

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 14 October 1996 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.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9 September 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed with the following amendment to item 3[b] should read Dr.Abel and not Mr.Abel.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr.R.Batten, Mr.Warburton and Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Lower Walditch Lane, The Clerk informed the meeting of the letter received from Bridport Town Council which stated that the Councils' Plans Committee considered the matter and resolved that as they were not aware of particular problems on this road that no action would be taken at present but further consideration be given if problems occur in the future.

[b] Main Street Bothenhampton, The Clerk informed the meeting of the reply received from Dorset County Council concerning our request for the provision of "SLOW" roadmarkings, which they could not support. These comments were noted.

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.

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

Rear Admiral Pritchard did not attend the meeting but Mr.Botham reported that the new committee chaired by the current County Surveyor is still looking at possible sites, they have produced a long list of possible sites graded in order of probable planning permission. A view was expressed from the floor that B.F.I. should be represented on this committee. The Chairman said he would convey this to Rear Admiral Pritchard.

6. PROVISION OF NEW SEAT AT THE JOHN HOLT PLAY AREA ETC.

The Clerk circulated the a number of booklets received to date, it was agreed that Mr.Blythe and Mr.Matthews would take them away and report back to the next meeting on what they considered to be suitable.



7. ART & CRAFTS FLOWER FESTIVAL JULY 1997 REQUEST FOR GRANT

Mrs. Ball declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. The clerk read out the letter received and it was proposed by Mr. Matthews and seconded by Mr. Mitchell that £100 should be given. A vote was taken 2 for the proposal and 4 against. It was then proposed by Mrs. England seconded by Mr. Hulbert that £50 should be given and this was agreed by all Councillors.

8. SETTING UP A PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Botham put forward the suggestion that the Parish Council should have a sub-committee of 3 Councillors to consider all planning applications. This suggestion was fully discussed and it was agreed to continue the existing arrangements i.e. planning applications to be sent to the nearest Councillor for comment.

9. FINANCE

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

[1] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall £11.00

[2] Jim White September account for Grass Cutting etc. £114.55

[3] SWEB £288.20

10. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC;

[1] Application No. 1/W/96/0507F-Del Manor Farm, Main Street Bothenhampton. This was passed to Mr. Matthews as the nearest Councillor, but he asked Mrs. Ball to comment as the proposed development was at the bottom of his garden. Mrs. Ball commented as follows; [1] The proposed development is within an area of land of local landscape importance [policy L4] see WDDC Local Plan 1994. [2] The proposed development positioned as it is about 1 metre from the neighbouring boundary is 20 feet wide and 20 feet high and would be detrimental to the amenities of local properties. [3] The materials suggested, reconstituted stone plinth and rendered blockwork, are not appropriate for a conservation area and an area designated as land of local landscape importance. [4] The addition of living accommodation [as it could well become] on top of the garage increases the height to 20 feet instead of the more normal 8-10 feet for a garage alone. Why is it necessary for the studio to be so far from the main house?. Because of the above we strongly object you this application.

[b]. Decisions by WDDC;

[1] Application No. 1/W/96/0184F The Hyde Tennis Court Walditch. Modify existing access and provide parking [amended plans].

[2] Application No. 1/W/96/0293P Part garden Blossoms, Quarry Lane, Bothemhampton. Develop land for residential purposes and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access.

[3] Application No. 1/W/96/0361F 2 Manor Barn Bothenhampton. Construct new bay window to front elevation.

11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Footpath No 6 still not cut back. Clerk to contact Highway Agency and new maintenance form Connect concerning A35 access to Walditch. The Clerk confirmed that the footpath between Walditch Lane and Crock Lane is not maintained by DCC as it does not appear on the definitive map. The Clerk was instructed to write to DCC to ask if it could be added to the map

The willow tree opposite 4a Lake Lane needs to be cut back.

[b] Street Lighting; the light out side The Laurel Farm House, Main Street, Bothenhampton is not working.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; The Clerk reported that he had been informed by PC. Jenkins that he was transferring to Devon & Cornwall Constabulary on the 11 October 1996. Mr.Hulbert reported that 2 break-ins had occurred in the area.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; Mr.Matthews reported that bird boxes would be going up in the near future. He also confirmed that WDDC would be arranging for further cutting back in the near future.

[e] John Halt Play Area; Mr Blythe reported that the grass was still growing well, however, the bark under the play equipment was getting low and it was agreed that he could order a further load at a cost of approximately £50.00.

12. CORRESPONDENCE;

[a] WDDC; The following letter were received, the contents of which were noted.
None Received

[b] DCC; The following letter was received, the contents of which were noted.

[1]. Letter and Booklet on "Milestones" and Road Safety plan for 1996/96.

[c] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted,
Annual General Meeting Agenda, details of the Parish Agenda 21 in Dorset meeting

[d]Letter from "The John Miller Trust" to go on agenda for next meeting

[e]Letter from Bothenhampton DCC to be dealt with under finance at next meeting.

13.CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

[a] Car Parking; Mrs.Balls' letter dated 27 September 1996 was considered. The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to the Car Parks Manager at WDDC Mr.Barnes who confirmed that neither they or the Parish Council was under any obligation to provide car parking, however, if we wish to write to them they would consider our request. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to WDDC on this matter. It was also agreed that a survey would be carried out in Bothenhampton to see if the villagers supported such a provision. The Clerk also informed the meeting that he had already received 5 letters supporting such a provision.

[b] Lower Walditch Development-Riverside Walk & Open space

The meeting considered the fourth Schedule of the 106 agreement and it was proposed by Mrs.Ball and seconded by Mr.Matthews that the Clerk should write to WDDC and ask the following questions;

[1] the Parish Council assumes that the District Council will name the Parish Council as their nominee. If this is the case the Parish Council would be willing to be their nominee.

[2] not withstanding the willingness of the Parish Council to be WDDC nominee the Parish Council requests confirmation on what covenants WDDC would place on the Parish Council if they took over responsibility for the areas concerned.

[3] while the Parish Council understand that the sums of £35,000 and £20,000 to be paid by the Developers can only be spent on the areas concerned, if that money were to be invested could the Parish Council use the interest earned for the benefit of the Parish and not just on the areas concerned?

[4] It agreed that reference to these points should also be made to the District Auditor and the DAPTC.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

Date 11/11/96 Chairman 