

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 12 October 1998 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.R.C.Batten [Chairman], Mr.G.Matthews [Vice-Chairman], Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.F.C.Botham, Mr.J.Challis Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 August 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Rear Admiral Pritchard, Mr.Yates, Mrs.Regan

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

- a] Letter received from Betterment Properties dated 28 September 1998 concerning the removal of trees, it was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged. Mr.Batten, Mr.Botham, Mr.Challis and Mr.Matthews should attend if at all possible.
- b] Community News Workshops.; Mrs.England reported that she unfortunately did not attend this workshop. Mr.Botham confirmed that he did attend the Village appraisal workshop and would report to the next meeting.
- c] New Seats, price list is still awaited.
- d] Bin at John Holt Play Area; the Clerk reported that he had taken this matter up with WDDC who said that if the bin was on the collection route it would be added to the schedule.
- e] Walditch Village Green; the Clerk reported that the draft reply circulated to all Councillors in reply to Mr.Stapletons resent letter had been sent as the only objection had been received from Mr.Hulbert.

**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. PROPOSED SPLIT OF THE PARISH**

Mr.Batten reported that he had been in contact with Rear Admiral Pritchard who has been back to the Review Panel and in any leaflet issued on this matter must include a financial statement of costs in having 2 Parish Councils. WDDC have offered to help, but due to problems within WDDC they are unable to help at this time. Further update at next meeting.

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

Nothing to report Rear Admiral Pritchard unable to attend meeting.

**7. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

1] Letter dated 23 October 1998 from Citizens Advice Bureau seeking finance assistance. This matter was discussed and it was proposed by Mr.Matthews that a grant of £100 be made, this was seconded by Mrs.Ball and agreed by all other Councillors.

## **8. FINANCE**

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Jim White Grass Cutting September 1998 £114.55
- [2] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall £13.00
- [3] SWEB electric for street lighting quarter 3 1998 £284.51
- [4] M.C.Farnham salary for October 1998 £193.83

## **9. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; None

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1998/0453 Glenderry, 9 Mountjoy, Bothenhampton, erect extensions, Planning Permission Granted. Application No 1/W/1998/0461, 7 Elwell, Bothenhampton, erect conservatory, Planning Permission Granted.

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; None

## **10. REPORTS**

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Mrs.England stated that nothing had still been done concerning the sight line at the junction of Burton Road and Wych Hill, she also reported on the fact that weeds are growing through the surface in Valley Road. Mrs.Ball reported that Old "Green Lane" is overgrown and surface is dangerous. The Clerk undertook to write to the Area Highways Manger on these matters.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; Work on wall done, Mr.Matthews reported that one of the trees was in an unsafe state and he had therefore arranged for some work to be carried out on it. This was approved by all the other Councillors.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Nantes and Wylde solicitors on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Cook who would not give their approval for access over land that they considered to be theirs.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

[a] WDDC; letter dated 21 September 1998 concerning refuse collection arrangements for Christmas and New Year. letter dated 5 October concerning the intention to adopt the West Dorset District Local Plan.

[b] DCC; Dorset Road Safety papers.

[c] DAPTC; None

[d] Letters from; Nante Wylde Solicitors' on behave of Mr. & Mrs. Cook dated 7 October 1998 concerning access to proposed new play area behind Uplands. Letter from Mr.Gundry dated 26 September 1998 concerning road damage in Walditch.

**12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

Quotations for the supply, decoration and erection of 4 No Notice Boards. The Clerk informed the meeting that 2 quotations for these notice boards were invited by Mr. Yates from 2 firms. The 2 quotations were opened;

Gardener & Young £644.00 plus vat

Earlyjoint £403.36 plus vat

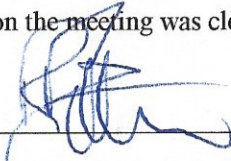
Proposed by Mr. Matthews that the quotation received from Earlyjoint should be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Challis and agreed by all other Councillors.

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

Date

9/11/98

Chairman



**MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

a) Mr. Fooks raised two items; 1] Closure of Tip is only 15 months away and still no progress on finding a permanent site. 2] Post Office is on the market, if sold as a private house it would need planning permission for change of use, had we received anything?

b) Mr. Stapleton read out a statement to the Parish Council on behalf of the Village Green occupiers and then gave a copy to Mr. Batten.