

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 8 October 2001 7.30pm.

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

1 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council did not have the full number of Parish Councillors. Mrs.Regan therefore proposed that Mrs.Jean Clements who had indicated her willingness to be a Councillor should be co-opted onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Mr.Matthews and agreed by all other Councillors. Mrs.Clements was therefore duly co-opted on the Parish Council.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 September 2001 having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed, with the following amendment. Item 3 [1] second form last sentence should read " The address only of the Clerk to be given so that matters are not addressed to him., plus the date and location of future monthly meetings".

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs.Ball, Mr.Batten

4 MATTERS ARISING

1] The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a reply from the County Council concerning the Highway Matters within the Parish. The areas mentioned were as follows; Long Lane, the Green Lane between Main Street and Long Lane, Hollow Way and Crock Lane and Lower Walditch Lane. The contents of this letter were noted.

2] The Clerk referred to a letter received from Connect Road Operators concerning Sea Road South [A35 Trunk Road] and the Parish Councils' request for an additional pedestrian crossing. They did confirm that while the major resurfacing works are being carried out the timing of the existing crossing would be altered. They would also undertake the necessary works to the sight lines at the junction of Walditch Lane and East Road.

3] Mrs.Regan raised the question of providing a copy of "National Code of Local Government Conduct for Parish Councillors" for each Councillor. The Clerk was instructed to obtain the required copies.

5 REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD

Rear Admiral Pritchard confirmed that Central Government were to issue a revised code of conduct for all Councillors and that the document used by WDDC Councillors could be of use to Parish Councillors. He also reported that some work had been carried out in the area called "Jellyfields". DCC will be taking over responsibility for the area. Also the adjacent landowner has been asked if they would like to use part of the area for greasing.

6. REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Mr.COATSWORTH

Mr.Coatsworth reported that the study of the St.Andrew Road site for the waste transfer station is still on going. He also confirmed that he had writing to Oliver Letwin the local PM and the Highway Agency concerning the provision of an additional pedestrian crossing in Sea Road South. The Highway Agency had confirmed that this request could not be provided, but that pedestrian access would be improved.

14. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths & Roads; hedge cutting had taken place in Cock Lane, but no clearing up afterwards appeared to have taken place.

[b] Street Lighting; The lights reported out in Crock Lane do not appear to have been attended too.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR but it was suggested that this could be an item to include on the Parish Web Page.

[d] Conservation & Open Spaces; Jellyfields, Professor Eastham agreed to be the Parish representative on the management group proposed by Rear Admiral Pritchard. Open Space Howard Road Professor Asthma reported that he was still awaiting details from WDDC on the minimum standards for this area, before the Parish Council could agree to take over the responsibility for this area.

[e] John Holt Play Area; NTR

[f] New Walditch Play Area; The new play area in Upper Walditch had been discussed under item 9 above. In the democratic half hour the land owned by Bridport Town Council in Lower Walditch was raised and it was agreed that this should be included on the agenda for the October meeting.

[g] A35 Communities Initiative; NTR

[h] Market & Coastal Town Initiative; Mr. Harrison gave out copies of the agenda of the September meeting and confirmed that the next meeting will be held on the 8 November 2001.

15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

[a] DCC; Passenger Transport News letter dated August 2001.

[b] WDDC; letter dated 6 September 2001 concerning the cutting down of Leyland Cypress Trees at Ernwell, Old Church Road, Bothenhampton.

[c] 2 letters of thanks for grants. One from Bradpole Church Pre-School, the other from Women's Royal Voluntary Service. Letter from Bridport Town Council received 6 September 2001 concerning the Bridport Community Planning Group to be held on the 6 September 2001.

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

Date

8/10/01

Chairman

MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

[1] Confirmation that the residents in the Development in Lower Walditch had formed the "Valley View Residents Society" and could we send them the agenda of the monthly meetings as we currently do for the Bothenhampton Residents Association.

[2] Possible provision of Play Area in the Lower Walditch Development on land owned by Bridport Town Council.

[3] Play area in Upper Walditch