

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 6 July 1998 7.30pm.

Present: Mr.G.Matthews [Vice-Chairman], Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.T.Yates, Mrs.J.Regan, Mr.F.C.Botham, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

In attendance; Mr.Blackstock, DCC Western Area Highways Manager

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8 June 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted with one small alteration as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) Parking Walditch Lane, Bridport; the Clerk read out the letter received from DCC concerning the request for waiting restrictions on the section of road between the mini roundabout to East Road, which confirmed that due to limited staff resources this matter will not be progressed until the next financial year. The letter also confirmed that at this stage it does not appear likely that the Parish Council will now need to contribute towards the costs.

3. APOLOGIES

Mr.Batten [Chairman] Mr.Challis, Rear Admiral Pritchard

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. PARKING IN CROCK LANE

Mr.Blackstock the County Council Western Area Highways Manager opened this matter which had been raised at the last District Council Area Forum. He believed that the use of double yellow lines was not the best way forward as there is a need for parking areas. He therefore suggested the use of a number of parking bays for use by households which could be staggered either side of the lower part of Crock Lane. P.C.Grimer who was also at the meeting was in agreement with this proposal. Mr.Blackstock agreed to take this matter forward and once the bays had been painted on the road a review should be carried out 6/12 months later to see if matters had in fact improved. The Councillors also took this opportunity to raise a number of general highway matters up with Mr.Blackstock.

6. PROPOSED SPLIT OF THE PARISH

The Clerk reported that he had not received any possible questions from Councillors for this item. It would appear that most Councillors believed that they had to bring the questions to the meeting for discussion. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to give the Clerk the individual lists from which he would prepare one list for discussion at the August meeting.

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

The Rear Admiral had informed the Clerk that he was unable to attend this meeting as he has to attend the quarterly meeting of Chesil Bank Group Parish Council.

8. REPORT ON OWNERSHIP OF COUNCIL LAND

The Clerk informed the meeting he had received a reply to his letter from Mile & Lyall Solicitors and they still in fact hold the original deeds to the John Holt Play Area. They also confirmed that they do not hold anything in relation to the Walditch Green. He also reported that Mr. Batten had stated that as we have already been informed by the Parish Solicitor that the copies of the deeds for Walditch Green confirm that the Parish Council are the owners of the land the fact that we do not have the originals while regrettable does not really make that much difference.

9. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

None

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 for meeting 6 July 1998 £13.00
- [2] The cost of the flowers used by Mrs. Ball for the flower festival at Walditch Church £16.80
- [3] Jim White Grass Cutting June 1998 £114.55
- [4] M.C. Farnham Salary for July 1998 £183.82
- [5] SWEB Second Quarter £281.41

10. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; 1/W1998/0366, Hyde Farmhouse, Walditch, Bothenhampton, Convert agricultural building to 4 No units of holiday accommodation, laundry/games room and car parking.

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; 1/W/1998/0258, 20 Uplands, Walditch, Bothenhampton, construct pitched roof and fit 2 No rooflights to west elevation and 3 No roof lights to east elevation. Permission granted.

[c] Applications received from DCC;

[d] Decisions by DCC; 1/W/98/064 Wych Farm Burton Road, New Primary Sewage Treatment Works, Permission Granted.

11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Footpath to Shipton from Walditch has been ploughed up, Mr. Yates reported that he had taken this up with Phil Drake Rights of Way Officer who would contact the landowner. Mr. Yates to also speak to Phil Drake concerning signs missing in Hollow Way.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; Bothenhampton & Walditch; PC. Grimer reported Boy Racers that have been using the A35, Lower Walditch Lane and the road through the Betterment site as racing circuit, he hoped that they would be able to stop this shortly. Also, Children have been seen drinking in the play area, as well as kicking balls in the streets. These matters will be dealt with by the use of undercover police videos which show the children drinking etc. and then taking the children home and showing the video to their parents.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; Notice board has been cleared of old notices.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; Mr.Botham confirmed that he and Mr.Challis have not been able to see Mr. & Mrs.Cook to try and obtain their agreement for public access over this strip of land. He is hopeful that this will take place before the next meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] WDDC; The following letter was received, further letter concerning Street Homelessness in West Dorset.

[b] DCC; None

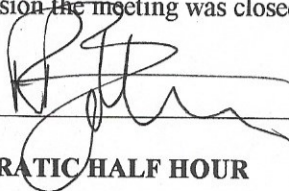
[d] Letters from; Nantes Wylde Solicitors, concerning the application of an On Licence to sell liquor at the Hyde Tennis Courts. BFI Waste Systems concerning Phase 2 restoration works which are to start on the 15 June 1998. Walditch Morning WI Summer Event on Tuesday 18 August 1998.

There being no further business for discussion ~~the~~ the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Date

10/8/98

Chairman



MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

Provision of public seats

Provision fo notice boards