

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Walditch on Monday 10 August 1998 7.30pm.

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

In attendance; Rear Admiral Pritchard

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6 July 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted with one small alteration as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr.Challis

3. MATTERS ARISING

Hollow Way - WDDC will provide new sign.

John Halt Play Area - Last months minutes should read gate dropped and notice board cleaned.

Junction of Wych Hill and Burton Road, Mr.Blackstock did say that he would look into the possibility of cutting back hedge, This does not seem to have been do.

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. PROPOSED SPLIT OF THE PARISH

The Clerk referred to the list of questions that had been put forward and the need to decide which would be used and how the questionnaire would be delivered and collected. It was possible that they could go out with the Church Magazine. Councillors would have to collect them from households in order to obtain enough replies. After much discussion on the questions to ask and statements to make, Rear Admiral Pritchard was asked for his views and he suggested that he should meet with Mr.Batten to discuss this matter further and that we would then be able to use the offices of WDDC to produce the questionnaire/pamphlet. This way forward was agreed by all other Councillors.

and Mr. Matthews

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

The Rear Admiral confirmed that he had nothing to report except that the Local Government White Paper on the way Local Government will have to be set up in the future. This states that Local Government will have to follow the USA model of elected Mayors, splitting the executive from the rest to form a cabinet. DCC will have 7 select committees. WDDC are likely to go a similar way.

7. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

[A] St.Mary's Walditch, grant towards maintenance of Churchyard letter dated 5 August 1998. Proposed by Mr.Botham and seconded by Mrs.Regan in increase grant to £500 per year. This was agreed by all Councillors.

[B] St.Mary's School Association, grant towards repairs and maintenance of Children play equipment letter dated 16 July 1998. Proposed by Mr.Matthews and seconded by Mr.Hulbert to make a grant of £100. This was agreed by all other Councillors.

8. PROVISION OF NEW SEATS AND NOTICEBOARDS

[A] Noticeboards; following a discussion on the provision of new noticeboards, Mr.Yates undertook to inspect them all and to report back to a future meeting on their condition.

[B] New Seats; following a discussion on the provision of new seats, it was proposed by Mr.Matthews and seconded by Mrs.Ball that a seat should be provided to replace the one removed at Pasture Way. Agreed by all other Councillors. It was also proposed by Mr.Matthews and seconded by Mr.Botham to provide a new seat by the post box in Valley Road. Agreed by all other Councillors. The Clerk to take up the matter of location with the Area Highways Manager to obtain approval.

[C] Mr.Botham raised the matter of the inscription on the seat in Walditch Lane is wearing out. The seat was provided by the Hyde Court.

9. FINANCE

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment;

[1] Jim White Grass Cutting July 1998 £114.55

[2] M.C.Farnham Salary for August 1998 £183.82

[3] Connect South West, Street Lighting Maintenance for 1998 plus replacement of lamp
Main Street, Bothenhampton £380.04

10. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; None

[b]. Decisions by WDDC; 1/W/1998/0140 Wychside, Burton Road, Bothenhampton outlying planning permission granted for the erection of 6 No dwellings and construct new vehicular access. 1/W/1998/0266 The Old Barn, Hollow Way, Bothenhampton planning permission granted for the erection of conservatory. 1/W/1998/0318 1 Bothen Drive, Crock Lane, Bothenhampton planning permission granted for the erection of double garage and construction of new vehicular access. 1/W/1998/0222 Land opposite Blossoms, Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton planning permission refused to erect 2 number dwellings with garages and construction of new vehicular and pedestrian access.

[c] Applications received from DCC; 1/W/98/382 Carry out works for new secondary sewage treatment works.

[d] Decisions by DCC; None.

11. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Cutting back of hedge along Burton Road as raised in matters arising. Clerk undertook to speak to Mr.Blackstock concerning this matter.

[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; Mr.Botham confirmed that he and Mr.Challis have arranged to meet Mr. & Mrs.Cook at the end of August to try and obtain their agreement for public access over this strip of land.

The matter of Deeds relating to the John Halt Play area and the Village Green Walditch was raised. It was agreed by all Councillors that a statement will be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman stating the location of the original deeds for the John Holt Play area and the location of a copy of the deeds for the Village Green Walditch and the land owned by the Parish Council. This will start at next years Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and there after at each annual meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] WDDC; The following letters were received, 20 July Development Control Delegation Agreement, 8 July Street Homelessness in West Dorset, 22 July Dogs [fuoling of land] Act 1996, 4 August Home Energy Conservation Act 1996.

[b] DCC; The following letters were received, 24 July National Cycle Network in Dorset, Planned changes to mobile library schedules from April 1999.

[c] DAPTC Circulars; 32/98 Annual General Meeting 1998, 33/98 Internal Audit, 34/98 Clerks Salaries 198/99, 35/98 Re-introduction of Dog Registration? 36/98 Training for Parish Clerks 37/9, Budgets & Finance Seminar, 38/98 Planning Seminar 39/98, Staff Annual Holidays 40/98 Audit Fees.

[d] Letters from; Wessex Water, Bridport Sewage Treatment Works; Bridport Youth Centre, Thankyou letter for grant; Walditch Village Hall Committee, thankyou letter for grant.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Date 14/9/98 Chairman 

MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

Mr.Stapleton

Deeds of Land owned by the Parish Council.