

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Wednesday 22nd May 2002**  
**at 7.30pm at Aqueduct Community Centre**

PRESENT: Cllr. S. Woodvine - Chairman  
Cllrs. A.M. Jeffs, A. Chetwood, A. Hickie, T. Swain, R. Pritchard,  
G. Onions, R. Haire and D. Gibson.  
Clerk - Mr. M.S.J. Goldstraw.

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

NOMINATION:- CLLR. SUE WOODVINE  
Proposed by Cllr. Chetwood, seconded by Cllr. Pritchard - CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

**2. THE CHAIRMANS DECLARATION OF OFFICE WAS RECEIVED**

**3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

NOMINATION:- CLLR. DELL GIBSON  
Proposed by Cllr. Pritchard, seconded by Cllr. Jeffs - CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

**4. APOLOGIES**

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Davies, P. Davis and R. Sloan  
(Borough Cllrs)

**5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES -agreed as follows**

a)Planning & Environmental Committee  
Cllrs. A. Jeffs, S. Woodvine, R. Pritchard, A. Chetwood A. Hickie, G. Onions R.  
Haire and D. Gibson.

b)Finance & General Purposes Committee  
Cllrs. A. Chetwood, S. Woodvine (ex officio), D. Gibson, G. Onions and R.  
Pritchard.

c) Working Group  
It was agreed to leave the working group in abeyance.

c)Newsletter Editorial  
Cllrs. A. Chetwood, S. Woodvine, A. Jeffs and the Clerk.

Members agreed to make more effort to contribute towards the production of the newsletter.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Agreed as follows:-

Wrekin Area Committee S.A.P.T.C.  
Cllr. A.M. Jeffs and the Clerk

Aqueduct County Primary School  
It was agreed that Cllr. S. Woodvine should complete her term of appointment as governor

Bus User Group  
It was agreed that Cllr. Gibson should continue as parish representative.

**7. TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Insurance renewal  
Membership of SAPTC and "Local Council Review"  
Membership of SAPTC - Wrekin Area Committee  
Membership of Society of Local Council Clerks (the Clerk)  
Membership of Council for Protection of Rural England

PROPOSED THAT THESE BE AGREED;- Cllr. A.M. Jeffs, seconded Cllr. D. Gibson  
AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**8. TO CONSIDER DATES AND FREQUENCY OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

After discussion it was agreed to continue on the current program of meetings where the Council and the Planning & environmental Committee meet once a month and the F&GP Committee meets when the need arises.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45 pm after recording thanks to members for their support and hard work during the previous year.

SIGNED.....  
DATED.....

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**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Wednesday 22nd May 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre**  
**immediately following the Annual General Meeting**

PRESENT: Cllr. S. Woodvine - Chairman  
Cllrs. A.M. Jeffs, A. Chetwood, A. Hickie, T. Swain, R. Pritchard, G. Onions, R. Haire and D. Gibson.  
Clerk - Mr. M.S.J. Goldstraw.

In attendance  
Two members of the public  
Sgt Paul Franks

**PUBLIC SESSION**

A resident reported an incident on the Wide Waters car park where youths were racing about in cars.

Sgt Franks noted that there had been a call to the police station over the weekend but when officers had responded, the cars were no longer there. Sgt Franks commented that such occurrences would not be solved as just a police matter but must also be addressed from an access point of view by T&WC.

Complaints were also made about adults cycling in alleyways when not supposed to do. Sgt Franks stated that if officers were available, they would attend.

Mrs Weston asked why the council had held the Annual Parish Meeting and in particular the item involving the development at Lightmoor in Aqueduct Community Centre.

Members gave an explanation and went on to state that it was thought that all those most interested in the issue had made the effort to attend. It was further explained to Mrs. Weston that the Parish Council had made the effort to hold a public meeting not because it was statutorily obliged to consult (it was not the planning authority) but as a matter of concern for the local community. The meeting had been well advertised and was well attended.

**POLICE SESSION**

Sgt Franks thanked the Parish Council for the letter sent to him and his colleagues which had expressed the appreciation of the council.

He stated that there was not a lot to report although there were still some reports of children playing football on the area marked "No Ball Games". The Beat Managers had been made aware and had reported that there had been no damage, only a general ignoring of the sign.

Cllr. Onions asked if there had been any feed back from the monitoring of speeding traffic on the Horsehay bypass. Sgt Franks replied that a few tickets had been issued

along with a number of advisory notices. The main problem was that there is insufficient distance to obtain a correct speed check.

