

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Walditch on Monday 11 November 1996 7.30pm.

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14 October 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed with the following amendments [a] item 10a [1] the second sentence should read "This was passed to Mr.Matthews as the nearest Councillor, but he asked Mrs.Ball to comment as the proposed development was at the bottom of his garden and he had to declare an interest".

[b] item 10b this should read "Decisions by WDDC; Permission Granted".

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr.Warburton.

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Walditch Lane, the clerk read out a letter received from DCC Transportation & Engineering Dept. Traffic Management Section. They have suggested that a length of restriction on Walditch Lane for a distance of 15 metres from its junction with East Road to ensure that parked vehicles did not obstruct other vehicles turning in or out of the junction. However, DCC are looking for a 50% contribution towards the legal and advertising costs of £600. The clerk was asked to confirm that the area is within the Parish and the matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

[b] Damage to footpath Walditch Lane; the clerk read out a letter received from the Area Surveyor Bridport confirming the the footpath repairs are in a Planned Patching Programme and hopefully will be carried out soon.

[c] Willow Tree - outside 4a Lake Lane; the above letter also confirmed that the tree was cut back last week.

[d] Kerbing of Walditch Village Green; the Clerk read out a letter received from WDDC confirming that they had over paid the grant to the Parish Council and have requested the repayment of £915.00. The Clerk confirmed that having checked the records this was in fact correct.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON CHAIRMANSHIP MEETING

Mr.Botham informed the Parish meeting that the chairmanship meeting he attended was very interesting and covered all aspects of the roll of Parish Councils in Local Government. He also suggested that the papers he received at the meeting should be copied to all Councillors.

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. THE HYDE ESTATE AND REAL TENNIS COURT

Mr.Botham circulated a letter he had received from Mr.John Gundry concerning the recent activities on Hyde Estate, the contents of which were noted.

Mr.Botham also reported that he had been informed by the Sports Trust that no work will start on the real tennis court until the new year with completion scheduled for mid 1997. It was also reported that the double doors to the Tennis Courts are not properly closed and in the high winds we have had recently the banging of the doors are causing a problems to those in near by houses.

7. REPORT BY CTY & DIST COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB

Rear Admiral Pritchard confirmed that BFI are on the Working Party considering provision of the new Waste Transfer Station. The current situation is that BFI are in the process of Purchasing land before putting in a planning application, he was unable at this time to give details of the location of the land in question. As regard to the Tennis Courts doors this should be reported to the Sports Trust via Mr.Salt or to the Manager at the Sports Centre. Finally it was nice to report that the "superstore" signs have gone up as had the fencing.

8. TRAFFIC BURTON ROAD

This matter was raised by Mr.Botham following a complaint he had received from a resident of Bothenhampton who lives along Burton Road. This was following an unfortunate accident which resulted in a dog being killed. It would appear that motorists are not adhering to the different speed limits along this stretch of road and that a number of near misses have occurred in recent months. The junction of Mount Joy and Burton Road was considered to be particularly dangerous junction for motorist wishing to turn right out of Mount Joy towards Bridport. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor asking if these matters could be looked at to a view to improving the safety of all who use the Burton Road.

9. PRECEPT FOR 1997/98

The Clerk circulated a draft budget for 1997/8 prepared by the Clerk, Mr.Botham and Mr.Blythe which was discussed by the meeting. It was proposed by Mr.Matthews and seconded by Mrs.Ball and agreed by all other Councillors that the following should be the budget for 1997/8, with a precept of £11,070.00.

Hire of Halls	£150.00
Clerk's Salary	£2,220.00
Office Rent	£420.00
Office Expenses	£1,500.00
Insurance	£120.00
DAPTC Subs	£350.00
Audit Fee	£150.00
Donations	£1,250.00
Street Lighting Charges	£1,650.00
Grass Cutting etc.	£1,150.00
Bothenhampton Church	£750.00
Walditch Church	£300.00
John Holt Play Area	£500.00
Contingency Fund	£700.00
Total	£11,210.00
Less anticipated carry forward from 96/97	£140.00
Proposed Precept for 1997/98	£11,070.00

10. REPORT ON BRIDPORT FORUM MEETING

Mr.Botham reported to the meeting that information given earlier by Rear Admiral Pritchard was also been reported to the forum meeting. Mrs.England also confirmed that the question of a five year plan was raised and the forum was informed that with the difficulties facing Local Government the aim for WDDC over the next five years was to survive.

