

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 8 July 1996 7.30pm.

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mr.J.E.Mitchell, Mr.G.C.L.Warburton, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.R.Batten, Mrs.F.Ball, Mr.G.Matthews Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

In attendance: Cty & Dist Councillor Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 June 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

None

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Maintenance of Parish Notice Boards - The Clerk informed the meeting that the notice board outside the post office had been taken down by Mr.Ffooks who had carried out the necessary repairs and put it back up again. The Clerk also confirmed that he had a key to the notice board while the other one was being kept by Mr.Neville at the post Office.

It was proposed by Mrs.England and seconded by Mr.Matthews the Parish Council Thanks to Mr.Ffooks.

All the other notice boards in the Parish had been inspected and it was agreed that they are all in need of general repair and repainting.

[b] Maintenance of Parish Seats - All the Parish seats had been inspected and the only one in Walditch which was provided the Hyde Nursing Home is in good order and it was agreed that the future maintenance of this seat should be left with the Hyde Nursing Home. The seat in Pasture Way has no back and the seats at Bothenhampton Church are in need of repainting. It was also agreed that the provision of a seat at the John Holt play area should be put on the agenda for the August meeting.

[c] DAPTC -Mrs.England confirmed that the 1996 Carol Service will be held on the 17 December 1996.

[d] Planning Application No. 1/W/96/0293P-Part Garden Blossoms, Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton.

At the last meeting it was agreed that a site meeting between the Parish Council and WDDC should be arranged. The Clerk informed the meeting that this was not possible as site meetings on planning matters are usually on the recommendation of the Officers of the District Council and a representative from the Parish would be invited to attend. The Clerk confirmed the points that had been raised, it was also agreed that the Clerk should let Mr.Matthews have a copy of the application etc. so that he may arrange to see the other Bothenhampton Councillors.

[e] Lower Walditch Development - The Clerk informed the meeting that WDDC have confirmed with Mr.Salt that the section 106 agreement had been agreed with one small minor amendment and had requested a meeting with the Parish Council. This meeting had been arranged for 10.00am on Wednesday 10 July 1996 at Mountfields Bridport. Mr.Botham, Mr.Batten and Mr.Hulbert will be attending. Mr.Matthews had been invited to attend as the Parish Councils' conservation expert, put was unable to on the day in question.

4. ACCESS TO PARISH MEETINGS

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been onto DAPTC and Mr. Hyde has informed him that the only people that has the right of access to Parish meeting are those on the elector roll and the press. A new notice stating the date and time of Parish meeting has been put together, the contents of which were agreed.

5. YOUTH PARISH COUNCILS

The Clerk referred the meeting the papers sent out with the agenda on the setting up of a Youth Parish Council so the youth of the area have a way to raise their concerns in a constructive way and not that experienced at last Parish Council meeting. Mr. Blythe remembered that this matter had been raised before but not taken up. Following a general discussion on the way forward it was agreed that Mr. Batten would produce a notice suggesting that a Youth Parish Council should be set up, for approval at the next Parish Council.

6. 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.

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

Rear Admiral Pritchard informed the meeting that the Bulky Household Waste application had been approved for a further 1 year. As regard to the Broomhill site no planning application has been forthcoming from BFI. It is understood the Highway Agency is not happy with the suggestion of a roundabout to feed the site entrance but would allow slip roads to service the railway line etc. They are also not happy about the siting of the Bulky Household Waste site at Broomhill. The question of speeding traffic along Main Street in Bothenhampton had been raised in the democratic half hour. He suggested that those that do speed are locals that know the area and that is why the speed. We could put up as many signs as we wanted but they are not likely to have much effect and would also make the area very unsightly. He did suggest that we should ask the County Council to consider that provision on road marking either side of the church hall as a way forward.

8. BRADFORD PEVERELL PARISH COUNCIL-PROVISION OF PLAYING FIELDS

The letter received from Bradford Peverell Parish Council which was sent with the agenda was discussed and while the provision of playing fields with new developments is desirable our recent experience would indicate that this provision needs to meet the needs of all ages i.e. not just the 3 to 14 age group. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply stating the above.

9. CRITICAL CARE APPEAL-PHASE 2 WEST DORSET HOSPITAL

This matter was discussed and it was proposed by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Matthews that a donation of £75.00 should be made to this appeal.

10. FINANCE

[a] The Clerk informed the meeting that Audit for the year ended 31 March 1996 will take place at the District Audit Office at Colliton House, Dorchester on Monday 5 August 1996 and the accounts etc. will be available for inspection at the Clerks' home between the 15 July to 2 August 1996 by appointment with the Clerk. Notices have been posted in Walditch and Bothenhampton.

[b] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation.

