

Minutes of the Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council meeting held in the Church Hall, Bothenhampton on Monday 11 March 1996 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr.F.R.Botham [Chairman], Mr.G.L.Matthews, Mr.D.A.Blythe, Mr.P.G.Hulbert, Mr.J.E.Mitchell, Mr.G.C.L.Warburton, Mrs.D.M.England MBE, Mr.D.Wilson [Clerk] Mr.M.C.Farnham [Clerk Des]

In attendance; Cty Dist Councillor Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12 February 1996, having been circulated to all members, were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Mrs.F.Ball, Mr.R.Batten

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Kerbing of Walditch Village Green; The Clerk confirmed the WDDC are still willing to provide a grant of 50% of the cost for this work i.e. £915.00. Mr.David could start work on the 26 March 1996. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr.David and give him the go ahead to start work.

b. Running Water-Crock Lane; the Clerk confirmed that he has written to Wessex Water concerning this matter and he was still awaiting a reply. Clr Walburton informed the meeting that the water had been cut off at the trough so that the horses did not have any water, this has been reported to the RSPCA.

c. Fourwinds, Mount Joy Estate; the Clerk confirmed that he had written to WDDC on this matter and was still awaiting a reply. The Clerk was instructed to contact WDDC again.

d. The Hyde Tennis Court; the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from the Trust along with Mr.Salts' note of the meeting, it was agreed that these would be circulated to everyone.

e. Spring Clean; Clr Botham confirmed that Walditch had already been spring cleaned, this was organised by Mr.S.D.Johnson and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr.Johnson and thank him. As regard to Bothenhampton Clr Blythe to arrange for the southern half of the Village to be cleaned while Clr England will organise the cleaning of her area. The Scouts and Guides to be contacted and asked to help. The use of people on Community Service would only be considered for projects that can be properly defined, the Clerk was instructed to contact the Probation Service for more details.

4. DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

At this point the meeting was adjourned to enable members of the public present to air their views on matters of local interest. the meeting then re-convened to complete the council's agenda.

5. REPORT BY Cty Dist Councillor Rear Admiral G Pritchard CB

Clr Pritchard confirmed that both the District and County Councils have now set their budgets for the next financial year. He confirmed that WDDC had tabled bids for the land near the nature reserve. He also referred to item 9 of the agenda as he had contacted by the owner of number 42 Maple Gardens concerning the number of vehicles parked outside of 40 Maple Gardens. He had spoken to the people living both sides of 40 Maple Gardens informing them that while he did not think that the parking of so many vehicles was right in a residential area there was nothing that he could do as it would appear that no laws were being broken. He did suggest that they should approach the occupants of 42 Maple Gardens to see if they could sort out this problem. If they did it has worked as the large number of vehicles are no longer left there all day. He will keep an eye on matters to see if they reappear.

6. FINANCE

a. Statement of Accounts as at 29 February 1996; the Clerk gave details of the current financial state.

b. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

1. D. Wilson [Clerk] Salary & Expenses £839.34
for the 4th quarter
2. M.C. Farnham [Clerk Des] Salary only £510.51
for the 4th quarter
3. Hire of Bothenhampton Hall £11.00
4. John Bright Fencing £292.57
safety netting at John Holt Play Area

7. PLANNING

a. Applications received from WDDC; NTR

b. Decisions by WDDC; NTR

8. REPORTS

[a] Footpaths and Roads;

[1] Clr Warburton reported that the footway along Sea Road South has depressions in the surface which could cause an accident to predestines, the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Blackstock DDC Area Office Bridport concerning the matter.

[2] Clr Warburton also reported that repairs had been carried out in Crock Lane to the road surface and also to the drains to help prevent flooding.

[3] Clr Botham reported that there is a lot of standing water on the road at Walditch Green, the clerk was instructed to include this in his letter to Mr. Blackstock.

[4] Clr Hulbert raised the matter of parking in Walditch Lane between the A35 and the mini roundabout and the problems that they cause. It was agreed that this is a police matter, the Clerk was instructed to report it to them.

