Lane, Bridport
to erect 6 houses and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access. COMMENTS:-

[a] we do not believe that Flood Lane is within the Parish of Bothenhampton and Walditch as this lane does not appear in our section of the Register of Electors for 1996.

[b] It would increase the amount of traffic using the lane which is already congested due to vehicles parked by people using Mountjoy School, Sydeny Gale Home and the Training Centre. Which in turn will make it even more difficult for emergency vehicles to have access to the houses at the top of the lane.

[c] It would involve the loss of privacy to the houses that this development would face.

[d] It would involve the destruction of the existing ancient hedge and the numerous species of wildlife etc.

[e] The materials to be used are not in keeping with the surrounding environment i.e. Flood House is a listed building.

b. Decisions by WDDC; NTR

6. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Mr.Blythe raised the question of hedges being cut down by residents in South Lawns that back onto Hollow Way and the fact that WDDC had complained to a householder. It was agreed that as this is a conservation area WDDC have acted correctly and the Parish should not get involved in this matter.

[b] Street Lighting; NTA

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; the Clerk informed the meeting of a telephone call he had had with PC Jenkins, there is still no Co-ordinator for Bothenhampton and he suggested that Mr. Hulbert should be asked to take over on a temporary basis as he already carries out this role for Manor Fields. Mr.Hulbert declined to take over.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; the clerk was instructed to write to Mr.D.Carman at WDDC to thank the Council for the purchase of land at the conservation area. Playing fields; Mr.Blythe reminded the meeting that following the drainage works carried out by DDC the area concerned needs to be seeded, the clerk was instructed to write to Mr.Blackstock to ask when this work will be done.

7. BRIDPORT AREA FORUM;

The Clerk read out a letter received from WDDC concerning the next meeting to be held on the 16 April 1996 at Mountfield. Following a discussion on the usefulness of these meeting it was agreed that the clerk should write to WDDC asking that the following question should be put forward as an agenda item for the meeting;

“ Now that the future of Local Government in Dorset has been agreed can West Dorset District Council give details of its business plan for the next five years”.

8. DAPTC; Annual Fee 1996/97;

The Clerk gave details of the subscriptions payable for the year 1996/97

Proposed by Mr. Matthews and seconded by Mrs. England

That the Parish Council should pay the subscription for 1996/97

9. CORRESPONDENCE;

[a] WDDC; The Clerk read out a letter received on Planning Committee Site Visits, the contents of which were noted.

[b] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted, 11/96 [Planning Training], 12/96 [Car Allowances for Local Council Clerks & Administrative Employees], 13/96 [Subscriptions 1996/97], 14/96 [Revision of Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996], 15/96 [County Association Employee Preferential Loan Scheme Local Council Employee Preferential Loan Scheme].

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Date 13/5/96 Chairman 