

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 9 October 2000 7.30pm.

Those present for the monthly meeting were:- Mr.G.Matthews [Vice Chairman], Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.Yates, Mrs.Regan, Professor Eastham, Mrs.Ball, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk] In attendance Rear Admiral Prichard

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11 September 2000, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr.R.Batten, Mrs.Ball

3. MATTERS ARISING

a] A35 Communities Initiative meeting due to be held on the 22 September 2000 had been cancelled and will now take place on the 10 November 2000.

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

Rear Admiral Pritchard was late for the meeting; however, he did refer to the item on WDDC Electoral review and suggested that the Parish Council was big enough to have its own District Councillor representing its interests.

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. WDDC REVIEW OF DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk referred to the papers sent out with the agenda on this matter. Following a discussion on the matter it was proposed by Mr.Yates that the Parish Council replies to the options put forward as follows, this was seconded by Profess Eastham and agreed by all the other Councillors.

a] 40 member option; as the Parish Council has currently 1872 electors against the suggested figure of 1992, the whole Parish should be represented by 1 District Councillor.

b] 47 member option; this should be increased to 48 members with Bradpole PC being represented by 1 District Councillor and the whole of this Parish also being represented by 1 District Councillor.

c] 55 member option; this should be decreased to 54 members and both Bradpole PC and the whole of this Parish being represented by a1 District Councillor each.

7. WDDC AREA FORUM 19 OCTOBER 2000

The Clerk referred to the letter dated September 2000 received for WDDC concerning the above forum the date of which was noted.

8. FORMER LAND FILL SITE BOTHENHAMPTON

The Clerk referred to the two letters both dated 4 October 2000 received from Mr.E.E.Bird and S.I.T.A. concerning the current situation on the outstanding works. Mr.Matthews also informed the meeting that he had meet with a S.I.T.A representative on the 4 October 2000 and it would appear that the outstanding works should be completed by the 7 October 2000. Following a short discussion on this matter it was proposed by Mrs.England that a letter should be sent to DCC asking if any penalties would be imposed against S.I.T.A. This was seconded by Mrs.Regan and agreed by all the other Councillors.

9. PROPOSED PLAY AREA LOWER WALDITCH DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk referred to letter dated 18 September 2000 from Bridport Town Council concerning the possible use of Town Council land as a play area at the Lower Walditch Development. Following a discussion on the conditions of use put forward by the Town Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Town Council stating that the Parish would still like to proceed even if the area available is reduced. Also a site meeting would be helpful to discuss fencing matters.

10. 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 October £203.54
 - [2] Jim White September grass cutting £145.00
 - [3] Ivor J. Parker repairs to 2 notice boards £225.51
 - [4] Southern Electric Contracting ltd. repair street light £18.80

Proposed by Mrs.England and seconded by Mrs.Regan and agreed by all other Councillors.

11. MAINTENANCE OF CHURCHYARDS AT WALDITCH & BOTHENHAMPTON

The Clerk referred to the two requests received for both Churches for their annual grant towards the upkeep of the churchyards. He confirmed that Bothenhampton Church grant was £800 per year and that £400 had already been paid, so £400 was still outstanding. In the case of Walditch their grant was £500 per year and this amount was still outstanding. Mrs.England proposed that both outstanding amounts should be paid, this was seconded by Profess Eastham and agreed by all the other Councillors.

12 . REQUEST FOR GRANTS

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request for financial assistance for 2000/2001 from the Bridport & District Citizens Advice Bureau and confirmed that a grant of £100 was given last year. Following a short discussion on the good work this organisation carries out, Mrs.Regan proposed that a grant of £100 should be given again this year. This was seconded by Mr.Yates and agreed by all the other Councillors.

13. PLANNING

[a] Applications received from WDDC; application 1/W/2000/0554 Greenbanks, Old Church Road, Bothenhampton erect dormer window to south elevation. Application 1/W/2000/0574 4 Valley Road, Bothenhampton erect sun desk. Application 1/W/2000/0605 Southfield, Marsh Gate, Burton Road, Bothenhampton erect two storey rear extension. Application 1/W/2000/0610 2 Howard Road Bothenhampton erect two storey extension

[d] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/2000/0495 75 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton dismantle existing garage and rebuild on extended drive and platform. Construct new vehicular and pedestrian access, permission granted.

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[c] Applications received from DCC;

[d] Decisions by DCC;

14. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Quarry Lane Bothenhampton, the lane is very muddy and needs reinstating etc. letter to developer asking for work to be carried out including the area around the entrance to the John Holt play area.

[b] Street Lighting; the Clerk had reported the light out in Hollow Way.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; The current unsatisfactory state of the open area in the Lower Walditch Lane Development was raised and the Clerk was able to report that this had already been passed to WDDC to deal with.

[e] John Halt Play Area; It was agreed that Mrs.Regan could order more bark for the play area.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; NTR

[g] A35 Communities Initiative; next meeting now 10 November 2000.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DDC; None

[b] WDDC; Letter dated 15 September 2000 concerning the delegation of Administration duties for street name & numbering. Letter dated 6 October 2000 concerning the review of the electoral arrangement for the Parish Council, the next stage.

[c] Letters from; Beacon Millennium Ltd. concerning lighting a beacon on the 31 December 2000. The Dorset Building Group concerning corrugated iron buildings.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Date 13.11.00 Chairman 

MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

a) Notice boards

b) Old Tip

c) Green Lane

d) Provision of Village Nameplate for Walditch

e) Open area within the Lower Walditch Development