[5] Clr Botham suggested that at the junction of Walditch Lane and Uplands "Keep Clear" should be painted on the road so that cars etc. can turn in and out of uplands safely. The Clerk was instructed to write to DCC on this matter.

[b] Street Lighting; Number 9 Main Street is out, the Clerk was instructed to report this.

[c] Neighbourhood Watch; the Clerk reported that he had written to PC Jenkins on this matter and was awaiting a reply. NTR

[d] Conservation and Open Spaces; Clr Matthews reported that they had carried out further cutting back etc. and that he was looking into the use of this material on muddy areas instead of burning it.

9. COMPLAINT RE - VEHICLES IN MAPLE GARDENS; This was dealt with under item 5 above.

10. THE GREAT BRITISH POPPY CHAIN; this item was carried forward from the last meeting.

Proposed by Clr England and seconded by Clr Matthews

That the Parish Council should make a donation of £36.00 for one yard of the chain.

11. DORSET PARISH PRESERVATION PROJECT; this item was carried forward from the last meeting.

Proposed by Clr Hulbert and seconded by Clr England

That the Parish Council make a donation of £50.00 towards this preservation project.

12. DAPTC -Report on the Western Area Meeting; Clr England reported on the meeting including that this years Christmas Carol service will be held a Whitchurch. The Area meeting was attended by the Chairman of the County Association who requested members to consider the proposal that the DAPTC changes it name to the Dorset Association of Local Councils.

Proposed by Clr England and seconded by Clr Botham

That the Parish Council supports the proposed change of name from DAPTC to DALC.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

[a] WDDC; The Clerk reported that he had received a copy of the Register of Electors for 1996.

Proposed by Clr England and seconded by Clr Botham

That the Clerk would request 9 further copies form WDDC, 1 for each Councillor.

[b] DAPTC - The following County Secretary's Circulars were received and noted, 9/96[Rural Development Area Project Liaison Officer], 10/96 [Local Authorities [expenditure power] Order 1995]

[c] Community Council for Dorset - Details received of the Village Appraisals Day Course; Clr Botham agreed to attend.

[d] Civil Protection - Quarterly Booklet - Booklets noted and will be forwarded to Clr Ball

[e] Arnold Baker - Local Council Administration; Noted

[f] The Rural Development Commission - Country Lifelines - good practice in rural transport; Noted

[g] Bothenhampton Residents Association - Public Seats in Bothenhampton; the Clerk read out a letter received from the Residents Association which was noted, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Residents Association saying that their comments have been noted and we await the out come of the April meeting.

[h] South West Electricity Board - Street Lighting Maintenance Changes; the Clerk gave details of changes concerning how we will be billed in the future, these were Noted

[i] Wessex Water - Possible take over of South West Water; the Clerk read out a letter received concerning the possible take over and these were noted.

[j] Lucy Adams -The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a further newsletter from Lucy which was 5 pages long and it was agreed that a copy would be sent to each Councillor with the agenda for the next meeting.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

[a] Church Hall Walditch - Cllr Botham declared an interest

Cllr Blythe therefore took the Chairmanship of the meeting for this item.

The contents of two letters from Austen Whetham & Guest were read out, the first dated 28 February 1996 concerning our enquiry into the possibility of acquiring the freehold of the Church Hall. However this seems to be most unlikely as Bridport PCC would still require use of the hall. The second letter dated 29 February 1996 was concerning the Village Action Committee that has been formed by John Scott to become a registered charity and to take on lease of the Hall. Our Solicitors requested if our involvement in this matter now comes to an end and if so they would render their account.

Proposed by Cllr Blythe and second by Cllr England

That we request our Solicitor to render their account and that the Clerk writes to Mr Scott informing him that if the Action Committee does set up as a charitable trust, then the Parish Council may be able to provide some help towards legal costs.

Cllr Botham resumed the Chairmanship of the meeting.

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

Date 1/4/96 Chairman 