

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Tuesday 21 April 1998 7.30pm.

Present: Mr.G.L.Matthews[Vice Chairman], , Mrs.F.M.Ball, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mrs.J.Regan, 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 9 March 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

[a] Deeds for Walditch Green; The Clerk referred to a letter dated 11 March 1998 received from Austen Whetham & Guest Solicitors concerning this matter which was read out and the contents noted.

[b] Parish Review; The Clerk referred two letters received from WDDC one dated 19 March 1998 setting of the next steps. The second dated 20 April 1998 confirming that the review panel had requested a meeting with the Parish Council and suggested three alternative dates of 30 April, 7 May or 14 May 1998. It was agreed that the clerk reply stating that the 7 May 1998 was the preferred date.

3. APOLOGIES

Mr.R.C.Batten, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mr.F..Botham, Rear Admiral Pritchard CB.

4. SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr.E.G.Yates who was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the March meeting made his declaration of acceptance of office and signed the required form.

5. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting 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. A list of items raised is attached at the end of the minutes.

6. LOWER WALDITCH DEVELOPMENT "OPEN SPACE"

The Clerk referred to a letter dated 5 March 1998 received from Austen Whetham & Guest Solicitors concerning this matter a copy of which had been sent out with the agenda for this meeting. This related to the transfer document for this area a copy of which was attached to the letter. All the Councillors agreed with the wording suggested by the solicitors. It was also agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman at the time the transfer is made should sign the necessary documents.

It was also agreed that a set of rules for the use of the area will also need to be agreed.

7. REPORT BY COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REAR ADMIRAL PRITCHARD CB

As Rear Admiral Pritchard was unable to attend this meeting no report was given.

8. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

None

9. 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 on 21 April 1998 £13.00
 - [2] M.C.Farnham Salary for April 1998 £183.82
 - [3] Subscription to DCALC for 1998 £312.13
 - [4] SWEB £278.31

10. PLANNING

- [a] Applications received from West Dorset District Council; Application No 1/W/1998/0140 Wychside, Burton Road, Bothenhampton, develop land by the erection of 6No dwellings and construct new vehicular access. It was agreed that Mrs. England should attend the next WDDC meeting at which this application would be considered and put forward the views of the Parish Council concerning this matter. Application No 1/W/1998/0222 Land opposite Blossoms, Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton. erect 2No dwellings with garges and construct new vehicular and pedestrian access.
- [b] Decisions by West Dorset District Council; Application No. 1/W/1997/0752 Blossoms, Quaay Lane, Bothenhampton, erect implement /hay store and car port, Planning permission granted. Application No. 1/W/1998/0037 Dorwest Herbs Ltd. Firch Lane, Walditch, Bothenhampton, erect industrial building, Planning permission granted. Application No. 1/W/1997/750 Lower Walditch Development, Bothenhampton, revisions to approved layout, Plots 1-21 and Plots 115-120 [to include omission of Plot 3 and new Plot 119A]. Planning permission granted.
- [c] Application received from Dorset County Council; Application No 1/W/98/64, New Primary Sewage Treatment Works at Wych Farm, refurbishment and new pumping station at Headworks, West Bay, for Wessex Water Services.

11. REPORTS FROM;

- [a] Footpaths and Roads; NTR
- [b] Street Lighting; light No 9 Main Street Out.
- [c] Neighbourhood Watch; NTR
- [d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR
- [e] John Holt Play Area; WDDC to dig trial hole in play area in relation to blocked surface water drains.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED


- [a] Dorset County Council; [1] letter dated 12 March 1998 removal of traffic signs, Long Lane, Bothenhampton.
- [b] From West Dorset District Council; [1] Bridport Area Forum meeting to be held on the 16 June 1998. [2] Housing May Day Seminar..

[c]Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils, Circular 13/98 NALC National Conference Resolutions, 14/98 DETR Consultation on Combating Drink Driving 15/98 Audit Charges - Initial Survey 16/98 NALC Publication - Health & Safety Risk Assessment Manual 17/98 Planning for the Communities of the Future 18/98 Crime & Disorder Bill 19/98 Planning for Countyside Quality 20/98 Best Value - Briefing & Discussion Papers 21/98 Declaration of Acceptance of Office 22/98 Government Consultation on Modernising Local Government - Business Rates 23/98 Government Consultation on Access to Open Countyside - "The Right to Roam" 24/98 Additional Accounts Training Course. Minutes of the Executive Committee 7 March 1998

[d] Letter concerning the increase in hire charges for Bothenhampton Church Hall.

[e] Letter of thanks for grant from St.Mary's Church Walditch

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Date 11/5/98 Chairman 

List of items raised in the Democratic Half Hour and noted by the Parish Council

- [a] the ownership of Walditch Green [Mr.Stapleton]
- [b] Planning Application concerning Wychside Burton Road, Bothenhampton[Mr.Smith]
- [c] Provision of Public seats [Mr.Ffooks]
- [d] Grant towards heating system for Bothenhampton Church [Mr.Ffooks]
- [e] Real Tennis Court car parking area could this not be used for children to play ball? [Mr.Blackmore]
- [f] Entrance to Uplands hedge overgrown [Mr.Blackmore]