

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 9 August 1999 7.30pm.

Those present for the monthly meeting were:- Mr.R.Batten [Chairman] Mr.G.Matthews [Vice Chairman], Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.Yates, Mrs.Ball, Mrs.Regan, Professor Eastham Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk] In attendance, Rear Admiral Pritchard.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12 July 1999, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr.Batten, who was unfortunately delayed and did not turn up until near the end of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Highway work to Main Street etc. following closure of Tip, the Clerk reported that the County Council will arrange for the area to be inspected once the Tip has closed and any necessary work to be put in hand.

b) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the County Council on the matter of the up grading of footpath No14 to a Bridleway.

c) Ball Games on Walditch Green, the Clerk reported that Rear Admiral Pritchard on written to Mr.Batten on this matter and that it was his intention to put this on the agenda for the September meeting which is to be held in Walditch.

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

The Rear Admiral gave out copies of his letter that he had sent to the Chairman and stated that this matter could not wait until the next meeting and that this matter needs to be discussed and decided as soon as possible.

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. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

The Clerk referred to the letter from "The Dorset Bobby Appeal" copies of which had been sent to all Councillors. Following a short discussion on this matter Mrs.Regan proposed a donation of £400, this was not seconded by any of the other Councillors. Mrs.England proposed that the Parish Council invite a representative from the appeal to attend a future meeting to give a talk on the work carried out. This was seconded by Mr.Matthews and agreed by all other Councillors.

7. FINANCE

- [a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation
- [b] The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - [1] M.C.Farnham Salary for August 1999 £193.83
 - [2] WDDC Election fees £50.00
 - [3] Bothenhampton Church Hall, hire of hall for August meeting £13.00
 - [4] Jim White Grass Cutting July 1999 £114.55
 - [5] Neptune Outdoor Furniture Ltd. £838.95

8. PLANNING

- [a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application No 1/W/1999/0418 Church Hall, Main Street, Bothenhampton, erect metal gates & railings to existing wall. Application 1/W/1999/0441 Wychside, Burton Road, Bothenhampton, erect 6 houses together with associated garages. Construct new vehicular & pedestrian access. Application 1/W/1999/0445, 18 Crock Lane, Bothampton, erect garden shed. Application 1/W/1999/0456 Land adjoining allotment gardens, Walditch Road, Walditch. Change of use of land from plantation to Children's Play Area.
- [b] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1998/0735, land at Lower Walditch Lane. Approval of reserved matters 1/W/96/0370 – Amendment of P.A. 1/W/96/0370 delete plots 4, 11, 12, 26 alter open space provision and erect 4 dwellings with new vehicular & pedestrian access. Application 1/W/1999/0274 Land opposite Blossoms, Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton, erect 1 cottage & double garage, construct new vehicular & pedestrian access. Permission refused.
- [c] Applications received from DCC; None
- [d] Decisions by DCC; None

9. REPORTS

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; NTR
- [b] Street Lighting; Column No 9 Main Street Bothenhampton No 13 Bowhayes are not working.
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR
- [e] John Halt Play Area; Mrs Regan reported that part of the wall needs urgent repairs and it was agreed by all Councillors that Mrs. Regan could arrange for the necessary repairs to be carried out.
- [f] New Walditch Play Area; NTR

10. CORRESPONDENCE

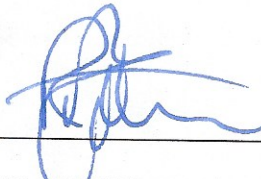
- [a] DDC; Letter dated 12 July 1999 concerning Millennium Church Services. Letter dated 20 July 1999 concerning Parish Transport Representative. Letter 9 August 1999 concerning Highway Matters.
- b] WDDC; Letter dated 26 July 1999 concerning enhancing Publicity for Planning Applications in the Western Area. Letter dated 5 August 1999 concerning Tree Preservation Order 1990 Oak Tree at Plot 18 Valley View Walditch. Bridport Area Forum notes of June meeting.
- c] Letters from; Letter dated 123 July 1999 from Mr. Fooks concerning the provision of new seats. Letter dated 14 July 1999 from Mr. Gundry concerning the new play area in Walditch. Letter dated 22 July 1999 from Real Admiral Pritchard concerning Walditch Village Green, After much discussion on this matter a vote was taken. Mr. Matthews proposed that signs "No Ball Games Please" should be erected on the green and Letters should be sent to all those living around the green informing them of the action to be taken should be sent. This was seconded by Mrs. England. The vote was 4 for the proposal and none against. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for temporary notices to be put up while permanent ones are purchased and to send necessary letters.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Quotations for work at John Holt Play Area. The Clerk informed the meeting that as instructed he had invited 2 quotations for the provision of bark under the play equipment. He confirmed that He had asked both firms to sent in their quotations in the addressed envelopes provided by the 9 August 1999. He also confirmed that he had only received one reply and this was then opened. Following a short discussion on this matter it was proposed by Mrs.Regan to accept Jim Whites quotation the provision of 15cu metres of bark etc. at a cost of £335.00. This was seconded by Mrs.Ball and agreed by all the other Councillors.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Date 13/9/99 Chairman _____



MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

- a) Hedge at entrance to Uplands had been cut allowing high-sided vehicles access.
- b) A35 – hedge at the junction of A35 and Walditch Lane needs cutting back.
- c) When will the Black & White posts going to be provided out side the Real Tennis Court?
- d) Planning applications for the new playing fields and development of Barn Hayes.
- e) Delay in the opening of the new sub-post office in Bothenhampton due to problems of pedestrian access