

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall Bothenhampton on Monday 12 June 2000 7.30pm.

Those present for the monthly meeting were:- Mr. Matthews, [Chairman] Mrs. England, Mrs. Regan, in attendance M.C. Farnham [Clerk] Rear Admiral Pritchard

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8 May 2000 having been circulated to all members were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Ball, Mr. Batten, Mr. Yates Professor Eastham

3. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Mr. Matthews confirmed that he had tried to contact the Parish Council Solicitor Mr. Salt concerning the signing of the agreement for the land for the new play area in Walditch without success, he will keep trying.

4. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD

Rear Admiral Pritchard reported that he had taken up the problem of the weeds in the road surface in Valley Road with the Arca Highways Manager West. As regard to the Review of the Parish Council Rear Admiral suggested that the Parish Council should consider the introduction of a ward for Bothenhampton and one for Walditch.

5. 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.

6. DAPTC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Clerk confirmed that the subscription of £344.74 for the period 2000/2001 needs to be paid. Mrs. England proposed that the subscription should be renewed, this was seconded by Mrs. Regan and agreed by Mr. Matthews.

7. GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPING COMMUNITY DEMOCRACY & PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk referred to the papers sent out with the agenda and following a discussion on the matter, the Clerk was instructed to write to DAPTC confirming that the Parish Council supports the way forward proposed by the DAPTC.

8. WDDC REVIEW OF PARISH ELECTORAL ARRANGMENTS

The Clerk referred to the letter received from WDDC dated 2 June 2000 and following a discussion on the matter, the Clerk was instructed to write to WDDC suggesting that 2 wards should be created with 6 councillors for the Bothenhampton ward and 3 councillors for the Walditch ward.

9. WDDC DELEGATION TO PARISH COUNCIL OF STREET NAMING & NUMBERING FUNCTIONS

The Clerk referred to the letter received from WDDC dated 31 May 2000 and was agreed that the Parish Council would undertake the function of naming new streets etc. as long as the provision of name plates is still the responsibility of WDDC. The Clerk to write to WDDC informing them of the discussion of the Parish Council.

10. CO-OPTION OF 2 PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council could now co-op 2 persons onto the Council as no one had put themselves forward, this was noted.

11. FINANCE

[a] The clerk informed the meeting of the current situation

[b] Hire of Bothenhampton Hall on the 8 May, 12 June and the 18 June 2000 £39.00

Jim White grass cutting April 2000 and special cut John Holt Play area £156.84

M.C.Farnham salary June 2000 £203.54

plus office rent and expenses 14 March to 12 June 2000 £122.03

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BEEN INCLUDED \neq

Proposed by Mrs. Regan that the above bills should be paid and seconded by Mrs. England and agreed by all the other Councillors.

12. REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

The Clerk referred to the letter received from West Dorset Women's Refuge dated 15 May 2000, copy of which was sent out with the agenda. The Clerk confirmed that a sum of £50.00 was given as a grant in 1997. It was proposed by Mrs. England that a sum of £50.00 should be given again, this was seconded by Mrs. Regan and agreed by Mr. Matthews.

The Clerk referred to the letter received from the Womens Royal Voluntary Service dated 6 June 2000, copy of which was sent out with the agenda. It was proposed by Mrs. England that the sum of £50.00 should be given, this was seconded by Mrs. Regan and agreed by Mr. Matthews.

The Clerk referred to the letter received from Winged Fellowship Trust dated spring 2000, copy of which was sent out with the agenda. Following a short discussion, it was agreed not to make a grant on this occasion.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Bothenhampton Church had requested its half-yearly payment of £400.00 towards the upkeep of the graveyard. This sum is included in the precept. All the Councillors present agreed that this payment should be made.

13. PLANNING

[a] Applications received from WDDC; application 1/W/2000/0189, Stonecroft, Marrow Bone Lane, Bothenhampton, erect bungalow and garage [amended plan] returned "no comments".

[b] Decisions by WDDC; application 1/W/1999/0771, Old Forge Cottage, Lower Walditch Lane, Walditch, make alterations to convert The Old Forge from holiday unit to residential unit and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access. Permission granted. Application 1/W/2000/0136, Land adjacent to Barn Haycs, Walditch Road, Walditch, erect dwelling with garage and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access [amended plans] Permission granted. Application 1/W/2000/0147, 21 Uplands Walditch, erect first floor extension and renew garage roof. Permission granted. Application 1/W/2000/0216, 9 South Lawns Bothenhampton, erect conservatory. Permission granted.

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; None

14. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; It was reported that the nameplate for Green Lane is in need of repair. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to the occupier of May Cottage concerning the over hanging plants, which could be a danger for traffic using Old Church Road.

[b] Street Lighting; The Clerk referred to the letters received from Mr. Hulbert concerning the non repair of a street light in Manor Fields. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Southern Electric Contracting who carry out of repairs and they have apologised for the poor service in relation to this matter. The Clerk has also written back to Mr. Hulbert on the matter.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation & Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Holt Play Area; NTR

[f] New Play Area; NTR

[g] A35 Communities Initiative; Mrs. Regan asked for the following item " Suggestions for Improvements to the A35" to be included no next months agenda.

15. CORRESPONDANCE

[a] DCC; Social Services "Listen in " newsletter May 2000. Letter dated 8 June 2000 from Bridport Youth Centre thanking the Parish Council for the grant.

[b] WDDC; Letter dated 8 May 2000 concerning the street name & numbering of 4 new properties in Lake Lane. Letter dated 17 May 2000 concerning the District Council Web Site. Letter dated 1 May 2000 concerning tree surgery of beech trees at 16 Howard Close, Walditch.

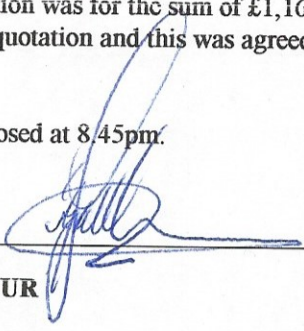
[c] CAPTC letter dated 1 June 2000 concerning the amended western area meeting constitution.

[d] Energy Efficiency Advice Centre Newsletter "spring 2000". Open Space summer 2000 booklet. DCA News spring 2000. Letter dated 18 May 2000 from Mr. D.R. Brown concerning land ownership. Letter dated 3 June 2000 from Mr. Hulbert concerning grass cutting in Lower Walditch Lane & Manor Fields.

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Clerk opened the quotation from Mr. White concerning the grass cutting contract for John Holt Play Area, Walditch Green and high path Hollow way. The quotation was for the sum of £1,160.00 for the 2000 period. It was proposed by Mr. Matthews to accept this quotation and this was agreed by Mrs. England and Mrs. Regan.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Date 10.7.00 Chairman 

MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

Over grown hedge at May Cottage needs cutting back.
Old Church Road and Bowhayes nameplates need attention.
The erection of small notice boards on Parish Notice boards for Bothenhampton Helpers.
Grass cutting