

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 12 January 1998 7.30pm.

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1 December 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting with slight amendments and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

3. CO-OPTION/ELECTION OF TWO NEW COUNCILLORS

Mr.J.Challis who was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the December meeting made his declaration of acceptance of office and signed the required form. Mr.Batten informed the meeting that he had received a further nomination to make, Mrs.J.Regan, this was seconded by Mr.Botham and carried by all other Councillors. Mrs.Regan made her declaration of acceptance of office and signed the required form. The Clerk confirmed that the Council could also consider a replacement for Mr.Mitchell at this meeting. However, no further nominations could be made at this time and therefore this matter would be carried forward to the next meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Use of Walditch Green; the Clerk outlined the lack of progress on the matter because the DAPTC had lost the information he had sent them on the matter. However, copies of the information that was available were given out and Mr.Batten suggested that once everyone had had time to read the information that the Council should consider a vote on the matter at the next meeting. He also confirmed that Rear Admiral Pritchard had looked into the matter in our behalf with the County Solicitor and it would appear that the Parish Council did own the area and if they wished to restrict its use then they would have to have a set of by-laws passed by the Home Office to cover the use of the area, which would take 6-9 months to be made. Mr.Hulbert proposed that a notice should be put up asking people not to play ball games on the green, this was seconded by Mrs.England. A vote was taken and there was 4 votes for the proposal, 2 against and 2 abstentions. It was also proposed by Mr.Matthews that the Parish Council should start the process for a set of By-Laws, this was seconded by Mrs.Ball. A vote was taken and there was 4 votes for, 2 against and 2 abstentions. A word of thanks to Mr.Stapleton was also made for the information he had supplied.

[b] Mr Batten also informed the meeting on the progress that had been made in relation to the provision of a play area on land to be provided by Mr.Gundry.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting 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.

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

The Rear Admiral was unable to attend this meeting but had written to the Chairman on the following matters; South Street Civic Amenity Site will come into operation before the deadline of 31 January 1998. However, there is as yet no sign of a planning application from BFI for the Waste Transfer Station although they keep assuring everyone that one is being prepared. He has now received a communication from Betterment Homes together with a copy of the reply which the Minister has made to Oliver Letwin MP over the Walditch Development/A35 access road question. Both letters state that all the negotiations are complete and that there is very hope of starting the work early in the New Year. It will be a year later than originally intended but he is confident that it really is going to happen this time.

7. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

[a] St Mary Church yard Walditch, this matter was discussed and it was proposed by Mrs.England and seconded by Mr.Botham that a grant of £300 should be made. This was agreed by all the other Councillors.

[b] Bridport Sports Trust, Real Tennis Court, this matter was discussed and it was noted that the Council had already agreed to made a grant of £500. Mr.Botham proposed that this sum should now be handed over. This was seconded by Mr.Challis and agreed by all the other Councillors.

8. 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 January 1998 £12.00
- [2] M.C.Farnham Salary for January 1998 £183.82
- [3] SWEB Street Lighting 4 quarter 1997 £284.51
- [4] Connect South West repair to street light £27.03

9. PLANNING

[a] Applications received from West Dorset District Council;

Application No 1/W/1997/0742 Full, erect single storey extension, Southfield, Marsh Gate, Burton Road, Bothenhampton NO COMMENTS.

Application No 1/W/1997/0749 Listed Building Consent, erect extension and make external and internal alterations, Manor Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton NO COMMENTS.

Application No 1/W/1997/0750 Full, as for 1/W/1997/0749 NO COMMENTS.

Application No 1/W/1997/0752 Full, erect implement/hay store and car port, Blossoms, Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton NO COMMENTS.

Application No 1/W/1997/0766 Full Delegated, erect agricultural barn, Wych Farm, Burton Road, Bothenhampton NO COMMENTS.

[b] Decisions by West Dorset District Council;

Application No 1/W/1997/0615 use land as extension to churchyard, St.Mary's Church, Walditch APPROVED.

Application No 1/W/1997/0643 erect double garage, 9 Mountjoy, Bothenhampton APPROVED.

Application No 1/W/1997/0670 erect single story extension, Green Pastures, Hollow Way, Bothenhampton APPROVED.

[C] Letter dated 15 December 1997 received from WDDC concerning AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS copy given to each Councillor.

[d] Letter dated 17 December 1997 received from Wessex Water concerning their possible new sewage treatment works on land at Wych Farm, Burton Road public exhibitions on the 20 Jan 1997 and 21 Jan 1997. Details given out at meeting.

10. REPORTS FROM:

[a] Footpaths and Roads; It was reported that water was running of the hill near Manor Barn Bothenhampton following the resent heavy rain. Mr.Hulbert undertook to take this up with the Highway Authority.

[b] Street Lighting; No 8 Lake lane out, No 62 Lower Walditch Lane out

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; Mr Hulbert reported that he had received a letter of thanks from the Crime Prevention Panel.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; No action because of the bad weather

[e] John Holt Play Area; NTR

11. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] From Dorset County Council; County Plan News letter December 1997.

[b] From West Dorset District Council; copy of letter to Mrs.Probets concerning Gundry Road Lower Walditch.

[c]Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils, circular 40/97 Councillors Training Day, 42/97 Annual Clerks Symposium, 44/97 NALC meeting with Minster for Local Government and Housing, 45/97 DAPTC & NALC office arrangements for Christmas & New Year, 46/97 understanding Audit & Accounts Regs., 47/97 Regional Development Agencies, Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on the 6 December 1997, Agenda for the DAPTC Western Area meeting to be held on the 12 January 1998.

[d]. Letter dated 7 January 1997 confirming the new Booking Clerk for the Village Hall Walditch Mrs.S.Mowlam, Old School House, Walditch.

[e] Copy of letter from Mrs.J.Regan to Chief Constable concerning an incident outside the Parish Church Bothenhampton on the 17 December 1997.

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

Date

9/2/98

.Chairman



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

[a] The use of Walditch Green for ball games.

[b] The provision of a play area for ball games etc. at Walditch