

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Walditch on Monday 10 February 1997 7.30pm.

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.G.Matthews, Mr.J.E.Mitchell, Mr.R.C..Batten, 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 13 January 1997, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Road Surface, Valley Road, Bothenhampton; the Clerk read out a letter dated 29 January 1997 received from the Area Surveyor stating that he has had the area inspected and although the road surface is breaking up he does not consider it to be dangerous at this time. He will however monitor the situation and as and when any necessary repairs will be carried out.

[b] WDDC Planning Committee Guidelines; the Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to the DAPTC and he had received a copy letter on the matter. It was agreed that this letter should be copied to all Councillors and put on the agenda for the March meeting.

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 the items raised is attached.

5. RECORDING OF ITEMS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

This matter was discussed and it was proposed by Mr.Botham and seconded by Mr.Matthews that any matters raised in the Democratic Half Hour should be recorded as an addendum to the minutes. This was agreed by all the other Councillors.

6. REPORT BY CTY & DIST COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB

Rear Admiral Pritchard informed the meeting that we had reached the stage that BFI can not be seen to be able to keep to their undertaking in relation to the provision of Bulky Household Waste Site. DCC has a Statutory Responsibility to provide this facility. The continued use of the Tip must be separated from the Bulky Household Waste Site, DCC is now activity pausing this. He did suggest that a letter from the Parish Council on these matters would be helpful. It was agreed that Mr.Botham and Mr.Blythe would meet and draft a letter.

7. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

The Clerk read out a letter received from the Bothenhampton Playgroup, Mr. Matthews proposed and seconded by Mrs. Ball that the Council make a grant of £100 in the next financial year. This was agreed by all the other Councillors. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Playgroup and confirm that the Council would give them a grant, but this would not be available until May 1997.

8. POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR THE MILLENNIUM AND BEYOND

Mr. Botham informed the meeting that we should start to consider it we wished to celebrate the Millennium or the Queens' Golden jubilee with any projects and referred to the letter sent out with the agenda from DCC concerning "The National Lottery - The Millennium Awards". The following two items were raised as possible projects for consideration, Tree Planting and repairs to Walditch Hall.

9. FINANCE

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

[1] Hire of Walditch Church Hall for meeting 10 February 1997 £12.50

[2] G. Truscott, Maintenance of Walditch Green 1996 £72.00

[3] Neptune Outdoor Furniture Ltd. provision and installation for seat in John Holt Play Area £346.63

10. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application No. 1/W/97/0073F Demolish bungalow and erect chalet bungalow 2 Green Lane Bothenhampton. This was passed to Mrs. Ball for comment and was returned to WDDC "NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION".

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; None.

11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; The footpath between Westown and Lake Lane needs to be cleared as it is overgrown. The Clerk was instructed to take up the matter with the Rights of Way Section at County Hall. The black and white posts by Berry Farm in Lower Walditch Lane have been damaged. The Clerk was instructed to write the Area Surveyor asking for necessary repairs to be carried out.

[b] Street Lighting; No 7 Manor Fields has been repaired, but the bottom light in Holloway is still very dim, the Clerk was instructed to report this matter again to SWEB.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Holt Play Area; Further work had been carried out on the 9 February to the footpaths. Real Tennis Courts Walditch, work had still not started and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Sports Trust requesting an up date on the current situation.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] WDDC; Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 March 1996.

[b] DCC; The following letters were received, [1] Rights of Way Newsletter [2] Travelwise Newsletter.

[c] DAPTC - Local Council Review January 1997. County Director's Circular 1/97 Clerks Symposium on the 27 February 1997.

[d] Letter from; letter received from Bothenhampton Residents Association with a copy of their letter to DCC Development & Control Sub-Committee concerning the renewing of the Tip planning permission, which was noted.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

[a] Lower Walditch Development; the Clerk confirmed that he had not received a reply to his last letter concerning the streamside, he was instructed to write again to WDDC.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Date 10/3/97 Chairman 

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

[1] Mr.Ffooks; BT pole Lynch Gate, he had received a letter from Mr.Carter from WDDC who was investigating this matter.

[2] Mr.Woods; Planning Application Manor Farm Main Street Bothenhampton, he made a statement concerning his application and asked that we consider the matter further.

[3] Mr.Blackmore;

[a] Real Tennis Courts; he asked if we had a start date for work?.

[b] Possible project for the Millennium; he asked the Parish Council to consider the planting of trees on the sky line over Walditch.