

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Walditch Parish Council held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 1 April 1996 at 7.30pm

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.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

In attendance; Cty Dist Councillor Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 April 1995, 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

Closure of Tip etc. what is the current situation?.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1995/6

The last year has been an eventful one, the situation concerning the Bothenhampton Tip and Bulky Household Waste site is one that still concerns everyone and he hoped that Rear Admiral Pritchard could provide us with an update in his report. The Development at Lower Walditch Lane has started and the question of the Nature Walk area etc. is continuing, an update will soon be required. The play equipment in the John Holt play area has been replaced as our insurers has considered them to be dangerous. The equipment installed however was not to some residents liking as they have very young children but hopefully they will find the equipment more to their liking as their children grow up. Walditch Green is now being kerbed to stop unauthorised parking on the green. He also thanked Rear Admiral Pritchard for all his help over the last year.

5. REPORT BY Cty Dist Councillor Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

Rear Admiral Pritchard confirmed that the DOT has agreed to access to the Lower Walditch Development from the A35 Trunk Road by the construction of a "T" junction and that the 40 mph limit will extend to the Dorchester side of the junction, which will also include a "gateway" entrance to Bridport. He also confirmed that WDDC have purchased the extra land for the Wanderwell Quarry Nature Reserve site. Also the use of the entrance to Safeways Superstore off the A35 is not legal. DCC Reorganisation is continuing and some 90% of staff will know shortly who their new employers will be after April 1997 the 10% left will not know until the finances have been confirmed.

As regard to the Tip there are two separate matters which are closely related, there is the Tip it self and then there is the Bulky Household Waste facility. A planning application will be coming shortly for the continuation of the Bulky Household Waste facility and not the Tip. Drinkwater Sabey have started some work in anticipation of the tip closing sometime in the future. The Bulky Household Waste facility could be replaced by a Waste Transfer Station somewhere in Bridport by May 1997. However the Tip will go on until it is full. If Drinkwater Sabey do not do this they will be in breach of contract, but as this is a multi-million pound contract DCC could not really cancel it. When the Tip closes the Bulky Household Waste facility could continue so that waste could be taken away by lorry, therefore it would

become a Waste Transfer Station. If this did happen then Drinkwater Sabey should provide an alternative access to the site. The new owners of Drinkwater Sabey do not like the contract that they have with DCC. Two possible sites have been looked at for the Waste Transfer Station, [a] Gore Cross, but this was not favoured by WDDC or the Governors of Colfox School, [b] Broomhill Farm off the A35 Bridport by-pass, this would not result any real increase in traffic but the need for a right hand turning lane may Be a problem with the DOT.

6. REPORT FROM BOTHENHAMPTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Flooks thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and he agreed with the comments and by the Chairman and Rear Admiral Pritchard. The Association has 110 household, meets twice a year and issues tow news letters and attend the Bridport Area Forum meetings. Ongoing matters include the public seats, the one in Pasture Way had been repaired and the footpath between Wanderwell Estate and the rest of Bothenhampton is in need of some work and this had been reported to DCC. As regard to the Tip etc. there is a lot of interest in the Broomhill Farm suggestion and it is understood that Drinkwater Sabey and the Brit Valley Railway may be proposing that they work together on a joint application, the Association had taken the matter up with J.Spicer MP.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1995/6

The Chairman informed the meeting that a statement will be made at the next Council meeting in May 1996 and included with the minutes of this meeting .

8. OPEN FORUM

The following matters were raised;

- [a] some of the public seats in the Parish are in need of a coat of linseed oil.
- [b] the maintenance of the banks on high pavement is very good and much appreciated.
- [c] could not all the public seats become the responsibility of the Parish Council so that they could be kept in good repair. It was also suggested that money that is still being held by other for the up keep of the John Holt play area be used in the first instance?.
- [d] the Parish notice board outside the post office is in need of repair.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.25pm

Date 14/4/97 Chairman 