

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 14 July 1997 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.D.A.Blythe [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 9 June 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.R.C.Batten and Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] The Hyde Tennis Court Walditch; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received two letters from the Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust. One confirmed that work will start with effect from the 7 July 1997 and it is anticipated that the court will be ready for use early in 1998. The second referred to the "Lottery sign " which they suspect will have to be moved when the site and in particular the bank is cleared and drainage is laid.

[b] Bowhayes Name Plate; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a further letter from WDDC, which stated that a new name plate had been ordered and on receipt it will be erected with Dr.Thompsons, agreement.

c] Notice Boards; the Clerk informed the meeting that he was still awaiting details of the type of Notice Boards available.

[d] A35 access into the Lower Walditch Development; the Clerk was asked to chase this matter up with the DoT.

**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**

Mr.Blythe informed the meeting that the Rear Admiral had spoken to him concerning the planning application for the siting of the temporary Bulky Household Waste site at the old Area Surveyors Depot in South Street, Bridport and the planning application to extend the licence for the Bothenhampton site for a further 12 months. As the planning application to extend the licence will be discussed under item 10 Mr.Blythe would comment further then.

## **6. RESIGNATION OF Mr. WARBURTON**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Warburton resigning for the Parish Council due to ill health. All members of the Council were saddened by this matter and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Warburton on behalf of the Council with their good wishes and thanks for all the work Mr. Warburton had done over the years on the Councils' behalf.

## **7. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

The Clerk referred to the four letters received requesting financial help copies of which had been sent out with the agenda,

[a] Focus on Youth Summer Programme, request for grant from the Bridport Youth Leader. Following a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. Mathews that a grant of £50.00 should be made. This was seconded by Mr. Mitchell and agreed by all other Councillors.

[b] Birdport House Club. Following a short discussion it was proposed by Mrs. Ball that a grant of £50.00 should be made. This was seconded by Mr. Mathews and agreed by all other Councillors.

[c] Reglan Housing Association Ltd. - West Dorset Woman's Refuge. Following a short discussion it was proposed by Mrs. England that a grant of £50.00 should be made. This was seconded by Mr. Mathews and agreed by all other Councillors.

[d] John Miller Trust. Following a short discussion it was proposed by Mrs. Ball that a grant of £50.00 should be made. This was seconded by Mrs. England and agreed by all other Councillors.

## **8. FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The clerk referred to the letter received from WDDC concerning the way forward in splitting the Parish into two. Following a discussion on the matter the Clerk was instructed to write to WDDC and ask them to start the a full Parish review.

## **9. FINANCE**

[a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation. The Clerk confirmed that the last minutes did not record the fact that it had been agreed to transfer £3,000 from the current account to the capital account. He also confirmed that in order to pay the current accounts it would be necessary to transfer £1,000 from the capital back to the current account this request was proposed by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mrs. England. The clerk also informed the meeting that in order to arrange for the change in signatories the Bank require a minute confirming that the Parish Council agree to the National Westminster Bank being the Parish Council bank. This was proposed by Mr. Mathews and agreed by Mr. Botham.

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

[1] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall [July] £12.00

*June* [2] Jim White ~~April~~ grass cutting etc. £114.55

[3] Connect South West Ltd. street lighting maintenance £17.63

*(4) SWEB £282.16*

## **10. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; application No. 1/W/97/0395F-DEL Church Lane Bothenhampton Construct concrete road for use of cows and slurry management. Passed to Mr. Mitchell for comment and was returned "no comments". Application No. 1/W/97/0397F-DEL 23 Uplands Walditch Erect extension, passed to Mr. Botham for comment.

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; application No 1/W/97/0323F 1 South Lawns, Church Fields Bothenhampton erect conservatory approved.

[c]. Application received from DCC; application 1/W/97/404 Bothenhampton Landfill & Civic Amenity Site, Long Lane, Bothenhampton. Variation of Condition 7 to allow operations to continue until 31 May 1998 whilst a new facility is being provided. The Clerk referred to the copy of the application sent to each Councillor, he also confirmed that he had only received a verbal report on the current situation concerning the planning application for the South Street site. DCC members are scheduled to visit the South Street site on the 18 July 1997, they will also visit the Bothenhampton site. Following this they are to visit a site in Sherborne which is similar to the south street site. A report will then go to the Planning Sub-Committee on the 1 August 1997 at which a decision should be made on both applications. Mr. Blythe confirmed that this was the information given to him by Rear Admiral Pritchard. There is not planning reason why the application for the South Street site should not be successful. Even if it is successful it would not be ready therefore they had to put in for the extension to the current site. The south Street site application will be determined first and if successful Rear Admiral Pritchard will oppose the extension for the Bothenhampton site. They should be able to obtain urgent approval from the DoE for the Licence for the South Street site. Following a discussion on the way to respond to the application relating to the Bothenhampton site it was proposed by Mr. Blythe that the Clerk inform DCC that the Parish Council strongly oppose this planning application. Had BFI and or Dorset County Council taken the appropriate action in the past this application would not be necessary. This was seconded by Mr. Mathews and agreed by all the other Councillors.

## 11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; [a] The high pavement in Main Street Bothenhampton between the Old Pub and the steps opposite the Church Hall is breaking up. [b] The hedge Cutting recently carried out at the junction of Crock Lane and Main Street by the Church has left a few branches protruding into the road which could be a danger to both walkers and car users. The Clerk was instructed to bring these matters to the attention of the Area Highways Manager.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; The Police had informed Mr. Hulbert that the are concerned about "Door Knockers" and people of all ages should be aware of this problem particularly when they call later in the evening.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Holt Play Area; Mr. Blythe reported to the meeting that the netting at the south end of the play area had been repaired. And an application of weed killer had been carried out.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DDC; letter dated 18 June 1997 concerning the introduction of link Officers. Our link Officer is Mr. Clive Tee Corporate Development Officer phone number 01305 224176.. Trading Standards guidance notes for traders relating to the provision of venues for one day sales.

[b] WDDC; None

[c] DAPTC; County Director's Circular 19/97 Annual General Meeting. Circular 20/97 Post of Clerk/Financial Officer Shaftesbury Town Council. Circular 21/97 1996 Account & Audit Regs. Treatment of Civic Regalia.

[d] National Register of Village Lock-ups etc. Survey.

[e] Thankyou letter from Bothenhampton Playgroup.

[f] Thankyou letter from Walditch Village Hall Committee.

Before Mr. Blythe as Chairman of the Council closed the meeting he informed the other members of the Parish Council that he would be resigning from the Council forthwith.

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

Date 11/8/94 Chairman 

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

- a) Mr. Fooks; [1] Planning Application  
          [2] Removal of BT pole.