

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 27th April 2005 at Horsehay Village Hall immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.20 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. R. Haire, A. Hickie, G. Onions and R. Pritchard.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were two members of the public present.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen gave details of Doseley Fun Day.

[7.25 Mr & Mrs Owen left the meeting]

POLICE SESSION

WPC Taylor having been present for the Annual Parish Meeting had left the room prior to the start of the Parish Council Meeting. Cllr. Chetwood reminded the meeting of the report presented by the officer which included crime statistics and details of the recent concentration on licensed premises to stamp down on underage drinking and anti social behaviour.

05/040 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Lees and Cllr. Gibson.

05/041 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd March 2005** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

05/042 Co-option to the Office of Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that there had been no call for an election so Council should now make efforts to co-opt. The Clerk confirmed that the relevant notices had been placed around the parish and Members stated that they would endeavour to encourage suitable applicants.

05/043 Radio Masts within the Borough

The meeting discussed the positioning of Radio Telephone masts within the Borough and it was agreed that the Parish council felt that it was most unsatisfactory for any masts to be placed near to residential areas. Cllr. Chetwood drew members attention to the policies of Birmingham City Council and Milton Keynes which was not to site any masts on any publicly owned land within 50 metres of residential property or sites such as schools and hospitals. Cllr. Chetwood proposed that Council should lobby the Borough to adopt a similar policy; seconded by Cllr. Pritchard, it was **RESOLVED**.

05/043 Appointment of Internal Auditors

RESOLVED to confirm the appointment of Mr. John Nicholls as internal Auditor for the auditing of the accounts to 31st March 2005.

05/044 Quality Parish Council and Parish Plan

The Clerk confirmed that Mr. George Kinnell from the Borough had agreed to attend a meeting of Council to discuss Quality Council status at a date to be arranged.

05/045 Community Projects

Aqueduct Play Area

Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Derek Owen and Alistair James to request that they attend a meeting of council to discuss the current projects.

Youth Provision

Dealt with above.

Lych Gate

The Clerk reported that he had requested that the Greenwood Trust provide a line drawing of the proposed Lych Gate to satisfy the requirements of the Borough. The application would be resubmitted when all the documents were together.

05/045 Possible Provision of Youth Shelter and Bench at Horsehay

Members discussed the possible provision of facilities at Horsehay and decided that the Borough Officers referred to in 05/045 should be invited to assist the parish in finding a suitable site. Members resolved to set aside sufficient funds to ensure the purchase of a Youth Shelter should it become a possibility.

05/046 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2005 were received.

05/047 Countryside Officer's Report

Cllr. Hickie reported that he had supervised the installation of the two new benches, one being sited near to the winding gear roundabout at Castlefields Way and one being sited above aqueduct bridge. Cllr. Hickie also reported that the new notice board had been put into place adjacent to Majestic Way Stores. Members were informed that the new notice board had no door; Cllr. Hickie asked if Council would authorise the purchase of a door and lock from the Greenwood Trust to be added to the notice board.

05/048 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 155 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

Banking Provisions

There was nothing to report.

Financial Risk Assessment

Members read and accepted the Financial Risk assessment presented by the Clerk. The Clerk was thanked for producing the report.

05/049 Correspondence

BT&W

STROWP

J. Nicholls

DEFRA

Wrekin Walkabout - noted.

DH19 obstructions to be removed.

Audit requirements - noted .

Quality Accreditation - noted.

05/050 Any Other Items of Information

There were no other items of information.

RESOLVED That under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

05/051 Provision of Pension/Gratuity for the Clerk

05/052 Date of next meeting Wednesday 25th May 2005 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m. [This will be the Annual General Meeting of Council]

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....