Cllr. Chetwood reported that he and Cllr. Gibson had recently attended a meeting where it was stated that the police would only place speed traps in areas where there was a danger of accidents. Sgt Franks stated that the focus was to reduce road casualties but reasonable requests for checks on speed would still be considered.

***8.02 p.m. Sgt Franks left the meeting having first been thanked by the Chairman.***

**02/49 APOLOGIES -**

Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Cllrs. C. Davis, P. Davis and R. Sloan.

**02/50** Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2002 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**02/51 Development at Lightmoor Village**

Cllr. Jeffs gave a synopsis of the very large planning application which he and other members of the Planning & Environmental Committee were in the process of studying. He stated that it had been the policy of the parish council, since the proposal was first talked about, to be against any development on the site. At the last planning meeting, all members were asked, one by one their current views and all stated that their gut reaction was to be against the proposal, and this should be made clear to T&WC in any communication on the matter, however without exception, all members also stated that they recognised that to simply say no to the proposal would mean that any opportunity to work towards a compromise of any sort would be lost. They had therefore decided to recommend that the parish council go along with the outline planning application at this stage. The planning application had been circulated to all members and they had been asked to come up with any points to be put to T&WC in order to change/ modify/ improve the development from the point of view of the existing residents of the parish.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Jeffs if it was the recommendation of the Planning & Environmental Committee that the plans be studied and then the council make recommendations for minor changes, whilst in principle endorsing the outline permission, with a view to influencing the final proposals. This was confirmed and Cllr. Pritchard proposed that the recommendation be accepted.

Following further discussion, the proposition was seconded by Cllr. Onions. It was resolved that the plans be studied and then the council make recommendations for minor changes, whilst in principle endorsing the outline permission, with a view to influencing the final proposals.

**02/52 Data Protection Act**

Resolved that the council notify under the Data Protection Act.

**02/53 Annual General Meeting SAPTC**

The meeting were informed that the AGM of the SAPTC was to be held on 2nd November 2002, however, none of the information supplied by the SAPTC gave details of times or venue !! The Clerk was asked to clarify the details.

**02/54 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 8th April 2002, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

**02/55 Countryside Officers Report**

There was no report.

**02/56 The Golden Jubilee of HM The Queen**

The Clerk reported that he had not yet received the invoice for the gates and the plaque had not yet been made. The provision of some form of plaque in Aqueduct was still being investigated.

**02/57 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS-** It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

**STATEMENT 121** was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

Internal Auditors

Members were given details of the new regulations which stated that the accounts of the council would have to be subject to an internal audit and therefore there was a need to appoint an independent local auditor. The Clerk gave details of the efforts currently being made by the Wrekin Area Committee of the SAPTC to vet suitable candidates and to negotiate reasonable prices. It was agreed to accept the Wrekin Area Committee recommendations as and when decided.

**02/58 CORRESPONDENCE**

SALC WAC

Mins - noted

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Notification of nominations for Standards Committee for Ethics - noted

T&WC

Copy of auditors report on Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council - circulated

H/hay Hort. Soc.

[Cllr. Jeffs and Onions took no part in the debate] Horsehay Horticultural Society reported increasing costs to stage what was felt by members to be a valuable community activity, the Annual Flower Show. The information provided indicated that the show was in danger of occurring a loss. Members agreed to increase the budgeted

donation (sponsorship) to five hundred pounds and payment was authorised in the said amount.

T&WC

Invitation to attend a reception for the inauguration of Telford & Wrekin Borough Council.

The Clerk read to the meeting the contents of a letter from Cllr. Mrs Tansy Swain which stated that due to a house move, she would be stepping down as a parish councillor at the end of the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Swain for her contributions to council during her time of office.

**02/59 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Hickie gave advanced apologies for the next council meeting.

Cllr. Onions reported the concerns of residents over the continuing problems with HGV's using Horsehay unnecessarily (Johnstone's vehicles). The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Ken Musgrove, of Johnstone's to report the matter and to ask for the cooperation of drivers in avoiding this route.

Cllr. Pritchard reported that no action had been taken by T&WC to address the proliferation of illegal signs at Doseley and Horsehay. It was further stated that the recently successful application for a mobile catering van which had restrictions on the number of signs highlighting the location of the van had not had any impact on the number of advertising signs for the van in the area.

02/60 Date of next meeting Wednesday 26th June 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

Signed

Date