

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 9 November 1998 7.30pm.

Present: Mr.R.C.Batten [Chairman], Mr.G.Matthews [Vice-Chairman], Mrs.Regan, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.F.C.Botham, Mr.J.Challis, Mr.Yates, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk]

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12 October 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed. It should be noted that Mr.Hulberts letter of resignation was omitted from the minutes.

2. APOLOGIES

Mrs.Ball

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Walditch Green; A copy of the statement read out by Mr.Stapleton at the last meeting, had as agreed been passed the Parish Councils' solicitor. A copy of his reply dated 15 October 1999 had been forwarded to Mr.Stapleton along with a copy of an earlier letter from the Parish Councils' solicitor dated 11 March 1998. The latest letter confirmed that the advice stated in his letter dated 11 March 1998 remained unaltered.

b) New Seats; The Clerk confirmed that a price list had now been received,

c) Flooding Old Church Road ; The Clerk informed that meeting that a meeting had been arranged on the 18 November 1998 starting at 7.30pm at the Church Hall so that the residents of Main St. Old Church Road and Quarry Lane could meet with WDDC to discuss further possible improvement. Mr.Yates confirmed that the Parish Council would be responsible for any improvements to the drainage under the John Halt Play Area, which estimated would cost £4,000.

d) Village Appraisals; Mr.Botham gave a short report on the meeting he attended in Dorchester on the 10 October 1998 concerning how the quality of life in local areas could be improved. He undertook to circular the papers to all Councillors so that the matter could be considered further. He did confirm that Agenda 21 would be an item for discussion at the Area Forum on the 12 November 1998 at the Town Hall, Bridport.

e) Betterment Properties; Alterations to open space to allow oak trees to remain. A meeting had been held with Betterment Properties and agreement had been reached to allow the oak tree to remain. The alterations would be the subject of a revised planning application in the near future.

4. NEW PLAY AREA WALDITCH

Mr.Batten gave an update on this matter, terms of use of the land had been put forward by the Sports Trust which were considered reasonable. A Planning application will need to be put in for change of use of the land. Mr.Yates undertook to complete the required forms. The cost of the application would be £95.00. Mr.Yates also estimated that the cost of fencing etc. would be about £1,500. It was proposed by Mr.Matthews and seconded by Mrs.Yates that this matter should be progressed. This was agreed by all the other Councillors.

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

The Rear Admiral as President of the Sports Trust was happy to help in the provision of a play area for Walditch. As regard to County Council and District Council matters, he confirmed that a white paper had been issued called "Modernising the Political Management of Local Government". This could bring elected majors, cabinet style management. As regard to Bothenhampton Tip, no planning application has been but forward for any new site. When the existing tip closes in 1999, all the rubbish will have to go to other tips at the expense of the contractor until the end of the contact in 2004.

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 SPLIT OF THE PARISH

Rear Admiral Pritchard; was able to give some indication of the possible split of finances for each new council these percentages had been applied to the precept of the current year. Following a long discussion on this matter and taking into account that the May 1999 elections would soon be upon us. And the fact that when Councillors had asked the views of the electorate it would appear that they does not wish at this stage to split. Mrs.England proposed that this matter should not be persuaded, this was seconded by Mr. Yates. This proposal was carried 5 votes for with 1 against. The Clerk was instructed to write to WDDC thanking them for their help in this matter.

8. PRECEPT FOR 1999/2000

The Clerk put forward a suggested precept for the next financial year and following a detailed discussion that following precept as agreed by all Councillors.

Hire of halls	£ 200	↓ 120
Clerks Salary	£2420	↑ 120
Office Rent	£420	
Office Expenses	£200	↓ 300
Insurance	£200	↑ 60
DAPTC Subs	£340	↑ 20
Audit Fees	£165	↑ 15
Donations	£1700	
Grass Cutting	£1500	↑ 150
Street Lighting	£1800	↑ 100
Bothenhampton Church	£800	
Walditch Church	£500	
John Holt Play Area	£1000	↓ 200
Walditch Play Area	£1000	↑ 1000
New Seats	£500	↓ 500
New Notice Boards	£500	↓ 1000
1999 contested elections	£500	↑ 500
Contingency	£7500	↑ 6000
TOTAL	£21245	
Less Brought forward say	£4000	
Precept for 1999/2000	£17245	

9. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

a) A letter dated 4 November 1998 had been received from the Marie Currie Cancer Care asking if the Parish Council would consider giving a grant to help them to continue to carry out the good work of their organisation in its Golden Anniversary year. This matter was discussed and it was agreed by all Councillors not to make a grant on this occasion.

10. FINANCE

[a] The Clerk informed the meeting of the current situation

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

- [1] Jim White Grass Cutting October 1998 £114.55
- [2] Hire of Walditch Village Hall £12.50
- [3] C.W.Groves & Son £13.18
- [4] M.C.Farnham salary for November 1998 £193.83
- [5] Grant to Bothenhampton Church £800.00
- [6] John Bright Fencing £78.91
- [7] Austen Whetham & Guest £381.87

11. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application No 1/W/1998/0608 8 Elwell Bothenhampton Erect tow storey extension sent to Mrs.Ball and returned "no comments". Application 1/W/1998/0619 Allview Wych Hill Bothenhampton construct balcony on south elevation & erect garage sent to Mrs.England and returned " no comment". Application No 1/W/1998/0717. 16 Crock Lane Bothenhampton demolish existing dwelling and recet chalet bungalow sent to Mrs.Ball and returned "no comment".

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1998/0463 land opposite Blossoms Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton, permission granted. Application No 1/W/1998/0516 Manor Farm Walditch, Bothenhampton extend block garages from 4 to 6, permission granted. Application No 1/W/1998/0521 Manor Farm, Waldtich, Bothenhampton extend garages from 4 to 6, listed building consent granted. Application 1/W/1998/0522 site adj 3 Crock Lane Bothenhampton convert existing outbuilding[s] to dwelling [alterations and partial rebuild].

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; None

12. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; It was reported that due to the heavy rain there is water running off the footpath by the Real Tennis Court in Walditch onto the road. The weeds are still growing through the surface in Valley Road. The Clerk undertook to speak to the Highway people on these matters.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; NTR

[f] New Walditch Play Area; NTR

13. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DDC; letter dated 22 October 1998 giving details of changes within the Area Highway Maintenance Office is Dorchester.

[b] WDCC; None

[c] DAPTC; Circular 47/98 Discretionary Rate Relief. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 17 October 1998. Letter dated 14 October 1998 confirming the next Western Area Meeting to be held on the 25 November 1998.

[d] Letters from; Post Office confirming the closure of Bothenhampton Post Office as 30 November 1998. Letter dated 6 November 1998 from St. Mary's School Association thanking the Parish Council for grant. Letter dated 29 October 1998 from Citizens' Advice Bureau thanking the Parish Council for grant.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Date _____ Chairman _____

MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

a) Thanks for increase in Church Grant

b) Concern about location of New Play Area Walditch

c) Walditch Green