

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2001 following the Annual Parish Meeting**  
**at Aqueduct Community Centre**

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

**In attendance Four members of the public**

1. **PUBLIC** -This meeting following immediately after the annual Parish Meeting, the public had no further comments to make.
2. **POLICE SESSION**- Having attended and reporting at the previous Annual Parish meeting, the police were excused attendance of the Parish Council Meeting.

**01/38 APOLOGIES -**  
No apologies were received.

**01/39 Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March were confirmed and signed as a true record.**

**01/40 Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising. The Clerk gave a brief update on the matters raised on the previous agenda.

**01/41 Aqueduct Community Centre**  
The Chairman asked members if, following the request at the last meeting, there were any questions. Cllr. Hickie commented about the restrictions of size which the centre presented. The Chairman stated that the council needed to decide what course of action it wished to take. The options given were to either carry on negotiating with the possibility of a feasibility study or to decide at this stage that the matter is not worth pursuing. Cllr. Chetwood suggested that the council should continue negotiating. Cllr. Jeffs reiterated his feelings that the centre should play an important roll within the community including its roll as a venue for parish council meetings, it was an amenity which belonged to the people and should continue to be in public ownership. Cllr. Jeffs continued by stating that he was aware that it was unlikely that any community centre of this size would be profitable but it should be seen as a place for small groups to meet. T&WC have never promoted the centre and it would be letting the public down if it did not survive. The only alternative would be to meet in local pubs.

Cllr. Gibson stated that, although limited in size, the centre could still be viable for small groups. Cllr. Gibson felt that some effort should be made to promote the centre and its availability.

Cllr. Pritchard expressed a wish to continue with the negotiations on the grounds that the council had nothing to lose.

Cllr. Chetwood proposed that negotiations continue. This was seconded by Cllr. Jeffs.

It was **resolved that negotiations continue with T&WC.**

Members agreed to form a working group to deal with the matter, membership to be:

Cllr. Chetwood, Cllr. Hickie, Cllr. Jeffs and Cllr. Woodvine (ex officio).

Meeting provisionally booked for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 7.00 p.m.

**01/42 To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2001, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

**01/43 Countryside Officers Report**

Cllr. Jeffs stated that there was nothing to report.

**01/44 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS-** It was **RESOLVED:** that these be approved and paid as tabled.

**STATEMENT 108** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Payment of the grant to Horsehay Horticultural Society (four hundred and twenty pounds) was authorised.

**01/45 CORRESPONDENCE**

- T&WC**
- a) Notice of election Dawley Magna
  - b) Invitation to variety evening Edgmond Village Hall - noted.
  - c) Foot and Mouth update.
  - d) Periodic Electoral review.

Telford Steam Railway	Thanks for grant.
GDPG	Training Evening 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Shrop & M.Wales Hospice	Thanks for grant.
TCAT	Thanks for grant.
Parish Pump	Noted.

**01/45 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Chetwood stated that he wished to have clarification over minute 01/12.

The Clerk confirmed that matters discussed under minute 01/12 were, and would remain confidential and would not be released to the public.

Cllr. Chetwood asked where the council had obtained its information.

The Clerk asked Cllr. Chetwood if he wished the Chairman to order the exclusion of the public due to the confidential nature of the topic. Cllr. Chetwood stated that he wished his questions to be answered in public and did not require that the public were excluded.

The Clerk stated that the incident had caused the council a great deal of embarrassment and it would have helped matters if Cllr. Chetwood had responded to repeated requests

to discuss the matter prior to any public meeting.

Cllr. Chetwood stated that he had taken legal advice and sought the answers to questions relating to where the information had come from.

**8.35 p.m. Cllr. Hickie apologised stating that he had other pressing commitments and left the meeting.**

The Clerk gave Cllr. Chetwood a limited amount of information and stated that any more formal request would need to be put into writing for a considered response. Cllr. Chetwood stated that he had asked his questions and required a reply in writing.

Cllr. Jeffs reported that the faulty light on Frame Lane had still not been attended to by T&WC.

Cllr. Jeffs asked if Members could be issued with a folder (briefcase style) to carry their council papers. To be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Cllr. Onions reported that the slippery surface road sign on Southall Road was lying in the grass. Clerk to report.

The Clerk informed Members that the council now had its own web site which could be found at [www.dawley-hamlets.org](http://www.dawley-hamlets.org)

**01/46 Date of next meeting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which is to commence at 7.00 p.m.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date

