

**Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Walditch Wednesday 21 August 1996 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mr.J.E.Mitchell, Mr.G.C.L.Warburton, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.R.Batten, Mr.G.Matthews  
Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8 July 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mrs.F.Ball, Mr.J.E.Mitchell and Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] Steps Main Street and pavements, Hollow Way & Main Street, Bothenhampton, the Clerk informed the meeting that he had taken up these matters and had been informed by Area Surveyor that the sites have been inspected and that the necessary remedial work had been put in hand. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and thank the Area Surveyor for his prompt action on these matters.

[b] Lower Walditch Lane, request for road humps, the Clerk read out the letter received from the County Council Road Safety Manager in which it was stated that our request could not be considered as did not meet any of the conditions that would justify physical traffic calming measures. It was agreed that Mr.Hulbert would take up this matter with the Local Traffic Section of the Police Authority to see if they could carryout some monitoring on our behalf.

[c] The road between the A35 to Mini-roundabout at Lower Walditch, the matter of parking was raised as on the 21 August 1996 eight cars were parked which caused problems. It was agreed that this matter should be taken up again with the Police Authority.

[d] Repairs to noticeboards, the Clerk informed the meeting that he was putting together the specification of this work and when completed he will invite tenders.

[e] Youth Parish Council, Mr.Batten informed the meeting that he had prepared a notice but was unable to print off copies for the meeting but that this should be available for the next meeting.

[f] Seats; as for item "d" above, however the seat in Pasture Way had been further vandalised and now needed to be replaced. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the existing seat to be removed.

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

No report made as Rear Admiral Pritchard was unable to attend meeting.

## **6. PLANNING APPLICATION; BLOSSOMS, REPORT ON SITE MEETING**

Mr. Blythe declared an interest and did not take part in this item.

Mr. Botham informed the meeting that he had attended the Western Area Planning Sub-Committee meeting that took place in July 1996 and that the comments made by the Parish Council concerning previous applications could not be confirmed by WDDC. However, the Sub-Committee agreed that a site meeting was necessary. This was held on the 22 July 1996 and Mr. Batten represented the Parish Council. Mr. Batten confirmed that he attended this meeting and was invited to comment and while he could understand the reasons for the comments that Mr. Matthews had made on behalf of the Parish Council, he could not really continue to put some of these points as WDDC officers could not confirm them. The matter would now go to the next meeting to be held in September 1996. Mrs. England objected to Mr. Batten attending the meeting and felt that the Parish Council representative should have been a Bothenhampton Councillor.

## **7. ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS; REPORT ON BRIEFING FROM DAPTC**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had attended a meeting on the 25 July 1996 at the Village Hall, Bradpole with Mr. Botham and Mr. Blythe at which a short briefing had been given on these regulations. The main point of these regulations is that from the 1 April 1996 we will have to present the accounts in a different way i.e. double entry accounting etc. It has been estimated that this will increase the Clerks work by 1 hour per month. It has also been suggested that the use of special computer programmes could make life easier for the Clerk. These programmes also help in the provision of minutes easier. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend a demonstration of the programme at Ferndown Town Council on the 13 September 1996. The clerk would then report back to the Parish Council at a special meeting to be held on the 16 September 1996.

## **8. LOWER WALDITCH DEVELOPMENT; REPORT OF MEETING WITH WDDC**

Mr. Botham confirmed that he had attended this meeting along with Mr. Hulbert and Mr. Batten. Mr. Salt had taken Notes of the meeting and these will be sent out by the Clerk with the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Salt has suggested that a contract for the land will be necessary and once everything has been agreed then this will be referred back to the Parish Council for approval.

## **9. PROVISION OF NEW SEAT AT THE JOHN HOLT PLAY AREA**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was still awaiting booklets on seats so that this matter could be progressed further.

## **10. FINANCE**

[a] The Clerk informed the meeting that the District Auditor still had all the books and therefore he could not give an up to date report.

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment once the books had been returned.

[1] Hire of Walditch Church Hall. £12.50

[2] Jim White June account for Grass Cutting etc. [July]. £114.55

## **11. PLANNING**

[a]. Applications received from WDDC;

[1] Application No. 1/W/96/0405F-DEL 5 Mount Joy, Bothenhampton, construct pitched roof to existing flat roof section. This was passed to Mrs.England who had spoken to the applicants and their neighbours and no objections had been raised. Application form returned "No objections to this application".

[2] Application No. 1/W/96/0417F-DEL 48 Crook Lane, Bothenhampton, erect single storey extension. This was passed Mr. Walburton who has spoken to the neighbours of the applicant who have no objections. Application form returned " No objections to this application".

[3] Application No. 1/W/96/0465F-DEL 2 Manor Barn Bothenhampton, erect extension and re-erect existing conservatory. This was passed to Mr. Matthews and the application form was returned with the following comments; [1] The work has been completed before this application has been fully considered. [2] An inspection chamber for the foul sewer shown on the original site plan [No 108] appears to have been covered by the extension, as this was situated at the point where the sewer changes direction, future problems could ensue. [3] Although on the back of the house, therefore not altering the street scene in this conservation area, the builder/developer should be severely censured for completing this work before permission is granted.

[4] Application No 1/W/96/185 modify existing access and provide parking, amended plan now showing parking behind Tennis Court; Application returned "No objections to these revisions".

[b]. Decisions by WDDC;

[1] Application No. 1/W/95/0067R Phase 1 Lower Walditch Lane, approval of reserved matters.

[2] Application No. 1/W/96/0195R Lower Walditch Lane, form new access from A35 approval of reserved matters.

[3] Application No. 1/W/96/0360F 8 Bowhayes Bothenhampton, erect extension to roof.

## **12. REPORTS**

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Footpath No6 between A35 and Lower Walditch Lane overgrown. Footpath between Walditch Lane and Crock Lane overgrown. Footpath at Bottomwood overgrown. The bottom end of Coopers Drive Mount Joy overgrown. The area of road at the junction of Bowhayes and Crock Lane has been resurfaced and the "Keep Clear" sign on the road needs repainting. Junction of the A35 and Firch Lane Walditch, Mr. Batten informed the meeting of his recent experience at this junction following which he had carried out a survey into this dangerous junction. The Clerk was instructed to take this matter up with the Highway Authority.

[b] Street Lighting; NTA

[c] Neighbourhood Watch;. NTA

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTA

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE;**

[a] WDDC; The following letter were received, the contents of which were noted.

[1] West Dorset Tourism, Free Promotion of events in and around West Dorset 1997

[2] Removal of leyland cypress at Orchard Cottage, Walditch.

[b] DCC; The following letter was received, the contents of which was noted.

[1] Passenger Transport News letter summer 1996

[2] County Plan News June 1996

[c] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted, 27/96 [Annual General Meeting Resolutions], 28/96 [NALC Legal Protection Policy]

[d] Letter from Bothenhampton Residents Association, suggesting that the Parish Council may wish to join CPRE.

[e] Letter from Mr.K.Abel asking if the Parish Council would consider giving a grant towards the cost of maintaining St.Mary's Churchyard Walditch.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

Date

9/9/96

Chairman

