

## **Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 1 December 1997 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr.R.C.Batten [Chairman],Mr.G.L.Matthews, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk] In attendance:- Rear Admiral Pritchard CB

Before the meeting started the Chairman requested that all present should stand in silence for a minute as a sign of respect for Councillor, Mr.Mitchell who had unexpectedly passed away since the last meeting.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 November 1997, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Mr.F.R.Botham

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

[a] Parking between A35 and Lower Walditch Lane mini roundabout, the Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting a reply, but he confirmed that the likely to the Parish Council would be £600.00.

### **4. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB**

The Rear Admiral informed the meeting that BFI have been taken over by a large French Water Company. DCC are in contact with this new company, but this should not effect anything in relation to the running of the new Civic Amenity Site in South Street. He also confirmed that Betterment have now received costs relating to the right hand turning lane off the A35 into their development and hopefully work should start shortly.

### **5. CO-OPTION/ELECTION OF TWO NEW COUNCILLORS**

Only one nomination was received; Mr.J.Challis was nominated by Mr.Batten this was seconded by Mr.Matthews and carried by all other Councillors. It was agreed that the remaining vacant seat will be considered at the next meeting when it should be possible to also consider a replacement for Mr.Mitchell.

### **6. USE OF WALDITCH GREEN**

The Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting for comments from the DAPTC. He also confirmed that he had received a letter from Mr.Stapleton and this will be copied to the DAPTC. Rear Admiral Pritchard agreed to speak to the County Solicitor concerning this matter.

Mr.Batten informed the meeting that he had been investigating the possibility of the provision of a play area within the Village so that children did not need to use the green. Matters are progressing and SWEB will move the overhead cables at no cost to the Council and Mr.Gundry has agreed to transfer the land to the Council at no cost to the Council if the Council fund the cost of all the legal fees involved. He also confirmed that he had spoken to the Council solicitors and He had been given a estimate of £1,200 for legal fees. It was agreed by all Councillors that this matter should proceed.

**7. "OPEN SPACE" LOWER WALDITCH LANE DEVELOPMENT**

The Clerk referred to the letter dated 19 November 1997 from Austen Whetham & Guest the Council solicitors concerning the above matter a copy of which was attached to the agenda. It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm that they could proceed with the transfer of the area concerned once WDDC are happy and that in the meantime they could submit an interim account for work already carried out. The Clerk was also to ask about any ~~convents~~ <sup>covenants</sup> that would apply to this area of land and its future use as an open space.

**8. FINANCE**

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment:

[1] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall 1 December 1997 £12.50

[2] M.C.Farnham Salary for December 1997 £183.82 +

[c] In light of the commitment agreed in item 6 above it was proposed by Mrs.Ball and seconded by Mr.Matthews that the contingency sum agreed for the 1998/9 precept should be increased by £1,500 to £3,000. This was agreed by all Councillors.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

[a] DDC; letter dated 12 November 1997 holding letter concerning B3157 Burton Road, Road safety.

[b] letter dated 12 November 1997 from Walditch Church requesting yearly grant.

[c] 2 letters dated 26 November 1997 from Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust Ltd. concerning the Hyde Tennis Courts.

[d] letter dated 20 November 1997 from Walditch Village Hall committee confirming hall bookings.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

Date 12/1/98 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_