

Minutes of the Annual Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Thursday 31 May 2001 at 7.45pm.

Present:- Mr.Matthews [Chairman], Mrs.England, in attendance M.C.Farnham [Clerk] Rear Admiral Pritchard.

1] MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 18 May 2000, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs.Ball, Mrs.Regan, Mr.Yates, Professor Eastham, Mr.Harrison

3 MATTERS ARISING

Drainage under the John Holt Play Area, nothing to report todate. National Rivers Authority are to carry out a study at the Crown roundabout.

4 CHAIRMANS REPORT 2000/2001

The last year has been slightly frustrating as things take a long time to reach any conclusion. This last year especially it has become more and more obvious that happenings beyond the boundaries of the Parish influence our deliberations. The heavy rains over the winter caused problems with roads in the Parish, springs etc. appearing all over the place. Surfacing has had to be postponed due to the restrictions caused by the Foot and Mouth disease. On the positive side after much toing and froing we now know what SITA are proposing regarding thier new waste transfer station. The Parish Council has objected fully and constructively. There are several on going initiatives which will influence the future of the Parish. The Bridport Area Partnership Committee on which Professor Eastham is our representitive has confirmed that money is available for funding schemes put forward not by any organisation or group within the Parish and this is something that has to be followed up with out delay.Richard Batten has been working tirelessly behind the seances to secure the land required for a Waldtich childrens play area and the access to it.

5. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD

The Rear Admiral confirmed that both DCC and WDDC are moving towards the set up that Central Government wants. Both will have an Executive Committees helped by Overview and Scrutiny Committees. These will be helped by committees set up to deal with special projects as and when they are required. All these changes have to be in place by May 2002. As regard to the Wych Farm planning application, he can not see DCC considering this before the end of July 2001. DCC are still awaiting for details of the other possible site i.e. the old Par Site off St.Andrews, Bridport. DCC are likely to refer the matter to the Secretary of State to see if he wishes to deal with this application directly.

6 REPORT FROM BOTHENHAMPTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Fooks on behalf of the association reported the following; it has been a relatively quiet year with a stable membership. Matter of interest since his last report are, the ownership of the bank above the footpath down Hollow Way, the County Council has now accepted that they are responsible for the bank and will carry out the required maintenance. They had tried to get the householders to carry them out. They have asked the County Council to remove all the signs relating to the former tip at the entrance to the Village. Following thier agm in December 2000 they agreed to object to any planning application received for the Wych Farm site. This they have not done. Most recently they have thanks to a group of volunteers cleared the north bank of the green lane next to the "Old Vicarage" of a considerable mass of rubbish, garden waste etc. The lane is now needs ro be resurfaced as promised by the County Council.

7 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2000/2001

PAYMENTS

Clerk Salary	£2,442.48
Office Expenses	478.77
Hire of Halls	178.00
S137 Payments [grants]	200.00
Street Lighting energy & maintenance costs	1,343.90
General Maintenance	225.21
Grass cutting etc	1,213.68
Play area maintenance	485.53
Church yard maintenance	1,300.00
Insurance	148.70
Subscriptions	369.74
Solicitors fees	911.00
Other payments	nil
Vat	474.16
Total Payments	<u>9,841.16</u>

RECEIPTS

Precepts	£7,050.00
Bank Interest	369.07
Other Receipts	nil
Vat	nil
Total Receipts	<u>7,419.07</u>
less total payments	<u>9,841.16</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>2,422.09</u>

RECEIPTS & PAYMENT SUMMARY

Balance brought forward from 1 April 2000	£15,434.15	Cumulative funds at 31 March 2001	
Add total receipts	<u>7,419.07</u>	Current A/c	£1,733.40
total	<u>£22,853.22</u>	Capital A/c	11,278.66
Less total payments	<u>9,841.16</u>		
Balance carried forward at 31 March total	<u>13,012.06</u>	Total	<u>13,012.06</u>

8 WALDITCH NEW PLAY AREA

The Clerk confirmed that he had hoped that Mr. Batten would have been at the meeting, how ever he could report that before any thing can be done with the site the over head electric supply has to be removed and put underground. Western Power Distribution are the company responsible and they had in the past indicated that they would be willing to do this free of charge. This is being followed up. Also there are a number of trees that will have to be removed again this is being followec up. Once these matters have been agreed a open meeting will be held in Walditch.

9 OPEN FORUM

The following matters were raised, [a] the footpath by the Post Office is very overgrown and needs cutting back [b] Wessex Water site in Burton Road giving off a bad smell because of a breakdown of equipment, if anyone does smell anything they should report it to Wessex Water on 01845 6004600 [c] Planning, if a WDDC Councillor who is also a Parish Councillor votes on an planning application at Parish Council level, he or she can not then vote on the same application at WDDC level. [d] Regional Assemblies; if these are set up it could follow that County Councils could disappear or District Councils could disappear, which ever one goes the other would take on some other their responsibilities. Parish Councils would likely to have more influence, but not more powers.

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

Date

29 29.5.02.

Chairman

