

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 10 June 1996 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mr.J.E.Mitchell, Mr.G.C.L.Warburton, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.R.Batten, Mrs.F.Ball 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 13 May 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr.Matthews.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] Hyde Tennis Court; Mr.Botham informed the meeting that he had contacted WDDC and they have confirmed that a new application from the Trust will be submitted in relation to the car parking layout.

[b] Bothenhampton Tip; Rear Admiral Pritchard up dated the meeting see Item 5 below.

[c] Planning Application Lake Lane Bothenhampton; Mr.Botham asked the Clerk to chase a reply to our comments.

[d] Walditch Church Hall; the Clerk read out the letter received from John Scott thanking the Parish Council for our offer of financial help.

[e] Reseeding of John Holt Play Area & Hedge junction of Walditch Road and East Road, Bridport; the Clerk read out the letter received from DCC Area Office Bridport confirming that they will arrange for the work to the play area to be carried out and for the hedge to cut back.

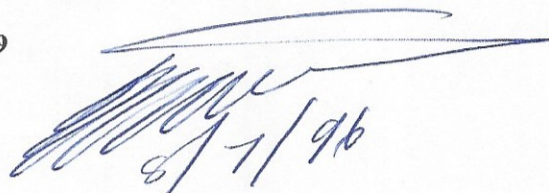
[f] Provision of Sleeping Policeman Lower Walditch Lane; the Clerk read out a letter received from DCC at County Hall confirming that they will consider our request.

**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**

Rear Admiral Pritchard the application for the extension of the Bulky Household Waste Facility and that this matter will be considered at the Planning Meeting at County Hall on the 21 June 1996. Two alternative sites have been suggested i.e. Gore Cross and Broomhill Farm. The contractor will be told that they must come up with some suggestions and it has also been suggested that BFI should arrange a visit to a modern site for both Council members of DCC and WDDC.



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## **6. LOWER WALDITCH DEVELOPMENT NATURE RESERVE**

The Clerk read out the contents of a letter received from Austen Whetham & Guest which gave an up date on the situation. It was agreed that a further up date is required for the next meeting on the 8 July 1996. Mrs. England suggested that we should use the Parish Council Association in relation to the 106 agreement we will need to enter into with the Developer.

## **7. MAINTENANCE OF PARISH NOTICE BOARDS**

Mr.Botham raised this matter as it would appear that some of the notice boards are in need of repairs and repainting. It was agreed Mr.Botham would inspect the 3 notice boards in Walditch to confirm what work was required, Mrs.England and Mrs.Ball will do the same for the 3 notice boards in Bothenhampton. The notice board outside the Post Office in Bothenhampton would be taken down by Mr.Ffooks. The Clerk will contact Mr.Blythe for the names etc. of the contractors used last time repair work was carried out.

## **8. MAINTENANCE OF PARISH SEATS**

It had been suggested at an earlier meeting that the Parish Council should take over responsibility for the repair and maintenance of all the public seats in the Parish. This was agreed in principle and survey of all the seats, the locations and state of repair needs to be undertaken. A specification will also be required before tenders could be invited.

## **9. DAPTC- Western Area Meeting Report by Mrs.England**

Mrs.England gave a short report on the area meeting held at the Town Hall, Bridport on the 28 May 1996 confirmed that the 1996 Carol Service will now be held at Bradpole Church.

## **10. WEED KILLING**

Mr.Botham raised the question of the need to carryout the annual killing of weeds at Walditch Green and the John Holt Play area. Mr.Blythe confirmed that he had already carried out some work and it was therefore agreed that no further work was necessary at this time.

## **11. FINANCE**

a. The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation.

b. The following accounts were approved for payment;

1] Jim White May Account for grass cutting etc. £114.55

2] Hire of Bothenhampton Hall £11.00

3] Bothenhampton DCC upkeep of Church yard £350.00

4] Clerk Salary and Expenses for 1st. Quarter 1996/97 £665.15

5] Connect South West Routine Maintenance of Street Lighting £401.97

This account was not agreed for payment and the Clerk was instructed to contact the firm concerning change of name etc.

## **12. PLANNING**

a. Applications received from WDDC;

[1] Application No. 1/W/96/0253F-DEL 9 Mountjoy, Bothenhampton, Erect single storey extension.

The original request for comments was sent to the previous clerk and was not received by the current clerk. Mrs.England requested details and these were obtained by the Clerk and passed to Mrs.England for comment.

In the time available to Mrs.England to make comment she was unable to obtain the views of the occupier next door to 9 Mountjoy. Mrs.England felt that the plan supplied did not show enough detail. However she did not consider these points could be used to recommend not approving this development. The Clerk has taken up these points with WDDC and all further applications will be addressed to him. [2] Application No. 1/W/96/0293P-Part Garden Blossoms, Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton, Develop land for residential purposes and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access. Mr,Blythe declared an interest and took no part in the discussions. The Clerk had sent the application to Mr.Matthews for his comments and as Mr.Matthews was unable to attend the meeting the Clerk read out his concerns. It was agreed that a site meeting should be held between the Parish Council and WDDC on this matter.

b. Decisions by WDDC; NTR

#### REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; the hedge at the mini roundabout at the bottom of Walditch Road needs cutting back. The foot path between Lake Lane and West Town is over grown. The Maple Garden sign needs to be repaired.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; The Sub-Post Master Mr.Neville has indicated that he would be happy to the co-ordinator for Bothenhampton.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

#### 14. CORRESPONDENCE;

[a] WDDC; The following letters were received, the contents of which were noted.

Ideas for the Regeneration of Bridport meeting to be held on the 3 June 1996

[b] DCC; The following letter was received, the contents of which was noted.

Traffic Management Programme

[c] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted,

County Secretary's Circular 19/96 Charter for Local, District & County Councils of Dorset.

20/96 Clerks' Salaries 1996/97

[d] The Kidney Foundation Great British Tea Festival

[e] Environment Forum booklet March 1996

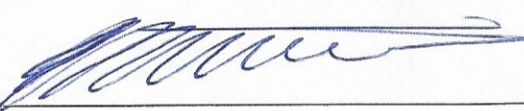
[f] Bradford Peverell Parish Council; Provision of Playing fields

[g] Critical Care Appeal-Phase 2 West Dorset Hospital

[h] Third newsletter from Lucy Adams

[i] R.R.Stapleton; use of his private drive by Jim White when mowing Walditch Green. The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Jim White and in the future he will not use this private drive.

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

Date 8/7/96 Chairman 

**Addendum to the Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 10 June 1996 at 7.30pm.**

Some 10 minutes before the end of the democratic half hour 6 boys/teenagers came into the Parish Council Meeting to complain about the grassed part of the John Holt play area, which they said was not suitable for football. They were reminded that the play area is meant for all the children in the Parish of Bothenhampton & Walditch. The play equipment provided by the Parish Council is intended for the use of children between the age of 3 and 14 years. It is considered that the play area is an inadequate size for serious football and cricket practise. They were also advised that if they wanted serious football practice they should use the Leisure Centre or the Football Club.

Later during the meeting the same youths returned carrying a number of stones which they deposited on the table in front of the Vice Chairman. They claimed that these stones had been taken from the grassed area of the John Holt play area. They then took seats in the public section of the meeting and behaved in such a fashion that it became necessary to eject them.

The youths involved were;

Michael Stretch

Adam Cornwell

Simeon Jennings

David Atkinson & Daniel Atkinson of 23 Main Street, Bothenhampton

Oliver McDonald

