

## **Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 9 April 2001 7.30pm.**

Those present for the monthly meeting were:- Mr.G.Matthews [Chairman], Mr.T.Yates, Mr.A.Harrison, Mrs. England, 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 March 2001, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Mr.R.Batten, Mrs.Ball, Professor Eastham, Mrs.Regan

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

a] Highway Matters, the Clerk reported that nothing had happened in regard to these items and that he would write to the Area Highways Manager.

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

The Rear Admiral confirmed that WDDC had now received their copy of the Wych Farm planning application. This will go before the next Planning Committee. When the Parish Council put forward the objections to this application they should concentrate on the environmental aspects. The traffic issues should not be used as the main reasons for not allowing this development.

### **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. PLANNING**

[a] Applications received from WDDC; Application No 1/W/2001/0435 4A Nordens, Crock Lane, Bothenhampton, Install 3No dormer windows. Returned "no comments".

[d] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/2001/0123 89 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton, demolish existing garage & erect new double garage, permission granted. Application 1/W/2001/0222, 11 Pasture Way, Bothenhampton, erect wall, permission granted.

[c] Applications received from DCC; Waste Management Centre[ C A Site & Waste Transfer Facility] new access, Wych Farm, Burton Road, Bothenhampton. Mr.Matthews reported on the open meeting held on the 30 March 2001. Following a general discussion on the environmental reasons for objection to this application, it was proposed by Mrs.England to oppose this application because of the environmental damage it would cause, this was seconded by Mr.Yates and agreed by all the other Councillors. It was also agreed that Mr.Matthews and Mr.Yates should meet to agree the wording of the Parish Councils reply.

[d] Decisions by DCC; None

## **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 April £203.54
  - [2] Hire of Church Hall Bothenhampton for open meeting on the 30 March £6.50 and Monthly Parish Meeting on the 9 April 2001 £13.00
  - [3] SWEB £283.74
  - [4] Hire of Village Hall Walditch for Monthly Parish Meeting on the 12 February 2001 £15.00

Proposed by Mr.Yates that these accounts should be paid and seconded by Mrs.Ball and agreed by all other Councillors.

## **8. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

The Clerk referred to a letters received from Mrs.Pullen, the Secretary of Walditch Village Hall, requesting help towards the purchase of ramps to the hall to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act 1985. Mrs.Pullen confirmed that the cost of providing suitable ramps was 855.00 plus VAT. A letter from WDDC confirmed that if the ramps were available for the County Council elections then they would fund 50% of the net cost. WDDC also suggested that if the Parish Council purchased the ramps then the VAT could be reclaimed. Following a short discussion on this matter it was proposed by Mr.Yates that the Parish purchase the ramps and make a financial contribution of £100, with the balance being funded by the grant from WDDC and £327.50 from the Village Hall. This was seconded by Mrs.England and agreed by all the other Councillors.

## **9. REPORTS**

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; Mr.Yates gave a short report on behalf of Mrs.Regan concerning the proposed rebuilding of the A35 Sea Road South meeting that took place on the 28 March 2001. Work is scheduled to take 4 weeks later in the year. Further meeting to be held on the 16 May 2001. Surface of Burton Road is breaking up with a lot of pot holes. Hedge to the right of Wych Hill turning onto Burton Road needs cutting back.
- [b] Street Lighting; Column 8 Main Street out, Column 13 Crock Lane on/off
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR.
- [e] John Halt Play Area; NTR
- [f] New Walditch Play Area; The clerk reported on behalf of Mr.Batten that once the Foot & Mouth situation has improved it was his intention to hold a open meeting in the Village concerning the is area.
- [g] A35 Communities Initiative; The clerk referred to the letter dated 10 March 2001 received from the secretary of the group. The Parish Council had already commented on the document produced by CPRE. As regard a finance contribution towards the running of the group, Mr.Matthews proposed £25.00 this was seconded by Mrs.England and agreed by all the other Councillors.
- [h] Market & Coastal Town Initiative; The Clerk referred to the report form Professor Eastham sent out with the agenda and a letter dated 13 March 2001 received from Bridport Town Council. Following a short discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Bridport Town Co-ordinator should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting and give a presentation on the current situation.



## 15. CORRESPONDENCE

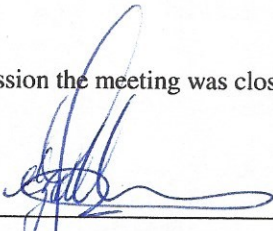
[a] DDC; Letter dated 22 March 2001, publication of the pre-deposit consultation on waste planning issues. Letter dated 30 March 2001, bus service change. Letter dated 30 March 2001 best value performance plan 2001/02.

[b] WDDC; Letter dated 14 March 2001 tree surgery 2 St. Ronans Court, Asker Mead Bridport. Letter dated 16 March 2001, changes to Parish/Town Councils speaking at subcommittees. Letters dated 27 & 28 March and 4 April 2001, street naming & numbering. Letter dated 3 April 2001, best value performance plan 2001. Letter dated 5 April 2001 periodic electoral review of electoral arrangements in West Dorset District. List of Development Services Division meetings for 2001/02

[c] Letters from; Letter dated 19 March 2001 from the Department of Trade & Industry on the future of the post office network. Letter dated 21 March 2001 from SEC concerning new contact number for the maintenance of the Parish Council streetlights. Letter dated 3 April 2001 from Oliver Letwin MP meeting on Foot & Mouth Dorchester 17 April 2001. Copy of letter dated 9 April 2001 to WDDC from Bothenhampton Association concerning the Wych Farm proposed development.

Mr. Matthews thanks Rear Admiral Pritchard our Dorset County Council Local Member for all his work on behalf on the Parish Council, as this should be the last meeting he attends before the County Council elections in May 2001.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

Date 14.5.2001 Chairman 

### **MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

**Mr. Ffooks;**

**a) The Residents Association has responded to DCC on the planning application for the waste transfer station.**

**b) Traffic speed through Bothenhampton Village.**