

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 11 June 2001 7.30pm.

Present:- Mr. Matthews [Chairman], Professor Eastham [Vice Chairman] Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Regan, Mr. Yates in attendance M.C. Farnham [Clerk] Rear Admiral Pritchard.

Mrs. England

1] MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14 May 2001, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs. Ball, Mr. Batten

3 MATTERS ARISING

1] No Ball Game notices for Walditch Green, Mr. Matthew confirmed that he had measured up the size of the posts on which these notices would be posted and suggested that four should be purchased. This was agreed by all the other Councillors and the clerk was instructed to arrange for these to be obtained.

2] Ramps for Walditch Village Hall, it was confirmed that these had been installed and used on the day of the general election.

3] Jellyfields Lower Walditch, WDDC are to carry out minor works, but any further works could well have to be done by some sort of joint funding.

4] Transport Meeting due to be held in the 24 May 2001 had been cancelled and will now be held on the 21 June 2001.

5] Housing Meeting, Mrs. England confirmed that she was unable to attend this meeting.

6] DATPC Western Area Meeting, Mrs. England reported that she had attended the last meeting of this group and request agreement that the November meeting be hosted by the Parish Council. Following a short discussion it was agreed by all Councillors that this was acceptable. Mrs. England to make necessary arrangements.

4 REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD

The Area Admiral confirmed that he had nothing to report in relation to the Parish Council. He did however confirm that WDDC have employed MORI to carry out a survey of 2,000 people in the area. Many of the matter raised did not necessarily come within the District Councils' area of responsibility. All the matter raised will be subject to a response from WDDC in the near future. WDDC are also carrying out a community planning initiative in accordance with Central government proposals. This is taking place in Dorchester with representatives from the Town Council and the District Council in connection with the Dorchester Local Plan. This could in time be introduced in all areas of West Dorset.

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 PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF BOTHENHAMPTON FOOTPATH 23

The Clerk referred to letter received from WDDC concerning the proposal to extinguish this footpath. It was agreed that copies should go to Professor Eastham and Mr.Batten.

7 NAMING OF NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF CROCK LANE BRIDPORT

The Clerk referred to a letter received from Parker Homes on the naming of thier new development. They had suggested "Plumbtree Gardens" . The name Plumbtree being the name of the family that used to live in Nordons House. Following a short discussion on the matter it was agreed to accept the name suggested.

8 WEBSITE FOR BOTHENHAMPTON

The Clerk referred to a letter received from Mr.E.Bird informing the Parish Council that a web site called www.bothenhampton.org.uk had been set up and inviting the Parish Council to allow then to include details of the Parish Council on it. Following a short discussion on this matter it was proposed by Mrs.Regan and seconded by Mr.Harrison that basic information should be provided. Suggestions on the information to be provided to be put to a future meeting for agreement. This was agreed by all the other Councillors.

9 PLANNING

- a] Applications received from WDDC; Application 1/W/2001/0728, 20 Howard Road, Bothenhampton, erect conservatory. Returned "no comments". Application 1/W/2001/0763, 11 Bowhayes, Bothenhampton, erect extension. Returned "no comments".
- b] Decisions by WDDC; Application 1/W/2001/0435 4A Nordens Crock Lane, Bothenhampton, install 3 No dormer windows, permission granted. Application 1/W/2001/0573, 7 Bowhayes, Bothenhampton, erect conservatory, permission granted..
- c] Applications received from DCC; None.
- d] Decisions by DCC; None.

10 FINANCE

- a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation.
- b] The following accounts were approved for payment.
 - [1] Poweguards, provision of ramps £1,004.63
 - [2] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall 11 June 2001 £12.00
 - [3] Jim White May grass cutting £145.00
 - [4] MC.Farnham Salary June 2001 £203.54 plus office rent £97.50 and expenses £21.85 total £322.89

Proposed by Mrs.Regan that these accounts should be paid and seconded by Mrs.England and agreed by all other Councillors.

11 REQUEST FOR GRANTS

None

12 REPORTS

[a] Footpaths & Roads; The Clerk referred to the matter of a meeting with a representative from Connect Road Operators and confirmed that he had been able to arrange for Mr. Dean to attend the August Parish Council meeting. This was felt to be too late and the Clerk was instructed to try and arrange an open meeting in July.

[b] Street Lighting; column out in Bowhayes & No8 in Main Street.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation & Open Spaces; Pony in nature reserve

[e] John Holt Play Area; litter bin has been returned, Wall repaired and more chipping are required. Mrs. Regan to obtain costings.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; NTR

[g] A35 Communities Initiative; Letter had been received from Hyder on the A30/A35/A31 Route Management Strategy first workshop report.

[h] Market & Coastal Town Initiative; Professor Estham attended the meeting held on the 15 May 2001. An open meeting needed to be held to come up with possible projects that could go forward for funding.

13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

[a] DCC; letter dated 14 May 2001 Foot & mouth & Rights of Way

[b] WDDC; Letter dated 16 May 2001 concerning the removal of cypress tree at 5 Hyde Cottages Walditch.

[c] letter from; Walditch Village Hall Committee thanking the Parish Council for its grant of £100 towards the ramps.

14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Clerk referred to a letter received from SEC Lighting Services concerning the maintenance of the Parish Street lights. They proposed a two-year contract at a cost of £1,164.19 per year. This is against an annual sum of approximately £350.00. Following a discussion on this matter the Clerk was instructed to contact DCC to see if they would be willing to add our street lights to be included in their contract. If necessary take this matter up with the DATPC.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.10pm

Date

9.7.01

Chairman

MATTER RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

[a] Seat under wall by church in Bothenhampton, Mr. Fflooks had carried out minor repairs.

[b] Smells coming from the Wessex Water treatment site in Burton Road

[c] Possible provision of new seat to mark the Queen's 50th jubilee?

[d] Has the notice board that used to be sited in Pasture Way been repaired?