

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 19th December 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre
at 7.30 p.m.

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

In attendance WPC Fiona McWilliams and PC Phil Howells

1. PUBLIC -There were no members of the public present.

2. POLICE - WPC McWilliams gave a report on local crime figures stating that although there was a slight increase of 2% in dwelling house burglaries, there had been a recent arrest. There had been an increase in incidents of criminal damage in the area of Aqueduct, two offenders were being dealt with for two offences. The police had now stepped patrols (targeted) and there was a generally increased police presence in the area.

WPC McWilliams read to the meeting a letter from WPC Micky Riggs which gave details of JDM contractors moving to the Doseley Industrial Estate. Members discussed the problems with the estate and WPC McWilliams was asked to convey their concerns to WPC Riggs.

PC Howells gave details of the sponsor car scheme to the meeting outlining the role of beat Managers and specials.

Cllr. Chetwood proposed that the £630 budgeted for the police vehicle be paid, seconded by Cllr. Woodvine, it was RESOLVED that the £630 budgeted for the police vehicle be paid.

Cllr. Onions reported an abandoned vehicle in Bridge Road - police to follow up.

8.10 pm The Chairman thanked the officers for attending and they left the meeting.

01/120 APOLOGIES -

Apologies were received from Cllr. T. Swain.

01/121 Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November were confirmed and signed as a true record.

01/122 Aqueduct Community Centre

Members were presented with the surveyors report and agreed to discuss the matter at the next Planning Meeting, after studying the report.

01/123 Traffic Matters

Members discussed the public response to the suggested road closure, hearing that a petition against it had been forwarded to T&WC. The Clerk reported that T&WC had also encountered opposition to the scheme from statutory bodies. It was agreed that road closure was no longer an option. The clerk was asked to approach T&WC for alternatives to the schemes offered.

01/124 The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001

Members discussed the Code in detail. Cllr. Woodvine proposed that the Model Code of Conduct be accepted by the Council, seconded by Cllr. Chetwood - RESOLVED.

01/125 Quality Town & Parish Councils

Cllr. Chetwood gave the Meeting a summary of the proposals and the benefits were discussed. Members were concerned that the present council, even if it wished to strive towards recognition, could not achieve quality status because, through no fault of its own, it did not have a fully elected Membership at the time of the election. The Clerk was asked to write to NALC expressing the council's general support but pointing out the disincentive of being unable to achieve quality status no matter how efficient it was.

01/126 To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 5th November 2001, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

01/127 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs gave details of work to land at Lightmoor which although initially raising concerns over the loss of bridle way, had now been completed to the satisfaction of STROWP.

The Clerk gave Members a report on the restructuring of STROWP and Members expressed their support for the moves.

01/128 The Golden Jubilee of HM The Queen

Cllr. Jeffs suggested to the Meeting that the community could benefit from such projects as replacement of all wooden bus shelters with brick ones and/or landscaping of all traffic island within the parish.

Cllr. Haire agreed that any commemoration should be of a permanent and public nature. Cllr. Jeffs asked Members to consider the commissioning of book of the

history of the parish.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Chetwood for his suggestions and encouraged other Members to bring suggestions to council for consideration. The Clerk was asked to keep the subject on the agenda.

01/129 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS- It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

STATEMENT 116 was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

01/130 CORRESPONDENCE

WAC SAPTC
T&WC
T&W Com Trust
GDPC

Meeting 3/1/02
Budgetary Consultation
Thanks for grant
Civic Service 27/1/02

01/131 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

There were no matters for information.

01/132 Date of next meeting Wednesday 23rd January 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed

Date