

## **Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 8 June 1998 7.30pm.**

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

In attendance Cty & District Clr Rear Admiral G.Pritchard CB

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11 May 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] Parish Review; meeting held at Mounfields on the 15 May 1998 with WDDC Review Panel, the main point is that the Parish Council must do a poll of all parishioners in order to obtain all views on the matter. Need to ensure a good response. It was suggested that the questionnaire should be sent out via the Post Office with Councillors collecting the completed questionnaires. Mrs.England is a member of the Post Office Advisory Panel and undertook to investigate the cost of using the Post Office. If the response is favourable then elections will take place April/May 1999. WDDC have offered to print questionnaires a very little cost. Each Parish Councillor was asked to prepare a list of questions that could be used on the form.

[b] Bridport Area Forum; the Clerk confirmed that he had asked for the following question to be included in the agenda "what is the current situation on finding a permanent location for the Waste Transfer Station". Mrs.England asked who would be attending so that they could represent the Parish Council. Mr.Batten said he would attend if at all possible, if not he would ask Mr.Matthews to attend.

### **3. APOLOGIES**

Mr.Matthews

### **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.

### **5. PARKING IN CROCK LANE [provision of yellow lines]**

The Clerk informed the meeting that this item should have read "Update on Parking restriction order in Walditch Lane and Parking in Crock Lane [provision of yellow lines]".

[a] The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted DCC and had been informed that the cost to the Parish Council would be £600 which is non returnable in the event of the order not being approved. As the finance for this was by way of donation by person unknown via Mr.Hulbert this person should be aware of this fact. Also DCC are going to reassess the situation because of the increase traffic using this short section of road between the mini roundabout and the A35 as the result of the Betterment Development.

[b] Mr.Hulbert gave a report on the parking situation in Crock Lane; Mr.Hulbert had been contacted by P.C.Grimer from Bridport Police Station, who had asked if he would raise this matter at the next Parish Council Meeting to ask if the Parish Council would support their request to DCC to provide double yellow lines on the west side of Crock Lane. This because several accidents have occurred recently of Buses hitting parked cars in such situations that was making it impossible for the buses to follow their route. It was also

understood that the Police have found it difficult to travel along Crock Lane, the concern is that in an emergency the fire or ambulance services may not be able to get through either. It was agreed to invite the Police to attend the next meeting in order that this matter could be discussed in order that the Parish Council could make an informed view on the matter.

#### **6. REPORT BY CTY & DIST COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB**

The Rear Admiral attended the meeting with the review panel and suggested that the questionnaire should not only ask questions in order to obtain replies from parishioners, but also should pose questions that parishioners are likely to ask along with the answers on such matters as cost, possible take over by Bridport Town Council etc. Once the questionnaires had been collected a public meeting should be held in order that results could be given, this would allow for further discussion to take place. He also raised the cutting of grass in Maple Gardens and Pasture Way, this had been carried out following a call to the Area Surveyor, he did suggest that Councillors should on note that these matters should be done as their go about their daily business and ask the person concerned before the matter is raised by parishioners. He confirmed that the Wychside planning application had been amended and will now be approved. The footpath near Green Lane which is used by horse riders had been the subject of complaints and signs have been put up by the Rights of Way people, this is likely to result in an application being made asking for this footpath to be made a bridle path in the very near future.

#### **7. REPORT ON OWNERSHIP OF COUNCIL LAND**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had spent some hours looking at old files and could report that he had found copies of the title deeds for both the John Holt Play Area and Walditch Green. He also confirmed that he had letters from Milne & Lyall Solicitors which would indicate that they in fact hold the original deeds to the John Holt Play Area. It was agreed that he should write to Milne & Lyall asking them to confirm what documents if any they do in fact hold.

#### **8. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

1] Bridport Youth Club; The Clerk read out a letter received from the youth club concerning their "Focus on Youth Summer Programme" and asking if the Parish Council could help meet the cost of this years programme. It was proposed by Mrs. Ball and seconded by Mr. Hulbert that a grant of £50.00 should be made. This was agreed by all the other Councillors.

2] Walditch Village Hall; The Clerk read out a letter received from the secretary of the village hall trust in which it listed repairs etc. that are required to the hall and asked if the Parish Council could help to meet some of these costs. It was proposed by Mr. Botham and seconded by Mrs. Ball that a grant of £250.00 should be made which should be used to carry out the repointing of the front and back walls where the rain is entering. This was agreed by all other Councillors.

#### **9. FINANCE**

[a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation and it was agreed to transfer £5,000 to the Capital Account from the Current Account.

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall for meeting 8 June 1998 £12.00
- [2] The cost of the flowers used by Mrs. Ball for the flower festival at Walditch Church £16.80
- [3] Jim White Grass Cutting April & May 1998 £229.10
- [4] M.C. Farnham Salary for June 1998 plus office rent and expenses for first quarter totalling £311.17

## 10. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; No new ones received, however, application No 1/W/98/140 Wychside, Burton Road, Bothenhampton, develop land by the erection of 6 No dwellings and construct new vehicular access. Plans have been amended following Planning Committee Meeting at which Mrs. England had put forward Parish Council concerns.

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; None

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; 1/W/98/064 Wych Farm Burton Road, New Primary Sewage Treatment Works, Permission Granted.

## 11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Trees in Hollow Way over hanging path, Mrs. Regan and Mrs. Ball to inspect site and see if they are owned by households backing onto Hollow Way. Footpath to Shipton from Walditch has been ploughed up, Mr. Yates to take up with Phil Drake Rights of Way Officer.

[b] Street Lighting; Number 7 & 9 in Main Street still out.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; Bothenhampton NTR. Walditch Door Knockers selling Home Security [firm from Southport] are in the area. Police had been contacting by firm before they started.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Holt Play Area; NTR

[f] New Walditch Play Area; Mr. Batten reported that a problem has arisen concerning the ownership of the access path to the allotments and the site for the play area. Both Mr. Gundry and Mr. & Mrs. Cook believe they own it. Mr. Botham and Mr. Challis undertook to see Mr. & Mrs. Cook and try and obtain their agreement for public access over this strip of land.

[g] DAP&TC; Mrs. England reported on the Area Meeting, Parish Councillors are to be allowed to appoint School Governors. It was reported that The National Association have a new panel over seeing the running of it following an audit which highlighted expenses that had been claimed but not agreed. Some £15,000 had now been paid back. This does not affect the County Association.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] WDDC; The following letter was received, Street Homelessness in West Dorset.

[b] DCC; The following letters were received, Parish Rights of Way Information Pack, Dorset Lottery News Booklet No 2.1.

[c] DAPTC - No County Secretary's Circulars were received, only June 98 Newsletter.

[d] Letters from; Mr. S.J. Smith re planning application Wychside. Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust Ltd. concerning Hyde Tennis Court Open Day on the 14 June 1998. Mr. Newman concerning Planting Trees in John Holt Play Area. Mr. Stapleton, concerning Walditch Green.

It was agreed at the request of the Clerk to change the date of the July Meeting from the 13 July to 6 July.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Date 6.7.98 Vice Chairman 

### **MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

Provision of public seats

repairs to notice boards

phase 2 restoration works at landfill site

Walditch Green

John Holt Play Area