

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 12 July 1999 7.30pm.**

Those present for the monthly meeting were:- Mr.G.Matthews [Vice Chairman], Mrs.D.M.England MBE, 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 8 March 1999, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr.R.Batten, Mrs.F.Ball, Mrs.Regan, Professor Eastham

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

- a] New seats have been installed.
- b] Planning application for the alternative play area in Walditch had been submitted.

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

The Rear Admiral reported that both the District and County Councils are both progressing "Best Value" as instructed by Central Government. The effect of this will be in more consultation with Town and Parish Councils before deciding on the way forward on particular matters. It is not known to date how such consultation will take. West Dorset District Council, intend to employ a PR person not only to deal with external PR by also internal PR.

**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. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

None

**7. 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 July 1999 £193.83
  - [2] SWEB electric for Street lights second quarter £281.41
  - [3] Bothenhampton Church Hall, hire of hall for July meeting £13.00
  - [4] Jim White Grass Cutting June 1999

## **8. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application No 1/W/1999/0416 Rydens, Westown, Bothenhampton, erect two storey extension.

[b] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1998/0296, 12 Slades Green, Bothenhampton, erect single storey extension, permission granted.

Letter dated 16 June 1999 confirming alterations to street naming and numbering on the Lower Walditch Development.

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; None

## **9. REPORTS**

[a] Footpaths and Roads; High Pavement in Bothenhampton is in need of weeding. What highway work is likely to take place on the road through Bothenhampton Village once the Tip closes in 2000/1? The Clerk was instructed to take up the matter of footpath No 14 Bothenhampton with the County Council.

[b] Street Lighting; Column No 9 Main Street Bothenhampton is not working.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; NTR

[f] New Walditch Play Area; The Clerk gave a short report on behalf of Mr. Batten concerning his meeting with Oliver Letwin MP, Rear Admiral Pritchard and the Walditch Green residents. The Clerk also gave out copies of the letter sent to Mr. Batten for Mr. Page from the DATPC. The report etc was noted.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

[a] DDC; Letter dated 24 June 1999 from Birdport Youth Centre thanking the Parish Council for the grant of £100. Lottery News, summer 1999 booklet.

b] WDDC; Letter dated 14 June 1999 from the Leisure & Tourism Division concerning free promotion of events in about around West Dorset in 2000.

c] Letters from; Bridport Town Council concerning the A35 Communities Initiative meetings. Letter dated 28 June 1999 from the McCarthy Foundation concerning the "Bobby Appeal" for the provision of a Bobby Van for Dorset. DCA Newsletter June 1999. Letter dated 30 June 1999 from Ann Taylor thanking the Parish Council for the grant of £100 for the Millennium Drop-in Advice and Information Centre. Letter dated 15 June 1999 from Mr. Regan thanking the Parish Council for the grant of £100 towards the setting up of the new Bothenhampton Sub-Post Office.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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

a] Upgrading of Footpath No 14 Bothenhampton to Bridleway.