

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 10 November 1997 7.30pm.

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13 October 1997, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] The Clerk confirm that he had written to the Highway Agency concerning the A35 Trunk Road entrance to the Betterment Development and was still awaiting a reply.

[b] Election of new Councillors, the Clerk confirmed that WDDC had had no requests for proper elections and therefore the Parish Council could co-opt two new Councillors.

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. A list of items raised is attached at the end of the minutes.

5. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB

The Clerk read out a letter received for Rear Admiral Pritchard, who has confirmed the following; Work is going ahead on the South Street Civic Amenity Site and subject to the receipt of a licence from the Environmental Agency it is possible that it may come into operation by the end of December. In any event he expects it to be available by the 31 January 1998 deadline when the planning permission of the Bothenhampton Civic Amenity Site expires.He confirmed that he had enlisted the help of our local M.P. Oliver Letwin over the Lower Walditch Lane/A35 junction. The M.P. has acted swiftly to get the Minister involved and the Rear Admiral has heard from Betterment Homes that the Highway Agency have also been in touch with them to a view to hasten the start of work. The Rear Admiral has also sent Mr.Batten a copy of his letter to Oliver Letwin and it was agreed that a copy of this letter would be sent out with the minutes. The Rear Admiral also confirmed that the appeal against the decision not to allow the construction of a garage and studio at Manor Farm had been upheld by the Inspector.

6. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

None

7. USE OF WALDITCH GREEN

This matter had already been discussed in the democratic half hour. It was suggested by Mrs.England that the Clerk should consult the DAPTC for their views on this matter. This was agreed by all the other Councillors.

8. PRECEPT FOR 1998/99

The Clerk presented a draft precept and following a discussion on this matter the precept was agreed as follows as proposed by Mrs.England and seconded by Mrs.Ball and agreed by all other Councillors.

PRECEPT FOR 1998/99

Hire fo Halls	£180.00
Clerks Salary	£2,300.00
Office Rent	£420.00
Office Expenses	£500.00
Insurance	£140.00
DAPTC subs	£320.00
Audit Fee	£150.00
Donations	£1,700.00
Street Lighting Charges	£1,700.00
Grass Cutting etc.	£1,350.00
Bothenhampton Church	£800.00
Walditch Church	£500.00
John Holt Play Area	£1,200.00
Notice Boards	£1,500.00
Seats	£1,000
Contingency	£1,500.00
Total	£15,260
Less B/F	£4,200.00
Precept	£11,060

9. FINANCE

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Hire of Walditch Village Hall 10 November 1997 £12.50
- [2] Jim White October 1997 grass cutting etc. £114.55
- [3] M.C.Farnham Salary for November 1997

10. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; Applications No. 1/W/1997/0615 Change of Use - Use land as extension to Churchyard, St.Mary's church, Walditch. Passed to Mr.Batten and returned to WDDC " No Comments". Application No. 1/W/1997/0643 Erect double garage, 9 Mountjoy Bothenhampton. Passed to Mrs.England and returned to WDDC "The land on which the double garage is to be built slops towards the existing bungalow. It is assumed that the necessary excavation will take place at the higher side of the plot so that the garage so that the garage and bungalow are the same height?".

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; None

[c] Copy of letter received via WDDC concerning Application to erect agricultural Buildings Walditch.

[d] Copy of letter received via WDDC concerning Application to erect double garage/studio Manor Farm Bothenhampton appeal.

[e] Letter received from WDDC concerning "Planning issues in the South West Quadrant, Bridport".

11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Mr.Hulbert confirmed that all the matters he had raised with the local DCC superintendant had been dealt with. Mr.Hulbert also raised the question of parking in Walditch Lane between the A35 and the mini roundabout and he confirmed that a local who wished to remain anonymous was willing to pay the Parish Council costs relating to this matter. The Clerk agreed to take this matter up with the County Council.

[b] Street Lighting; light number 54 out in Crock Lane, this had been reported by the Clerk.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; The local Police officer reported that they had been an increase in incidents within the Bridport Area to 780 with 14 in the Parish. The current concerns are with Door Knockers and window cleaners.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Holt Play Area; NTR

12. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DDC; Letter of thanks from Bridport Youth Centre for grant.

[b] WDDC; Agenda for Bridport Area Forum on the 11 November 1997.

[c] DAPTC; Circular 37/97 Local Councils and Vat. 38/97 Councillors Allowances - Guidance on Tax & Social Security Benefits. 39/97 Revised Clerks Salaries 1997/98. Minutes of AGM held on the 18 October 1997.

[d] Letters of thanks recieved from Bridport House Club, The John Miller Trust and Raglan Housing Association Ltd. for grants.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

Date 1/12/99 Chairman



List of items raised in the Democratic Half Hour and noted by the Parish Council

a) A number of individuals raised the issue of the suitability of Walditch Green as a play area for the children of Walditch, the safety of children using the Green and restrictive covenants relating to the Green.