

MINUTES OF THE BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WALDITCH ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 2006 AT 7 PM.

Present: Alan Stenning (Chair), Geoff Matthews (Vice Chairman), Mrs Dorothy England, Bob Dennis, David Stubbs. In attendance: Chris Dobbs (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Ron Coatsworth DCC, Karl Wallace Parish Councillor.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council held on Monday 8th May were accepted as a true record of the Meeting and duly signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

Bob Dennis indicated that he was unable to attend the Highways Meeting on 20th July.

4. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR.

At 7.05 pm, the Meeting was adjourned to enable members of the public to air their views on matters of local interest. At 7.13 pm the meeting re-convened to complete the Council's agenda there being no further matters raised.

5. REPORT BY WDDC COUNCILLOR FOR BOTHENHAMPTON.

David Tett emphasised the concern of WDDC re the planned closure of village libraries, particularly Burton Bradstock. DCC want total savings of £20m over next 3 years, with £850,000 cut for library services. Parish Council to consider matter at next Meeting.

6. REPORT BY DCC COUNCILLOR FOR WALDITCH.

No Report.

7. REPORT BY DCC COUNCILLOR.

Apologies given by Ron Coatsworth. No Report.

8. PLANNING.

a) Applications received from WDDC/DCC.

12 Bowhayes 1/W/06/000783

60 Crock Lane 1/W/06/000829

77 Crock Lane 1/W/06/000889

27 Maple Gardens 1/W/06/000936

10 Marsh Gate 1/W/06/000942

Home Farmhouse 1/W/06/001006

Vodafone mast pre Planning Letter distributed to Parish Councillors.

b) Decisions by WDDC/DCC etc.

Hyde Barn Cottage - Application of lawfulness of an existing use - Refused

75 Crock Lane - revised plans approved 1/W/06/000087.
Cemetery Lodge - 1/W/06/000673 - Approved
Blueberry Hill Farm, Walditch - breach of planning control. Enforcement Case Closed.
Hyde Farmhouse, Walditch - further investigation to be carried out by Enforcement Officer.

9. FINANCE

A] Finance Statement of Account as at 31 May 2006 - £12,346.86.

B] Accounts for Payment.

796 - Grass Cutting £960.85.

796 - Insurance £361.52

797 - Electricity Account (Lighting) £550.57

798 - Electricity (DCC Maintenance of Lamp posts) £613.16.

799 - Clerk's Salary May - £314.21

800 - Income Tax £88.62.

10. PARISH MATTERS.

1)

Land Registry:-

i) Clerk instructed to arrange collection of deeds from Solicitor.

ii) To request that Land Registry staff initiate registration process for the four areas owned by Parish Council

2)

DCC Road Markings & Playground Signs

DCC Highways confirmed that the central warning line and 'slow' road markings in Old Church Road adjacent to Briarswood House have now been ordered and should be in place within the next couple of months or so.

Re the signing of John Gundry Play Area.

A site meeting was arranged for Alan Stenning to meet David Gillett (from DCC Traffic and Safety Management), on Wednesday 21 June at 11.00 a.m.

3)

Clerk to attend Seminar at Dorchester on Tuesday 13 June from 1000 - 1600.

4)

Parish Seminar Newsletter:

to include Parish Pack Project,

Telephone Box

For presentation At July Meeting.

5)

Internal Audit 2005/2006 + Risk Assessment Report.

Clerk instructed to prepare for Internal Audit.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Information re telephone boxes. Bothenhampton to stay, Walditch to become cashless.

2. Letter distributed from Open Spaces Society - no action taken.
3. South West Regional Assembly. Questionnaire for distribution to Parish Councillors.
4. Spatial Strategy for SW. Distributed to Parish Councillors.
5. DAPTC Newsletter for May 2006 distributed to each Councillor.
6. Library Service - Clerk requested to draft a letter expressing concern re proposed closures.
7. Seminar on Highway Maintenance. No Parish Councillor able to attend on 20th July.
8. Letter from Oliver Letwin to Mrs Milson of Walditch who has concerns re overgrown strip of land adjacent to her bungalow. Peggy England to follow up informally in the first instance.
9. Information re Chairman's Seminar on 5 July 2006 passed on to Chairman.

The next Meeting will be held in Bothenhampton Village Hall on Monday 10 July commencing at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR.

Concerns were expressed re

- (1) Drain in Walditch Road.
- (2) Entrance obscured by high hedge at junction of A35 and Walditch Road
- (3) Hedge on land owned by WDDC needs trimming in Lower Walditch Road.

Discussion about Parish Plan for Bothenhampton and Walditch, and the need to find a person in each village to develop local research. John Ghay a local writer in Walditch was mentioned by a resident.

Dorset Trading Standards have put the cold calling scheme on the back burner - may be reviewed in the Autumn.