

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 14 April 1997 Following the Annual Parish Meeting.**

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.R.C..Batten, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]  
In attendance; Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 March 1997, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Mr.G.C.L.Warburton

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] The Hyde Tennis Court Walditch; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had spoken to Mr.Salt concerning this matter and he had been informed that the second application by the Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust Ltd. would be considered in May 1997. Mr.Salt confirmed that he would let the Parish Council know the out come of the application as soon as they have been informed. It was also agreed that the out of date sign on site should be removed, the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr.Salt asking for its removal.

[b] Planning Approval 1/W/95/111 Land adjoining The Old Barn, Hollow Way, Westown Bothenhampton. The Clerk read out a letter received from WDDC concerning the laying of services underground to this development. WDDC confirmed that the site was inspected on the 4 March 1997 and they concluded that all services were found to be underground and that no further action could be taken.

**4. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

As members of the public had already aired their views on matters of local interest in the open forum in the Annual Parish Meeting, it was decided that this item would be deleted from the agenda.

**5. REPORT BY CTY & DIST COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB**

Rear Admiral Pritchard had nothing to add to the matters already raised in his annual report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**6. FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Mr.Botham explained that once the Lower Walditch Development is fully occupied there would be an additional 200 plus electors in Walditch taking the total to 450 plus electors within Walditch. He suggested that the Parish Council should consider the question "has the time come for the split of Walditch from Bothenhampton into two Parish Councils". This matter was discussed and as the earliest any such split would take place was April 2000, the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

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*J. Blythe*

## **7. LOWER WALDITCH LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Mr.Hulbert reported that people are moving in and that the construction of the road through the site is nearly at the top of the site and the location of the access road from the A35.

## **8. NOTICE BOARDS**

Mr.Botham informed the meeting that we should consider replaced the existing notice boards instead of repairing them as it could be more cost effective in the long term. It was agreed that further information was required before this matter could be finalised.

## **9. HIGHWAY OBSTRUCTIONS**

Mr.Batten informed the meeting of a problem that existed in Walditch since a new resident of Knapp Cottages had moved in. He has a large car, which when parked is causing problems for other residents and could also be a danger for emergency vehicles trying to get through the Village. This matter was discussed and it was proposed by Mrs. Ball and seconded by Mr.Batten that the Clerk should write to Magna Housing asking if they could improve the parking arrangements for residents and visitors to Knapp Cottages to over come this problem.

## **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 £12.00
- [2] SWEB energy charges £282.16
- [3] Audit Commission, Audit Fees 1996/97 £105.28
- [4] Connect South West repairs costs £47.00

## **11. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application No. 1/W/97/0140F erect rear porch and garage 110 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton. This was passed to Mr.Matthews for comment and was returned to WDDC " NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION".

Application No. 1/W/97/0186F erect porch/conservatory 15 Valley Road Bothenhampton. This was passed to Mrs.England for comment and was returned to WDDC "NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION".

Application 1/W/97/0187p develop land by the erection of a bungalow and modify existing access garden plot adj. to 9 Mount Joy, Bothenhampton. This was passed to Mrs.England for comment and was returned to WDDC with the following comments which are available from the Clerk.

In summary a similar application ref 1/W/88/0917P was refused in 1998, at the same time an identical application was made in respect of No 10 Mount Joy [opposite side of the road] ref 1/W/88/0916p and 1/W/89/0082p [larger plot]. All these applications were refused by WDDC. The owners of 10 Mount Joy appealed and the Inspector refused permission. It would appear that his reasons also apply this application.

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; Approved; Application 1/W/97/0105F erect single storey snooker room, 48 Crock Lane Bothenhampton. Application 1/W/97/0140F erect rear porch and Garage 110 Crock Lane Bothenhampton. Application 1/W/97/0142F alterations to enclose existing open porch West View Burton Road Bothenhampton.

Application Refused; 1/W/96/0690F erect garage/studio Manor Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton.

## 12. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; NTR

[b] Street Lighting; Column 9 Main Street Bothenhampton not working, also 3 DDC lights in Lower Walditch Lane not working.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; P.C.Grimer reported that the Parish had had only two break-ins in the last 3 months.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Holt Play Area; Mr.Blythe commented that the equipment installed was being used daily even by the children of those that objected to its installation. The grass had also received its first cut this year.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] WDDC; the following correspondence was received [1] Annual Housing Seminar 6 May 1997.

[b]DCC; The following correspondence was received, [1] Dorset Community Care Plan 1997/98 [2] Council Tax 1997/98.

[c] DAPTC; County Director's Circular 5/97 New Year Honours 1998 5/97 Policy for Dealing with Travellers and Gypsies 9/97 Local Government and Rating Bill 11/97 NALC Review of Accounts Service. NALCO Annual Subscriptions. Youth Parish Councils - Follow up Seminar. Agenda of the DEPTH Western Area Meeting on the 17 April 1997.

[d] Letter from John Scott requesting Parish Council contribution to legal fees in connection with the leasing of the Church Hall.

[e] Letter from the Bothenhampton Playgroup thanking the Parish Council for grant.

[f] Nations in Bloom 1997 Competition

[g] Dorset Best Kept Village Competition 1997

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

Date

12/5/97

Chairman

