

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 13 August 2001 7.30pm.

Present:- Mr.Matthews [Chairman], Professor Eastham [Vice Chairman] Mrs.Regan, Mr.Yates, Mrs.England, Mr.Harrison attendance M.C.Farnham [Clerk] Rear Admiral Pritchard, Mr.R.Coatsworth.

1] MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9 July 2001, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed. It was noted that Mr.Harrison did in fact attend this meeting but was not included in those present. Item 12h should read "Village Meeting" and not "Village appraisal"

2 APOLOGIES

Mr.Batten & Mrs.Ball

3 MATTERS ARISING

A] New Play Area Walditch; The Clerk reported the following on behalf of Mr.Batten. He has been in contact with Ron Martin the Tree Officer for WDDC who has confirmed that the area concerned is outside the Conservation Area and as agreed the trees to be felled. Mr.Batten has also contacted Brian Smith for him to arrange the felling licence and to fell the trees. Once the trees have been felled Mr.Batten will contact Western Power Distribution to arrange for the overhead power cables to be laid underground.

B] Boscombe Lane Walditch,; the Clerk confirmed that he had contacted WDDC concerning possible planning applications in the area. WDDC had confirmed that they have not received any applications.

C] The Clerk reported that Betterment Properties wished to hold a meeting concerning the take over of the open space within their development.

4 REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD

The Rear Admiral stated that the Parish Council has a duty of Care in relation to the open space in the Lower Walditch Development, once any agreement with Betterment has been made and the Parish Council confirms everything in writing with a copy to WDDC. He also confirmed that he had looked into the problems raised at the last meeting that WDDC Planning Officers had visited the site and the works being carried out are within permitted development and do not require planning permission.

5. REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Mr.COATSWORTH

Mr.Coatworth reported that no further progress on the application for proposed Waste Management Site. He had received correspondence stating that the Stoney Head Site should be revisited. This he will put forward for consideration. Department of Transport approval would be required, as the entrance would be of the A35 Trunk Road.

6. 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.

7 PROPOSED LAND DRAINAGE WORKS AT WESTOWN/LANSDOWNE ROAD

The Clerk referred to letters dated 13 July & 30 July 2001 received from WDDC copies of which were sent out with the agenda, concerning these works, the contents of which were noted.

8 USE OF WALDITCH GREEN HARVEST WEEKEND 15/16 SEPTEMBER 2001

The Clerk referred to the letter dated 13 June 2001 received from secretary of Walditch Village Hall asking for approval to use the green, copy of which was sent out with the agenda. Professor Eastham proposed that approval be given this was seconded by Mr.Yates and agreed by all other Councillors.

9 PLANNING

a) Applications received from WDDC; Application 1/W/2001/1071 Briarwood House, Bothenhampton erect two storey detached house returned with the following comments; "The Parish Council believe that this application should not be considered until the following information has been provided. [1] A plan showing the street elevation of the following properties, The Rockery, The New Property and Briarwood House. Plus a plan showing the levels of the 3 properties listed in [1] as it would appear that the difference in the levels would indicate that the new property's floor level would be over 2m higher than that of The Rockery. Application 1/W/2001/1146 40 Maple Garden, Bothenhampton erect conservatory returned "No Comments".

b) Decisions by WDDC; Application 1/W/2001/0763 Fosseway, 11 Bowhayes Bothenhampton, erect extension permission granted.

c) Applications received from DCC; Application 1/W/2001/986 Former Landfill Site, Long Lane, Bothenhampton, construction & installation of Flare Stack, "No Comments".

d) Decisions by DCC; None.

10 FINANCE

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

b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

[1] Ivor J Parker repairs to notice board in Pasture Way £106.35

[2] Jim White July grass cutting £145.00

[3] MC.Farnham Salary August 2001 £203.54

Proposed by Mrs.Regan that these accounts should be paid and seconded by Mr.Yates and agreed by all other Councillors.

11 REQUEST FOR GRANTS

None

12. OPEN SPACES SOCIETY SUBSCRIPTION

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Subscription for this Society was now due, following a short discussion on the matter, Mrs.Regan proposed that the Subscription of £27.50 should be paid. This was seconded by Mrs.England and agreed by all the other Councillors.

13. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths & Roads; The following matter were reported; Gully in Hollow Way needs unblocking, area of grass near Howard Road needs cutting, the hedge to the right of the junction form Mount Joy onto Burton Road needs cutting back to improve visibility.

[b] Street Lighting; the following lights are still out, Unit 9 Main Street, Unit 13 & 14 Crock Lane, Unit 15 Bowhayes. The Clerk confirmed that these had been reported. She also confirmed that she had reorganised the

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; Mrs.Regan reported that number of break-ins had been reported. She also confirmed that she had reorganised the Neighbourhood Watch within Bothenhampton.

[d] Conservation & Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Holt Play Area; Mrs.Regan reported that the cost of the bark was £148.00.

[f] New Walditch Play Area; the Clerk referred to his report under matters arising.

[g] A35 Communities Initiative; NTR

[h] Market & Coastal Town Initiative; Mr.Matthews reported that he had been unable to contact Ms.Sutton as she was away now until the 3 September 2001.

14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

[a] DCC; letter dated 11 July 2001 concerning Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride Scheme.

[b] WDDC; letter dated 12 July concerning the provision of ramps at Walditch Village Hall. Letter dated 26 July 2001 concerning the West Dorset 2000 survey of the Built and Natural Environment. Letter dated 8 August 2001 a sycamore tree at 59 Howard Road Walditch.

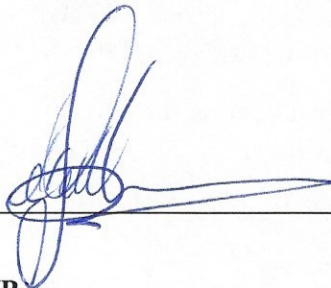
Copy of letter dated 30 June 2001 to WDDC from Walditch residents protecting at the possible closure of footpath 23 Walditch.

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

Date

10.9.01

Chairman



MATER RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

[a] Jellyfield Nature trial

[b] The flowerbed at Walditch Greens needs weeding etc.

[c] Sight lines at junction of Lower Walditch Lane and East Road and Finch Lane and A35 need cutting back.

[d] No Ball Games Notices for Walditch Green.

[e] Use of Parish Notice Board for Neighbourhood Watch Information.

[f] Item concerning a Parish Web site to be including on agenda for next meeting.

[g] Puffin Crossing on Sea Road appears to take a long time to change.