

## **Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 9 March 1998 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.R.C.Batten [Chairman],Mr.G.L.Matthews, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mr.F.Botham, Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]. Rear Admiral Pritchard CB in attendance.

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9 February 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting with slight amendments and duly signed.

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] Deeds for Walditch Green; The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Lloyds Bank that on the 12 December 1991 two sealed envelopes were taken out by the then Clerk Mr.Prior. The Bank have no knowledge of there contents. The previous Clerk Mr.Duncan has also been contacted and he does not no the whereabouts of the deeds and confirmed that he did not no that the Parish Council owned the area concerned. Mr.Batten undertook to speak to the Parish Councils' Solicitor Mr.Salt concerning this matter. Mr.Matthews also agreed to speak to Mr.Ball who has had dealings with the administration of the Gundry estate. In the mean time if any of the other Parish Councillors

### **3. APOLOGIES**

Mrs.J.Regan, Mr.J.Challis

### **4. CO-OPTION/ELECTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR**

Mr.Yates of 108 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton was proposed by Mr.Matthews and this was seconded by Mrs.England, all other Councillors agreed. Therefore Mr.Yates was duly elected.

### **5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

At this point the meeting 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 items raised is attached at the end of the minutes.

### **6. PARISH REVIEW**

This matter had been carried over from this last meeting to allow all Councillors time to consider the letter received from West Dorset District Council. Mr.Batten therefore asked each Councillor for their views on this matter. Mr.Hulbert stated that when this matter was first raised he through it was a good suggestion, but he was now having second thoughts. If Walditch did become a Parish in its own right would it become a target for a take-over by Bridport Town Council?. Suggested that the Parish should stay as one. Mr.Bothem totally disagreed with Mr.Hulberts comments. No community interest from the people of Walditch in what is going on in Bothenhampton. Each should have its own separate organisation to deal with their own problems. Does not like people in Bothenhampton having a say in what should happen in Walditch and vice versa. By each being separate this will mean that there will be a closer connection between people and organisation and therefore responsibility for own income and expenditure. Allington P.C. has a smaller number of people on its electoral roll then is on the Walditch electoral roll and they have not been taken over by Bridport Town Council. Mr.Matthews agreed with Mr.Bothem that the Parish Council should split, the possible take over by Bridport Town Council is a red herring. Each would become a village organisation again.



The only possible problem could be the cost. Mrs. England agreed with both Mr. Bothem and Mr. Matthews only additional cost would be that related to the employment of two clerks. Mrs. Ball had originally thought it was a good idea but was concerned about the possible take over of either of both by Bridport Town Council. She had spoken to people in both villages and none seem to be happy at the proposed split. Mr. Batten confirmed that he liked the idea but he was also having second thoughts. West Dorset District Council also asked for the Council's comments on the preferred position of the boundary between the new Parishes. The line of the boundary was agreed and it follows public footpaths from one side of Walditch Hill to the junction of Crock Lane and Asker Mead. They also asked the Council to suggest for the number of Councillors each separate Council should have to adequately represent the electorate. This was also discussed and it was agreed to put forward that Walditch should have 5 Councillors and Bothenhampton should have 9 Councillors. The Clerk was instructed to pass all the comments onto West Dorset District Council.

#### **7. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB**

Work on the right hand turn into the Lower Walditch Development from the A35 Trunk Road started on the 23 February 1998 and matters are progressing. WDDC have agreed that members of the Public will be allowed to speak at Planning Committee meetings. Parish Councils could also be allowed to make a verbal presentation at Planning Committee meetings, but it has to be the Parish Council views put forward not any one individual's views. The final rules on how this will work will be tricky to define. As regard the Parish review, the size of a Parish does not really matter. No application for a permanent site for the Waste Transfer Station has been received by WDDC.

#### **8. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

None

#### **9. FINANCE**

- [a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation.
- [b] The following accounts were approved for payment;
  - [1] Hire of Walditch Village Hall on 9 February 1998 £12.50
  - [2] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall on 9 March 1998 £12.00 plus key to Hall door £3.00
  - [3] M.C. Farnham Salary for March 1998 £183.82 plus;
    - [a] 12 weeks office rental £97.50
    - [b] expenses for the period 27 November 1997 to 9 March 1998 £32.91

#### **10. PLANNING**

- [a] Applications received from West Dorset District Council; Application No 1/W/1998/0091 Lower Walditch Development revisions to approved layout plots 1-21 and 115-120 [to include omission of plot 3 and new plot 119a. Application No 1/W/1998/0098 Land adjoining Hillside, Crock Lane Bothenhampton. Develop land by the erection of 3 No bungalows and construct new vehicular and pedestrian accesses.
- [b] Decisions by West Dorset District Council; Application No. 1/W/1997/0766 Wych Farm, Burton Road, Bothenhampton, erect agricultural barn. Planning permission granted. Application No. 1/W/1997/0749 Manor Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton, erect extension and make external and internal alterations. Listed building consent granted. Application No. 1/w/1997/750 Manor Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton, erect extension and make external and internal alterations. Planning permission granted.

### 11. REPORTS FROM;

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; Higher pavement Bothenhampton is in need of some weed clearance. The entrance to the Tennis Courts Walditch needs planting and there is water run off from the public footpath at the entrance.
- [b] Street Lighting; Light at Lake lane link footpath to Main Street still out.
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; Lower and Higher Walditch quiet.
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR.
- [e] John Holt Play Area; NTR.

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

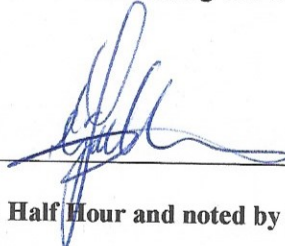
- [a] Dorset County Council; [1] Mobile Library Schedule for 1998/99.
- [b] From West Dorset District Council; [1] National Spring Clean, 1-30 April 1998. [2] Charity Collections [3] General Fund Revenue Budget 998/99.
- [c] Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils, Circular 8/98 1998 NALC National Conference, 9/98 South West Provincial Employers, Training for Parish Council Clerks November 1998, 10/98 Clerks Training Day 4 April 1998, 11/98 Royal Garden Party 1998 - DAPTC Allocation. March 1998 Newsletter. Agenda for Western Area Meeting 25 March 1998.
- [d] Dorset Community Action; [1] Regional Conference on Country Towns Regeneration 19 March 1998 Sherborne [2] Proposal to establish Transport Forum[s] in West Dorset [3] Village of the Year Newsletter.
- [e] Rural Development Commission, research findings, 1997 Survey of Rural Services.
- [f] Letter for Austen Whetham & Guest dated 5 March 1998 regarding the Lower Walditch Development.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

Date

21.4.98

ACTING  
Chairman



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

- [a] the ownership of Walditch Green
- [b] Planning Application concerning Hillside, Crock Lane, Bothenhampton
- [c] Reduction of private traffic to Tip since the opening of the Bulky Household Waste site in South Street, Bridport
- [d] New Play Area in Walditch