

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 11 August 1997 7.30pm.

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

In attendance; Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND/OR VICE CHAIRMAN

Following the resignation of the Chairman Mr.Blythe at the end of the last meeting the Clerk opened the meeting by requesting nominations for the post of Chairman. Mrs.England proposed Mr.Batten, this was seconded by Mrs.Ball, no other nominations were proposed. Therefore Mr.Batten was duly elected to the post of Chairman. As Mr.Batten held the post of Vice Chairman, the Clerk requested nominations for this post. Mr.Batten proposed Mr.Matthews, this was seconded by Mrs.Ball, no other nominations were proposed. Therefore Mr.Matthews was duly elected to the post of Vice Chairman.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14 July 1997, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

3. APOLOGIES

None

4. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Pavement Hollow Way & Main Street Bothenhampton; Mrs.Ball informed the meeting that it appeared that no action had been taken on this matter. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter again with the Area Highway Manager.

[b] Hedge junction of Main Street & Crock Lane Bothenhampton; As for item [a] above.

c) Notice Boards; the Clerk informed the meeting that he was still awaiting details of the type of Notice Boards available.

[d] A35 access into the Lower Walditch Development; The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Connect the firm now responsible for the A35 Trunk road and he had been informed that their London Office was still awaiting for confirmation from the Highways Agency that the right hand turn lane had been approved. Once they have been informed they undertook to let the Clerk know.

[e] Future of Parish Council; The Clerk informed the meeting that he had let WDDC know that the Parish Council wanted them to proceed with this matter.

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. A list of items raised is attached at the end of the minutes.

6. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB

The Rear Admiral informed that he will contact the Highways Agency concerning the delay in the access off the A35. He believed that it is likely the legal process is to blame. He went on to inform the meeting of the out come of the Planning Application concerning the old depot in South Street Bridport. It was necessary to extend the licence for the Bothenhampton site because the new site would not be ready for a short time. As regard to the Licence form the Environmental Agency, this is required for all sites and would only be granted if they are happy with the arrangements put in place, it was understood that they did not object to the new proposed site. He suggested that we now need to consider are next course of action concerning the Transfer Station. The planning application for the South Street Site had been granted for a three year period and any application for a permanent site would take a year to process, it did not leave much time to find the permanent site. Bridport Town Council is not happy as they believe that the three year approval will be extended. After much debate on the way forward it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the town Clerk concerning working together to ensure that both the Bulky Household Waste Site and the Transfer Station are found permanent sites together by applying pressure on both DCC and BFI to come up with an acceptable site.

7. LOWER WALDITCH DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Hulbert reported to the meeting that Betterment had made an opening in the hedge to gain access to the streamside area in order to build the retaining tank. He had spoken to S. Lungate from WDDC who had visited site. Mr. Hulbert had got agreement with Betterment not to make the opening any wider and that they will replace the hedge with new plants once they had completed the necessary works. He also informed the meeting that Mrs. Bland at WDDC Offices that the matter was of no concern of the Parish Council. But that the opening had not been shown on any plans that the Parish Council had seen in relation to this development and it was therefore agreed that it was something we should be concerned about. Rear Admiral Pritchard undertook to take the matter up on our behalf.

8. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request for financial help from the Citizens Advice Bureau [CAD]. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to CAD informing them that at this time the Parish Council was unable to make a grant, however they would review the situation in October 1997 when the Councils financial commitments would be clearer.

9. 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 on the 16 July 1997 Western Area Parish Council Association meeting £12.00

[2] Jim White April grass cutting etc. £114.55
July

10. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; None

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/97/0360F 14 Ewell Bothenhampton Construct Dormer windoes in roof space. Approval Granted. Application No 1/W/97/0362F Priors Dean Long Lane Bothenhampton Erect First Floor Extension. Approval Granted.

[c] Notification of appeal concerning site at Manor Farm Main Street Bothenhampton.

[d] WDDC District Local Plan - The Inspector's Report.

11. REPORTS

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; It was reported that a line of stones on the left hand side of Walditch Lane [on the way up] just before the hyde are a danger to car drivers. The Clerk was instructed to report the matter to the Area Highways Manager.
- [b] Street Lighting; the Clerk reported that the column outside No. 26 Crock Lane was faulty and this had been reported to SWEB.
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; Mr. Matthews informed the meeting motor cyclists had been in the nature reserve. He had reported this to the Police for them to deal with. He also confirmed that WDDC had constructed some new steps in the nature reserve.
- [e] John Holt Play Area; Mr. Matthews agreed to keep an eye on the play area.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- [a] DDC; Traffic Management Programme for 1997/98. July 1997 Dorset Lottery News.
- [b] WDDC; None
- [c] DAPTC; County Director's Circular 23/97 Training for Parish Clerks. 24/97 Clerks Salaries 1997/98. 25.97 Funeral and Burial Fees. 26/97 Queen's Birthday Honours 1998. 27/97 Clerks Triaing Day. 28/97 Miause of Public Office - A New Offence?.
- [d] Walditch Village Hall Committe Fete 30 August 1997 request for village green grass to be cut and cuttings to be taken away before the 30 August 1997.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Date 8/9/97 Chairman 

List of items raised in the Democratic Half Hour and noted by the Parish Council

- a] Mr. Ffooks; [1] Provision of seat at Coopers Drive by the letter box.
- [2] South Street site for Bulky Household Waste site, 4 month delay before the Environmental Agency gives approval?.
- [3] Suggested that Stoney Head should be the site for the permanent site for the Bulky Household Waste Site and the Transfer Station?.