

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 9 September 1996 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.R.Batten, Mr.G.Matthews, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

In attendance: Cty & Dist Councillor Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21 August 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed with the following addition to item 3[b] "the clerk to take up the matter again with the Highway Authority".

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.Warburton and Mr.J.E.Mitchell

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] Chairmanship Course, it was agreed that Mr.Botham should attend this course on the 22 October 1996 at a cost of £5.00

[b] Lower Walditch Lane, Mr.Hulbert reported that the Police would not help in stopping the speeding traffic along the lane by Manorfields, he would therefore monitor the situation before going back to the Police.

[c] Parking A35 to mini-roundabout, the Clerk was asked to write to Bridport Town Council for their views and to also write to DCC again to see if they are able to help.

[d] Clerks Training Day, it was agreed that the Clerk should attend this course on the 26 October 1996 at a cost of £17.50

[e] Youth in the Community Seminar, it was agreed that Mr.Botham, Mrs.Ball, Mrs.England and Mr.Batten should attend this free Seminar on the 8 November 1996.

[f] The Clerk informed the meeting that he would not be able to attend the Computer demonstration on the 13 September at Ferndown, and that he would ask the company to sent him more details, therefore the special meeting arranged for the 16 September was cancelled.

**4. 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.

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

No further news was available on the resiting of the Bulky Household Waste site, however, the new Committe has meet to progree this matter under the Chairmanship of Mr.Hutchinson the curretn County Surveyor. He was keeping Rear Admiral Pritchard up to date on progress, they are currently looking at a number of possible sites and news may be made available at the end of the month.



Rear Admiral Pritchard was pleased to inform the meeting that signs will be shortly going up along the A35 Sea Road South directing drivers to the Crown roundabout and up West Bay Road to the supermarket. Also the fencing will hopefully be erected within the next couple of months.

#### **6. LOWER WALDITCH DEVELOPMENT**

This item had been put onto the agenda as WDDC indicated that they had sent a "Management Document" to Mr.Botham, this had still not been received and Mr.Botham undertook to contact Mr.Carman at WDDC and request a copy.

#### **7. PROVISION OF NEW SEAT AT THE JOHN HOLT PLAY AREA ETC.**

The Clerk circulated the 2 booklets received to date, it was agreed that this matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting when the other booklets requested by the Clerk has been received.

#### **8. WALDITCH CHURCH GRANTS**

This item refers to the letter received from Mr.K.Abel requesting a grant towards the cost of the clearing the extension to the churchyard. Mr.Botham declared an interest and Mr.Matthews took the chair. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Council normally makes a grant of £300 per year. It was proposed by Mrs.England and seconded by Mr.Batten that this should be increased this year to £500 all agreed.

The Clerk also informed the meeting of his investigations to the money set aside for possible expenses in connection with the purchase of Walditch Church Hall, as this matter was raised on the democratic half hour at the last meeting. He confirmed that the sum of £2000 had been held in reserve for these expenses, once solicitors had been instructed they had provided an estimate of £730.00 of which the Council had paid fees totalling £471.25. The Council has also agreed to grant to the trust set up by Mr.Scott of up to 50% of the cost of legal fees incurred by the trust up to a maximum of £350.00. This would make a total of £821.25. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs.Pullen explaining the situation and to confirm that once the Trust has taken over the church hall they are very welcome to apply for further financial assistance.

#### **10. FINANCE**

[a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall
- [2] Jim White August account for Grass Cutting etc. £114.55
- [3] M.C.Farnham Salary & Expenses 2rd Quarter £666.37
- [4] DAPTC Chairmanship Course £5.00 Clerk Training Course £17.50

#### **10. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; NTR

[b]. Decisions by WDDC;

- [1] Application No.1/W/96/0405F 5 Mount Joy Bothenhampton, construct pitched roof to existing flat roof section.
- [2] Application No.1/W/96/0417F 48 Crock Lane Bothenhampton, erect single storey extension.



## 11. REPORTS

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; NTA but some of the problems reported to the last meeting are still outstanding.
- [b] Street Lighting; NTA
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch;. NTA
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTA

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE;

- [a] WDDC; The following letter were received, the contents of which were noted.
  - [1] Countyside & Conservation Grant Scheme 1996/97
  - [2] Home Energy Consevation Act 1996
  - [3] PLANT Nwesletter
- [b] DCC; The following letter was received, the contents of which was noted.
  - [1] A30/A35 Exeter to Bere Regis 30 year management contract.
- [c] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted,
  - Sept. Newsletter, 29/96 [Proposed Audit Fee Rate for 1996/97 Accounts, 30/96 [Telephone Boxes]
  - 31/96 [Chairmanship Course] 32/96[Clerks Training Day].
- [d] Environment Agency Customer Charter
- [e] Letter from Mrs.Ball requesting a grant towards the cost of holding an Arts and Crafts Flower Festival in Bothenhampton Church in July 1997.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Date 14/10/96 Chairman 