

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 8 February 1999 7.30pm.

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9 November 1998, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr.Challis, Rear Admiral Pritchard

3. MATTERS ARISING

a] Flooding Old Church Road ; Mr.Yates reported to the meeting following the meeting held on the 18 November 1998 between the residents of Main St. Old Church Road and Quarry Lane with WDDC. The owner of the Nursery below the John Holt play area. Quarry Lane will not be used to take drainage. Therefore, the Parish Council would be responsible for any improvements to the drainage under the John Halt Play Area, which estimated would cost £4,000.

b] New Seats; these to be provided at Pasture Way and Valley Road.

c] 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. Mr.Batten and Mr.Matthews gave an update on this matter, as the alterations will mean that the open space will be reshaped and moved. But it was believed that the view from properties already built would not be affected.

d] Water on Walditch Lane by Real Tennis Court; The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to the Highway Authority along with the problem of the road edge being over driven at the same location. It was also agreed by the Highway Authority that they would provide some white and black posts so that the edge can not be over driven and hopefully slow traffic down.

4. NEW PLAY AREA WALDITCH

Planning Application for the site behind the Real Tennis Court had been approved. Mr.Batten also confirmed that Mr.Gundry had contacted him concerning the original location for a play area in Walditch and he had confirmed that he could provide an alternative access to this site. Mr.Gundry is not happy with the current site for the play area. As the original site proposed for the play area is considered to be more acceptable location, it was proposed by Mr.Yates and seconded by Mr.Matthews and agreed by all other Councillors that the Parish Council should seek planning permission to this site. Mr.Batten to continue consultation with Mr.Gundry on this matter and Mr.Yates to progress planning application.

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

No report given, as Rear Admiral Pritchard was not at the meeting on this occasion.

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. REQUEST FOR GRANTS

a) Letter dated 2 February 1999 from Mr.B.Regan requested a grant towards the setting up of the new sub-post office following his appointment to the post of sub-postmaster for Bothenhampton. Mrs.Regan declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. Following an discussion on this matter it was proposed that the Clerk should seek advice from the DAPTC if the Parish Council is able to give grants in such situations. This was seconded by Mr.Yates and agreed by all other Councillors.

b) Letter dated 2 February 1999 from Miss L.Batten for a grant in relation to a school project, which is a trip to India in October 1999 to work in the St. Johns Mission in Old Delhi. As part of the project each individual has to raise £850 through sponsorship and fundraising. Mr.Batten declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had in the past made a grant in a similar case. Following a discussion on the matter, Mrs.Ball proposed that a grant of £50.00 should be given. This was seconded by Mrs.England and agreed by all other Councillors.

8. FINANCE

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

[b] The following accounts were approved for payment; [As there had been no meeting since November 1998 it had been necessary for bills to be paid and the following had been approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman for December 1998 and January 1999.]

December 1998

- [1] P.L.Hutchings & Co repairs to wall John Holt Play Area £41.13
- [2] Connect South West replacement of street light lamp £17.98
- [3] M.C.Farnham Salary for December 1998 £193.83
- [4] Hire of Bothenhampton Church for meeting with WDDC 18/11/98 £13.00

January 1999

- [1] G.Truscott maintenance of Walditch Village Green flower bed 1998 £82.25
- [2] M.C.Farnham Salary for January 1999 plus office rental for 3rd Quarter £291.33

February 1999

- [1] Hire of Bothenhampton Church Hall 8/2/99 £13.00
- [2] M.C.Farnham Salary for February 1999 £193.83

9. PLANNING

[a]. Applications received from WDDC; Application 1/W/1998/0656; Glenderry, 9 Mount Joy, Bothenhampton, erect single storey kitchen extension. Application 1/W/1998.0694; Barn Corner, Westown, Bothenhampton, remove existing lean-to and erect two storey extension on north elevation. Application 1/W/1998/0698; Bothenhampton Post Office, 17/19 Main Street, Bothenhampton, change of use from Post Office to residential accommodation. Application 1/W/1998/0735 land at Lower Walditch Lane Bothenhampton amendment to P.A. 1/W/96/0370 delete plots 4,11,12,26 etc. Application 1/W/1999/0047; Bay View, Burton Road, Bothenhampton, demolish existing single garage and erect new double garage. Application 1/W/1999/0051; Hopewell House, 33 Main Street, Bothenhampton, carry out internal alterations. Remove existing roof and construct new roof. Fit new door to courtyard. Application 1/W/1999/0080; 57 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton, erect single storey extension.

[b] Decisions by WDDC; Application No 1/W/1998/0608; 8 Elwell Bothenhampton Erect tow storey Approved. Application 1/W/1998/0619; Allview, Wych Hill, Bothenhampton, construct balony on south elevation and erect garage, Approved. Application 1/W/1998/0656; Glenderry, 9 Mount Joy, Bothenhampton, erect single storey Kitchen extension, Approved. Application No 1/W/1998/0694; Barn Corner, Westtown, Bothenhampton, remove existing lean0to and erect two storey extension on north elevation, Approved. Application 1/W/1998/0698; Bothenhampton Post Office, 17/19 Main Street, Bothenhampton, Change of use from Post Office to residential accommodation, Approved. Application 1/W/90/0502 Land adjacent to Home Cottage, Main Street, Bothenhampton Renewal of Planning Application.

[c] Applications received from DCC; None

[d] Decisions by DCC; None

10. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads; Mr. Yates reported on the situation on the footpath between Crock Lane and Sea Road South . Over hanging Trees in Lower Walditch Lane. Parking in Crock Lane. The Clerk undertook to speak to the Highway people on these matters and the Police concerning the parking.

[b] Street Lighting; NTR

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; gangs of Tarmacers and roofers are in the area.

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; NTR

[e] John Halt Play Area; NTR

[f] New Walditch Play Area; NTR

11. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] DDC; Letter dated 21 December 1998 Development Control-Delegation Agreement. Letter dated 30 November 1998 removal of sycamore trees adjacent to Stoneleigh Walditch.

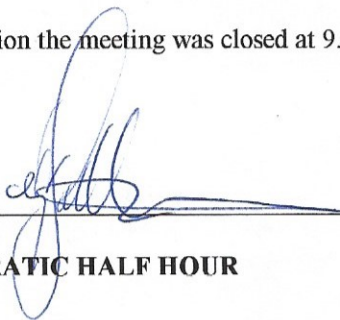
[b] WDDC; None

[c] Letters from; Letter dated November 1998 Dorset Agenda 21 Forum. Letter dated 23 December 1998 from Betterment Properties Reshaping open space, Lower Walditch Development. Bothenhampton Letter dated 26 November 1998 from Residnets Association provision of grit bin. Letter dated 1 December 1998 from Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust Ltd New Play Area Walditch. Letter dated 23 January 1999 from Mr. M. Eastham concerning reshaping of open space Lower Walditch Development. Letter dated 1 February 1999 from Bothenhampton W.I. concerning the millenium. Letter dated 13 December 1998 signed by 6 residents of Walditch concerning ball games on the village green.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Date 8.3.99

Vice
Chairman



MATTERS RAISED IN THE DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

a] Provision of Grit Bin

b] Noticeboard at Old Post Office

c] New Seats