

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Thursday 18 May 2000 @ 7.30pm.

Present:- Mr. Matthews [Chairman], Mrs. England, Mrs. Ball, Professor Eastham, in attendance
M.C. Farnham [Clerk] Rear Admiral Pritchard, Ms. S. Sutton [Bridport Town Council Co-ordinator]

1] MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 25 May 1999, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2 APOLOGIES

Mr. Batten, Mrs. Regan, Mr. Yates

3 MATTERS ARISING

None

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 1999/2000

My thanks to Mr. Batten for all his work over the last three years. At long last the Tip in Bothenhampton was about to close, my thanks also to Rear Admiral Pritchard and to Mr. Fooks of the Bothenhampton Resident Association for their help and in relation to this and other matters. The Post Office has now reopened and on behalf of the village I thank Mr. & Mrs. Regan for making this happen, we must now use it. The matter on the new play area for Walditch has still to be finalised and I hope that this will happen shortly. The way forward concerning the exiting problem of the surface water drainage that runs from the road under the John Holt play area has still not been agreed, hopefully WDDC will be able to deal with this with the River Authority in the near future.

5 REPORT BY CTY & DIST COUNCILLER REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD

As already stated the Tip will close shortly, and the search is now on for a new site. In the meantime any additional costs in transporting the household rubbish incurred by WDDC will be met by the contractor. The Central Government view on Local Government including Parish Councils is that they would not wish to see them disappear, but have their powers strengthened.

6 REPORT FROM BOTHENHAMPTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Fooks on behalf of the association reported the following; it had been a relatively quiet year for them. Membership had held up, fluctuating around 100 households. The most notable event was the Tip closure, celebrated in fine style on the 6 May 2000. This has brought great relief to those living in Main Street and Long Lane. We were delighted to have the two new seats installed and paid for by the Parish Council, as well as the provision of the grit bin placed on the slope at Chestnut Road. Attendance at the Parish Council meeting and the Bridport Area Forum had been good, and we have tried to keep a watchful eye on building developer activities. We are appreciative of the co-operation received from the Parish Council on matters of concern to the village. But are not so happy with the new notice boards, which are made of such hard plywood it is almost impossible to pin notices on them.

7 FINANCE STATEMENT 1999/2000

Opening balance Capital Reserve Acc	£7,581.18
Opening balance Current Account	£1,118.18
Total	£8,699.36

Expenditure to 31 March 2000

Hire of Halls	£174.50	Opening Balances	£8,699.13
Clerk Salary plus expenses	£2,533.50	Precept	£17,245.00
Office Rent	£390.00	Bank interest	£328.41
Street Lighting energy costs etc	£1,212.85	VAT to be reclaimed	£501.24
Grass cutting etc	£801.85	Total	£26,774.01
John Holt Play Area Maintenance	£896.81		
Grants	£2,350.00		
DAPTC fees	£338.85		
A35 Committee	£50.00		
Course fees	£14.00		
Open Space Society	£35.00		
Solicitors fees	£11.75		
Insurance	£124.73		
New Noticeboards	£473.94		
New Seats	£838.95		
Bridport Town Council Allotments	-£5.00		
Planning Application	£85.00		
Election costs	£50.00		
Grit Bin	£88.13		
Estimated carry forward to0001	£16,299.15		
Total	£26,774.01		

8 PRESENTATION OF THE "BRIDPORT REGENERATION STRATEGY

Ms.Sutton Birdport Town Council Co-ordinator gave a very lively and interesting presentation of the regeneration strategy that Bridport Town Council hope will result in many thousands of pounds being spend in the Bridport Area for the benefit of all concerned.

9 OPEN FORUM

The following matters were raised [a] was this the first step by Bridport Town Council to take over all the surrounding Parish Councils. [b] When is it likely that Main Street and Longs Lane will have repair work carried out on them [c] It the new tip likely to be located in the Bridport area

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.45pm

Date

31.5.01

Chairman

