

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 23rd April 2008 at Aqueduct Primary School immediately
following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.26 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
R. Haire, Geraldine King, Mrs. B. Onions, G. Onions and Tansy Swain.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: Borough Councillors Cllr. Helen Williams and Vic Tonks.
Mrs Kath Hughes (BVT) Mr. Hughes & PC Claire Walker-Shale

07/132 APOLOGIES

Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. A. Hickie.

Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillors Clive Mollett, Tracy Hope and Adrian Williams.

07/133 Public Session

There being no members of the public wishing to address council, the Chairman allowed Mrs. Hughes, representing BVT, to address the meeting.

Mrs Hughes took the opportunity to update Council on a number of matters relating to the BVT development.

The meeting was asked by Mrs Hughes to lend moral support to an initiative to move a section of ancient hedgerow adjacent to a building plot as a viable alternative to its destruction. The meeting heard that the undertaking would cost in the region of £6000 and that BVT was seeking grant funding from the "County" in the sum of £3000 and would match fund the other £3000; no funds would be requested from the parish. It was agreed to provide a letter of support from the Parish Council for the scheme.

The meeting discussed traffic issues relating to the development and a request was made that BVT reconsider its removal of the Horsehay sign and reinstate it. Mrs Hughes agreed to look into the matter.

7.37 p.m. PC Walker-Shale, Mr & Mrs Hughes, Cllr. Williams and Cllr. Tonks left the meeting.

07/134 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that Cllr. King had forwarded her apologies to the meeting but they had not been presented. The apologies were retrospectively accepted. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th March 2008** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

07/135 SAPTC legislation

The Chairman gave details of new legislation which permitted larger authorities (but not Parish and Town Councils) to form trading bodies and to undertake trade for profit. The Chairman wished to ascertain why this legislation did not apply to the smaller local authorities and proposed that Council wrote to SAPTC to question the matter with Westminster.

The meeting discussed the issue.

Cllr. Haire stated that whilst he did not necessarily agree with local authorities trading, he would second the proposition in order to gain more information. It was **RESOLVED** to ask SALC to ascertain why parish and town councils had been omitted from the new legislation.

07/136 Community Initiatives

a) Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Members debated whether or not the Christmas Party should be continued and what alternatives might be offered. It was agreed that the Christmas Party should be continued.

07/137 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2008 were received.

07/138 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 193 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Mr John Nicholls was approved and reappointed to act as Internal Auditor.

The meeting noted and approved the additional payment of £72.00 to the Horsehay Villager Hall for Hall Rent.

The Clerk was asked to obtain three quotes for the next insurance policy.

07/139 Correspondence

BTW Notification of Temporary Prohibition of Use of Footpath 12th May to 16th May The Silkin Way Chapel Lane. Noted.

BTW Notification that the Borough Council will now accept shredded paper in its curb side recycling programme (provided that the shredded paper is placed in a large paper envelope or paper bag).

BTW Notification of street names for Lawley Development – Ralph’s Close, Wooley and St.John’s along with the names of Great western

Hall Class Locomotives Caxton, Eastcote and Ashwicke. Members were asked to comment on the following additions – Stainburn (architect of St. John’s Church) and Smallhill (field). The meeting asked the Clerk to inform the officer that the locals know the field as Smalley Hill, not Smallhill.

CPRE

Annual Report and notice of AGM.

BTW

Notification that work on new roundabout junction on the A4169 at the junction with Stoneyhill to serve Lighmoor would commence on the 6th May 2008.

BTW

Bank Holiday rubbish and recycling dates.

Cllr. Mrs Bev Walker

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received the written resignation of Bev Walker from the office of Parish Councillor. All present stated that they were sorry to receive Mrs Walker’s resignation and wished her well. The Clerk was asked to set in train the necessary advertisement of a vacancy.

07/140 Newsletter

The Clerk handed out copies of the newsletter and informed the meeting that the delivery to the parish would take place the following day.

The meeting was informed that the number of newsletters printed was 3500 and this quantity had not increased in over ten years; it had become apparent that there was a shortfall and the Clerk asked if he could be authorised to increase the next order to 4000. It was agreed that the quantity of newsletters printed should be increased to 4000.

The Clerk was thanked for production of the newsletter. Members agreed that the next edition should be a July edition and that advanced notice of the Christmas Party should be included. The Clerk asked Members to ensure contributions reached him by the second week in June at the latest.

07/141 Date of next meeting which would be the AGM - Wednesday 21st May 2008 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.16 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....