11. PROVISION OF NEW SEAT AT THE JOHN HOLT PLAY AREA ETC.

Mr.Blythe informed the meeting that he and Mr.Matthews had looked at the booklets obtained by the Clerk and given out at the last meeting and that they would reccommed that the Beaufort Seat at £243.00 plus fixing cost is the most siutable for the play area. Mr.Matthews proposed and Mrs.England seconeded that the Parish purchaes said seat, this was agreed. Mr.Blythe to arrange for a quotation to confirm price.

12. JOHN MILLER TRUST REQUEST FOR GRANT

The Clerk informed the meeting of the letter received requesting a grant towards this project and it was noted that the late John Miller was in fact born in Bothenhampton Village. However, in view of its current financial commitments, it was agreed that no grant could be given at this time. The Clerk was instructed to write to the John Miller Trust confirming this, but that if they write in again in April 1997 the Parish Council would consider their request again in the mean time could they confirm how young people for the parish would be selected to take part in the use of this boat once if has been restored.

13. FINANCE

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Hire of Walditch Church Hall for two meeting 6 November and 11 November £20.00
- [2] Bothenhampton DCC Grant £375.00 [second half year payment]
- [3] Walditch DCC Grant £500.00
- [4] Clerks' Salary and expenses for the third quarter £ 650.37

14. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; NTR

[b]. Decisions by WDDC;

[1] Application No. 1/W/96/0465F; 2 Manor Barn, Bothenhampton, Erect extension and re-erect existing conservatory. Permission Granted.

[2] Application No. 1/W/96/0507F; Manor Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton, Erect double garage/studio. Permission Refused

15. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Surface water drains on the link road between Walditch Lane and Crock Lane behind Hanover Court are blocked, Clerk to report to Area Surveyor. Also the lorries taking top soil to Tip have caused damage to the Main Street and Hollow Way, Clerk to request Area Surveyor to inspect

~~the~~ Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; We may obtain a free Basketball goal etc. from EBBA by telephoning 0114 2577211, Clerk to investigate.

16. CORRESPONDANCE

- [a] WDDC; The following letter were received, the contents of which were noted. None Received
- [b] DCC; The following letter was received, Education Dept. Bridport Youth Centre the contents of which were noted.
- [c] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted. None Received.
- [d] Letter from; Bridport Art Centre request for grant, to go on agenda for next meeting.
- [e] Letter from, Bridport House Club request for grant, to go on agenda for next meeting.
- [f] Letter from Management Committee Bothenhampton Church Hall request for grant, to go on agenda for next meeting.
- [g] Letter from CIPFA concerning that guidance notes for Local Councils on the Accounts and Audit Regs. 1996 are available at £9.99, to go on agenda for next meeting.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- [a] Car Parking; Clerk confirmed that he had written to WDDC but had not received a reply to date. The Clerk gave the questionnaire forms he had printed to Mrs. Ball who undertook to arrange for them to be circulated with the Parish News in Bothenhampton. Replies to be back by middle of December 1996.
- [b] Lower Walditch Development-Riverside Walk & Open space; the Clerk referred to the letters sent to WDDC and Parish Solicitor and their replies and he was instructed to write to DAPTC for their views on the matter as well as asking for advice on the best way of investing the monies received if we become responsible for the two areas concerned. The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Parish Solicitor informing them that the Parish will wait for all the works to the streamside area to be carried out to the satisfaction of WDDC before the land is transferred to the Parish Council. As regard to the open space amenity area within the housing development again the Parish Council will wait for all works to be completed to the satisfaction of WDDC before this area is transferred to the Parish Council

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.50pm.

Date 2/12/96 Chairman 