

Minutes of the Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 27 May 2002.

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

#### 1 APOLOGIES

Professor Eastham

#### 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 29 April 2002 having been circulated to all members were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

#### 3 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with DCC concerning the current situation in relation to footpath No 14 and he was able to confirm that due to the foot and mouth problem DCC had been unable to progress this matter. It is likely that a Public Inquiry will need to be held and this will not take place for at least 12 to 18 months.

The Clerk also reported that following his letter to the Electoral Commission voicing the Parish Councils unhappiness to the final recommendations in relation to the Periodic Electoral Review of West Dorset, the Commission had replied stating that the views of the Parish Council have been noted and that they will be taken into account when the Electoral Commission considers the final recommendations from the LGCE.

#### 4 REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD

As Rear Admiral Pritchard had given a report at the earlier Annual Meeting he had nothing to add on this occasion.

#### 5. REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR Mr.COATSWORTH

As Mr.Coatsworth had given a report at the earlier Annual Meeting he had nothing to add on this occasion.

#### 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for some declaration of interest forms.

#### 8 GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Clerk confirmed that he had received details from WDDC concerning the closure of Main Street Bothenhampton on the 3 June 2002 so that Golden Jubilee celebrations could take place.

The Clerk also informed the meeting that he had received details of a Special Jubilee Bench that could be purchased and asked if the Parish Council wished to consider this as a way to mark this occasion. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a firm cost so that this could be considered at a later meeting.

## 9 DORSET CC PROPOSED 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE B3157 BETWEEN BRIDPORT & PORTESHAM

The Clerk informed the meeting that DCC had writing proposing that the B3157 between Bridport and Portesham should have new speed limits. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that the proposed reduction to 50 mph was most welcome.

## 10 PLANNING

[a] Applications received from WDDC; Application 1/W/2002/0687 2 Green Lane Bothenhampton, erect two-storey extension, returned no comments. Application 1/W/2002/0716 Bluberry Hill Farm, Walditch, erect farm machinery/implement store/workshop. Construct farm track. Returned with the following comments; the lane to Bonscombe which runs past the proposed building is a particularly picturesque and secluded lane. In view therefore of the size and high base level of the proposed building it would be desirable to enhance the hedgerow screening along the lane, especially near the existing building. It is proposed to drain off surface water into an existing ditch along the lane. However, earth has been piled up as a bank to this ditch [presumably as part of the preparation for the base of the proposed building]. There is the possibility of this earth slipping and blocking the ditch. Application 1/W/2002/0734 35 Uplands Walditch erect garage and utility room extension, returned no comments. Application 1/W/2002/0782 4 Coopers Drive, Bothenhampton demolish garage & porch/utility extension and replace with double garage & new extension to bungalow returned no comments. Application 1/W/2002/0892 Part Garden 3 Crock Lane Bothenhampton develop lane by the erection of 2 detached bungalows with garages, modify existing vehicular access, returned no comments.

Application received from DCC; None

[b] Decisions by WDDC; Application 1/W/2002/0103 Ridgewood 7 Crock Lane Bothenhampton develop land by the demolition of the existing building and the erection of 2 dwellings. Out line planning permission granted. Application 1/W/2002/0325 Bridport Cemetery, East Road Bothenhampton change of use of unused cemetery land to childrens play area, permission grant. Application 1/W/2002/0380 Homestead, Walditch erect conservatory, permission granted. Application 1/W/2002/0384 Rogael's 32 Maple Gardens Bothenhampton erect 2-storey extension & erect dormer window, permission granted. The Application to erect single storey extension to form annexe at 10 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton has been withdrawn.

Decisions by DCC; Application 1/W/2002/1594 Bridport STW, Burton Road and West Bay pumping station, erection of storm water holding tank and transfer pumping station control kiosk including associated access and landscaping details. Permission granted.

## 11. FINANCE

[a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation. [b] The following accounts were approved for payment.

[1] M.C.Farnham Salary for June 2002, £203.54 plus expenses of £121.95 total £325.49

[2] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall on 29 April 2002 £12.00

[3] Clearing and cutting woodland in preparation of new play area in Walditch £705.00

The Clerk also reported that he had received a cost from Nick David in relation to the strimming of the high bank in Hollow way. The cost was £20.00 for one cutting per month.

Mr. Matthews proposed that the above accounts should be paid and the quote received from Nick David should be accepted, this was seconded by Mr. Harrison and agreed by all the other Councillors.

## 12. REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

None

### 13. VITAL VILLAGES

Mrs.Regan reported that since the last Parish Council meeting an informal Vital Village meeting had been held to discuss the initial steps they needed to take. They have now formed a committee with a revolving chairperson, and Mrs.Cordell has agreed to be the secretary. It is hoped that at the next meeting they will start on the formation of a Parish Plan, which should take around 12 months to complete.

### 14. FOOTPATHS & ROADS

Nothing to report

### 15. STREET LIGHTING

Nothing to report

### 16. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to report

### 17. CONSERVATION, OPEN SPACES & PLAY AREAS.

Nothing to report

### 18. PLAY AREAS

Mr.Matthews reported that following the clearing of the new play area in Walditch the next step was to have the overhead electric power supply laid underground etc. He had obtained a cost for removal of the remainder of small shrubs and brambles and the digging of the tree stumps etc.and for the removal of the remaining brushwood, the general levelling off of the site prior to any landscaping works and the digging of the trench for the electric cable. He has still to obtain the requirement for the laying of the cable underground from Western Power Distribution.

Mrs.Regan reported that she had some news on the funding for improvements to the John Holt play area and she was would hopefully be put to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter dated 22 May 2002 from Bridport Town Council concerning the terms under which the Parish Council could lease the area of land at Bridport Cemetery for a possible play area following a meeting between the Town Council, Professor Eastham and Mr.Yates. Mrs.Clements voiced her concern that, as she, as a member of that sub committee should not have been excluded from any discussions with the Town Council. It was agreed that the Town Council letter should be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting before any agreement was made.

### 19. A35 COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Nothing to report

### 20. BRIDPORT REGENERATION AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Nothing to report

### 21. DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

Mr.Matthews reported that the quarterly meeting of the Western Area Committee is being held today and that he had informed them that on this occasion no one from the Parish Council would be attending. The Clerk confirmed that he had received the follow in circulars from the DAPTC; 19/02 requirement to sign a written undertaking to abide by the code of conduct, 20/02 Standards Board for England –Symposium and update meeting 2 July 2002, 21/02 confirmation of Area Representatives and May 2002 newsletter

22. CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

[a] From DCC; None

[b] From WDDC; Letter dated 2 May 2002 concerning the response to planning application. Letter dated 21 May 2002 concerning tree surgery at the Hyde Residential Home. Agenda for the Bridport Area Forum to be held on the 22 May 2002 [copies sent out with Parish Council agenda]. Agenda for the Standards Committee to be held on the 29 May 2002.

[c] From; Letter dated 29 April 2002 from the Millennium Centre thanking the Parish Council for the grant it made. Letter dated 7 May 2002 from Mr. Barnes concerning planning application 1/W/2002/0716 Blueberry Hill Farm. Letter dated 15 May 2002 from District Audit concerning the audit of accounts for 2002/01. Agenda for the WATAG meeting to be held on the 23 May 2002 [copy passed to Mr. Harrison on the 20 May 2002.].

There being no further business for discussion the meeting closed at 9.45m.

Date 8<sup>th</sup> July '02 Chairman J. Regan

**MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

[1] Grass Cutting Contact in relation to area above footpath in Hollow Way

[2] Consideration is being given by the Gentlemen's Club for the provision of a Parish Office and Post Office within their premises.