

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 17th December 2003 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. D. Gibson, G. Onions, R. Haire, A. Hickie, J. Lees
and Mrs. Dianne Wallis.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

In attendance.
Mr. Roy Pritchard.

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

POLICE SESSION

PC Nicholls reported a slight rise in car crime in the Aqueduct area and that she had spoken to PC Jan Evans (Vehicle Crime Officer) about possible remedies.

The Chairman asked PC Nicholls to comment on the recent meeting held by Sgt. Franks about the Street Warden initiative. PC Nicholls gave brief details of the initiative.

Cllr. Onions asked PC Nichols if she could add weight to efforts to ensure that heavy vehicles on route to the Onyx site were properly netted to prevent loss of load. PC Nicholls agreed to speak to Onyx about the concerns. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Environmental Maintenance dept. about the problem of rubbish blowing from the back of such vehicles.

There being no further police matters, PC Nicholls left the meeting at 7.22 p.m. after being thanked by the Chairman.

03/121 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. L. Robinson.

03/122 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2003** were approved as

a true record and signed by the Chairman.

03/123 Clerks report on items pending

Members discussed the consultation requirements for the proposed bus shelter on Holly Road. The Clerk informed the meeting that permission had been received from the Borough and planning permission would not be required. The Borough had provided a quote of £2022 plus additional cost of approximately £200 -£300 to create the necessary hardstanding. Members agreed to accept the quotes subject to satisfactory public consultation.

03/124 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been one applicant for co-option to the office of Parish Councillor for the Dawley Hamlets Ward of the Council, Mr. Roy Pritchard who qualified for appointment. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Pritchard to Council stating that Members were delighted that his prior experience as a Councillor would once again be of benefit to the community.

Cllr. Pritchard signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

03/125 Forward Planning Group

The Chairman stated that he felt it was time a meeting was held to discuss, on an informal basis, the way in which members saw the future direction of Council developing. Cllr. Chetwood felt that Members were simply drifting from meeting to meeting without any forward planning.

Members agreed that it would be a good idea to hold an informal meeting where all could discuss openly any ideas they had for the future direction Council should take.

Members agreed that a meeting should take place on a Monday and Cllr. Onions was asked to check availability of Horsehay Hall.

03/126 Parish Charter

The Clerk informed Members that Katrina Baker had responded to the invitation to attend a meeting by stating that owing to other Clerking duties, which clash with DHPC meetings, she would have difficulty attending a meeting of Council. Members discussed the Parish Charter and Quality Status and the implications thereof.

The Clerk was asked to contact Katrina with a view to arranging a special meeting to deal with the Charter.

In regard to Quality Parish Council status, the Chairman felt that as a matter `

of course Council should be in the habit of responding to all planning applications, whether objecting or not.

03/127 Planning & Environmental Committee

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

03/128 Countryside Officer's Report

Cllr. Mrs. Wallis reported that the life buoy at Horsehay Pool was lying on the ground. Concerns were expressed over the level of the pool along with a general neglect with an accumulation of rubbish. Members also expressed concern over the ongoing problems of dog excrement around the pool.

Members reported that there was no life saving provision currently at the Dandy, Castle and Wide Pools.

Members reported that the "Aqueduct" sign had been vandalised.

Members discussed the role of the STROWP officer. The present officer seemed to have a very different brief to that of the previous officer. It was noticed that the previous officer did not merely survey and report upon the condition of footpaths but also instigated and co-ordinated voluntary labour and himself attended to matters of repair and maintenance whereas the present officer seemed to do little more than survey and report. Cllr. Hickie and the Clerk reminded the meeting that there had been no representative of the parish present at the last few meeting of STROWP because meetings had coincided with those of Council. It was therefore unclear as to the brief of this new officer.

Members reported a fallen tree at the bus pull in on Southall Road.

Members discussed the application by the Steam Trust to remove a tree.

Cllr. Hickie reported concerns over the condition of the footpath on Southall Road adjacent to the new post box.

03/129 Accounts

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

In addition, Members approved a donation to Little Dawley Methodist Church in the sum of £20 for their generosity in hosting the teas on Remembrance Sunday and room rental at Horsehay Village Hall in the sum of £84.00.

STATEMENT 140 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was

approved.

The Clerk presented the Audit Report to the meeting and it was approved.

03/130 Correspondence

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| a) SALC | Annual Report |
| b) T&WC | Lawley – Shaping the future |
| c) Aqueduct Primary School | Thanks for the donation. |
| d) Licensing Direct | Justices Licence application All Labour in Vain – there were no objections. |
| e) Chapel Lane Residents | Copy of letter to developers – noted. |

The Clerk received a disk from Cllr. Mrs. Robinson (handed in by Cllr. Mrs. Wallis) containing a draft version of the parish magazine.

03/131 Any Other Items of Information

Cllr. Onions reported that whilst he was delighted that the Borough had at long last replaced the missing “Foresters Close” sign, the replacement was regrettably spelt wrong, having two “R’s” instead of one!

Cllr. Gibson informed the meeting that he had been appointed to the Telford forum of the Princess Royal Hospital and Ambulance Trust. Cllr. Gibson gave a brief report. He also informed the meeting that he had been appointed to the office of Chairman of the Telford & Wrekin Access Group.

03/132 Date of next meeting Wednesday 28th January 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8. 11 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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