[c] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Hire of Bothenhampton Hall £11.00
- [2] Connect South West Routine Maintenance of Street Lighting £401.97
- [3] Jim White June account for Grass Cutting etc. £114.55
- [4] Mr.R.Ffooks repairs to notice board £25.00
- [5] SWEB Street Lighting energy costs £288.20

11. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC;

[1] Application No. 1/W/96/0360F-DEL 8 Bowhayes, Bothenhampton, erect extension to roof. This had been passed to Mrs.Ball for comment. Mrs.Ball informed the that she had spoken to other occupiers in Bowhayes and no objections had been raised. Application form was returned stating that we had no objections to the development.

[2] Application No. 1/W/96/0361F-DEL 2 Manor Barn, Bothenhampton, construct new bay window to front elevation. This had been passed to Mr.Mitchell for comment. Mr.Mitchell reported to the meeting that he had spoken to other occupiers in Manor Barn and only one objection had been raised in connection to a covenant attached to the properties. Also the plan attached to the application not only showed the new bay window but also the construction of an extension to the kitchen, which did cause some concern. The application was returned stating the following. [1] The written application and the notice on the gate of No 2 Manor Barn only quotes the development as the construction of a new bay window to the front elevation. However, the plan submitted with the application also shows a kitchen extension. The Parish Council assume that a further application will be needed for this extension.[2] We have been informed by one occupier that under a covenant,attached to these properties that in cases of proposed development to any of the properties the neighbour each side should be informed of the proposed development in writing before planning permission is sought. This we understand did not take place in this case. The question that has been raised is " would this make the application invalid". We would be pleased to receive a reply to the above points.

[3] Application No. 1/W/96/0360 OR Land at Lower Walditch Lane, Bothenhampton, erect 116 houses and construct estate roads. This was passed to Mr.Botham for comment. Mr.Botham reported that he had meeting with Mr.Batten and Mr.Hulbert concerning this application and a number of points had been identified, these were discussed and Mr.Botham confirmed that he would reply direct to WDDC and let the Clerk have a copy of his reply.

[b]. Decisions by WDDC;

[1] Application No. 1/W/94/349 8 Uplands, Walditch, erect cattery, minor amendments approved.

[2] Application No. 1/W/96/0247P Land off Lake Lane, Bothenhampton, erection of 4 No. bungalows and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access.

[3] Application No. 1/W/96/0253F 9 Mountjoy, Bothenhampton, erect single storey extension.

12. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; reported by Mrs.Ball to the Clerk that a Black Mini Car Reg. HOD 555Y had been parked in Crock Lane for some time and local people are concerned. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to PC.Jenkins who would deal with the matter. Mrs.Ball also reported that Post No. J8 which has overhead services on it was splitting. The Clerk undertook to see if he could find out who was responsible for the post so that it could be inspected for possible repairs.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch;. Crime List 1996 Mr.Hulbert needs to be added as the Co-ordinator for Lower Walditch.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

13. CORRESPONDENCE;

[a] WDDC; The following letter were received, the contents of which were noted.

[1] Minutes of the Bridport Area Forum Meeting held on the 16 April 1996.

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

[1] Committee for Rural Dorset, Second Annual Conference 22 July 1996.

[2] Dorset's Heritage Summer 1996 Newsletter.

[c] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted, 22/96 [Section 137 Local Government Act. 1972 "Free Resource"], 24/96 [Borrowing Approval with effect from 1 April 1997], 25/26 [Briefings on Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996],26/96 [The Audit & Accounts Regulations 1996, The Responsible Financial Officer]. June Newsletter, copy sent with agendas. Letter concerning the retirement of County Secretary Mr.J.Hyde. NALC Legal Consultancy Service.

[d] Letter from Bothenhampton Residents Association, concerning their response to the presentation by BFI at their general meeting.

[e] Letter from Citizens' Advice Bureau, application for Financial Assistance 1996/97.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

[a] Clerks Probationary Period of Employment - The Clerk informed the meeting that in his contract of employment it is stated that the first 26 weeks from the 1 January 1996 was a probationary period. The Clerk stated that this period would be at an end on the 8 July 1996 and requested confirmation that his employment was now permanent.

It was proposed by Mr.Botham and seconded by Mr.Blythe that the Clerk had successfully completed his probationary period and that his employment was now permanent. This was agreed by all the Councillors.

[b] Clerks Salary - The Clerk informed the meeting that the National Joint Council had agreed an increase of 2.9% for Local Council Clerks salary as from the 1 April 1996, details of which had been sent out with the agenda. The Clerk requested confirmation that his salary would be increased in accordance with this agreement from the 1 April 1996 from £2,042.04 to £2,100.28 per annum.

It was proposed by Mr.Blythe and seconded by Mr.Matthews that the increased should be awarded. This was agreed by all Councillors.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Date 9/9/96 Chairman 