

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Wednesday
22nd April 2009 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.22 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. Linda Gough, R. Haire, A. Hickie, Geraldine King, J. Lovett,
Tansy Swain and Beryl Onions.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

09/01 Apologies

There were no apologies.

09/02 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

09/03 Police Session

Apologies were received from PC Claire Walker-Shale.

The meeting received a PACT report from Cllr. Linda Gough who stated that there had been a general plea of encouragement from the police to the public that all incidents are reported.

Cllr. Hickie gave details of an incident in Aqueduct.

7:26p.m. Cllr. G. Onions joined the meeting.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Hickie if he would endeavour to ensure that a representative of aqueduct attended the next PACT meeting.

The Clerk reported that there had been an unsuccessful attempt to damage the Aqueduct notice board.

09/04 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

09/05 Banking facilities

The Clerk reported that some time ago he had requested that the Yorkshire Bank send the council a new mandate but one was not sent. After telephoning the bank it had been ascertained that they didn't send a new mandate because the Clerk had signed the letter and they needed two actual signatories before they would act. The Clerk stated that although that was not a problem, if council did fill in a new mandate everyone on that mandate, new signatories along with old, would have to prove their identity by visiting the Yorkshire Bank in Wolverhampton!

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the council was in need of new and additional signatories and suggested that a course of action be adopted and resolved. Following discussion it was agreed that council should:

1. Open a new account with a bank which has a branch in Telford. This would mean that all signatories would have to be identified but at least they would only have to travel to Telford.
2. Council authorise a cheque from the Yorkshire Bank made payable to Dawley Hamlets PC and pay it into the new bank account with sufficient funds to cover a couple of months transactions.
3. Once the council is sure the funds have reached the new account it ceases to write cheques on the old Yorkshire Bank account and uses the new account.
4. When council is sure that all the Yorkshire Bank cheques have cleared, a cheque for the remaining balance, made payable to Dawley Hamlets PC, is made out and paid in to the new account - thus emptying the Yorkshire account.
- 5 Council then writes to the Yorkshire Bank to close the account.

The meeting agreed that this would provide a proper audit trail and would then lead seamlessly to achieving a greater number of signatories than at present.

It was resolved that an appropriate treasurers account be opened with the Royal Bank of Scotland. The Clerk informed the meeting of the terms and conditions of the account which were approved and it was agreed that the completed application form be signed on behalf of council and delivered to the bank. It was agreed that the bank should be authorised to accept instructions from any two signatories for operation on the account and to release items held in security or safe custody in the name of the council from:

The Clerk, Martin S J Goldstraw; The Chairman, Andy Chetwood; Cllr. Haire.

It was further agreed that as soon as the bank account was operational funds from the Halifax and Yorkshire bank should be transferred to the new account and that a further mandate should be obtained to include other Councillors as signatories.

09/06 Provision of allotments in the Parish

The meeting discussed an offer of the gift of land, from The Horsehay Company, to the parish to be used as allotments. It was agreed that a site meeting should be held. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the company representatives.

7:42p.m. Cllr. G. Onions left the meeting.

09/07 Liaison with Horsehay Village Hall Committee

The meeting heard that there was nothing to report because the Village Hall Committee had not yet met to discuss the matter.

09/08 BVT – report

Cllr. Linda Gough gave a report on her visit to Bournville at which she had represented Council.

7:45p.m. Cllr. G. Onions rejoined the meeting.

The meeting heard about the aims and aspirations of the Bournville project and Cllr. Gough gave details of the ethos of the village. She reported that she had had a wonderful day and had learned a lot about the aims of the housing projects as it related to Lightmoor. Council thanked Cllr. Gough for attending.

09/09 Senior Citizens Summer Picnic

The meeting received a progress report on the organisation of the day. It was confirmed that the caterers had been booked and that there had been 51 applicants.

09/10 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2009 were received.

09/11 Accounts

The Clerk asked the meeting to cancel cheque number 001453 as it had been duplicated in error. Subject to the cheque being cancelled:

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

STATEMENT 205 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

09/12 Correspondence

E&HRC	Public Sector Equality Duties – noted.
T&WC	Request for suitable locations to place a council direct contact telephone – the meeting suggested Horsehay Post Office and one of the shops at Little Dawley and Aqueduct.
T&WC	DPPO questionnaire. Following discussion the questionnaire was completed in accord with the views previously expressed by Council; that the DPPO would be practically unenforceable and that there was sufficient legislation already in place to allow the police to deal with antisocial behaviour caused by excess alcohol.

09/13 Date of Annual General Meeting to be Wednesday 20th May 2009 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8. 10 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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