

PARISH OF DAWLEY HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Held on Wednesday 23rd April 2008
7.00 p.m. at Horsehay Village Hall**

In the Chair: - Cllr. Andy Chetwood (Chairman of the Parish Council)

Present: Cllrs. R. Haire, G. King, B. Onions, G. Onions and T. Swain.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also present:
PC Claire Walker-Shale, Cllr H. Williams (Borough Councillor), Mrs. Kath Hughes (BVT) and one member of the public

7.00 p.m.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Hickie and Borough Councillors T. Hope, C. Mollett, V. Tonks and A. Williams.

2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2007 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**

3. **Presentation of the Annual Report of the Parish Council**

Cllr. Chetwood presented the annual report of the Council and reported that the PACT meetings had been well attended throughout the year with the Parish Council regularly represented by Councillors Geoff and Beryl Onions. The Chairman stated that he had been especially pleased that the Christmas Dinner provided by Council had once again proved to be a resounding success and that Council had agreed that it should be repeated for the present year. The meeting heard that the PC, in partnership with BVT and Wrekin Housing Trust, had been pleased to sponsor a vehicle for the local police officer; the council felt that it was making progress in persuading the Borough to attend to remedial repairs to the Aqueduct and had offered financial assistance to the Borough to get the project underway; the parish had embarked on a project to provide dog waste bins throughout the parish; members of the parish council were pleased to continue the council sponsorship of the successful annual event held by The Horsehay Horticultural Society; council had agreed to continue to maintain the grass cutting regime at Doseley burial ground for another year. The meeting heard that the Council continues to produce a regular newsletter which is circulated throughout the parish.

Cllr Chetwood felt that the Parish Council had had a busy and successful year; he thanked the Clerk and Members of Council for their assistance during the year.

4. **Report from the Governor of Aqueduct Primary School**

Cllr. Chetwood was pleased to report that the school had once again had a

successful year. It continued to make headway and had a pleasing position in the recent league tables. He reported that he had visited the school on a number of occasions and that the parish council had met once or twice in the school building during the year.

5. **Borough Cllrs Report**

Cllr. Helen Williams gave a general summary of Borough Council activities.

6. **Report from Local Organisations
Horsehay Horticultural Society**

Cllr. Geoff Onions presented a report on the activities of Horsehay Horticultural Society and took the opportunity to thank the Parish Council, on behalf of the Committee, for the regular sponsorship of the annual show.

7.09 p.m. Borough Cllr. Vic Tonks joined the meeting.

Aqueduct Historical Society

Cllr. R. Haire reported that the South Telford Heritage Trail was now “up and running” and then went on to give a report on the activities and achievements of the Aqueduct Historical Society.

Holy Trinity Church

Cllr. Geraldine King gave a report on the activities of the Church and thanked the PC for its agreement to maintain the grass at the burial ground at Doseley. The meeting heard that the Church had petitioned the Crown for closure of the ground.

7. **Local Policing Report**

PC Claire Walker-Shale gave a police report, answered a number of questions and gave special thanks to the Cllrs Onions for their regular attendance and contribution to the PACT meetings.

The meeting took the opportunity to thank PC Walker-Shale and the CSO’s. The meeting discussed a number of police matters.

8. **Resolutions**

There were no resolutions.

9. **Questions**

There were no questions as the Chairman had allowed questions at relevant points during the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 7.26 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Meeting**

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