

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 15th December 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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

In attendance.

WPC Vicky Taylor (Beat Manager)
The Local Community Support Officer (Adrian)

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

POLICE SESSION

PC Taylor presented the police report. Members received the a summary of the results of a combined operation (Crystal) where of the 4921 vehicles using the road in question, 153 vehicles were stopped. The operation uncovered two thefts, one disqualified driver, one drunk driver, twenty four fixed penalty notices and 3 vehicle rectification notices.

PC Taylor gave details of a planned operation named Clampdown where public house licensees would be spoken to about their social responsibilities and general antisocial behaviour would be targeted.

Cllr. Pritchard asked if the officer could find time on her patrol to visit local newspaper shops to speak to newsagents about their responsibility to ensure that newspaper delivery boys were safe with particular reference to the use of bikes without lights. PC Taylor agreed to speak to newsagents and informed the meeting that after Christmas she would also be assisting Aqueduct Primary School to promote and encourage cycling safety.

Members agreed to assist the school in its endeavours to promote cycling safety and it was resolved to provide two first prizes in the form of Halfords £10 vouchers (one for Key Stage I and One for Key Stage II) and two second prizes in the form of Halfords £5 vouchers. In addition, it was agreed to provide the funding for 25 "Sam Brown" safety reflective belts for the runners up.

7.22 p.m. after being thanked by the Chairman for their attendance PC Taylor and the CS Officer left the meeting.

04/142 APOLOGIES

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

04/143 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2004** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04/144 Aqueduct Primary School

a) To consider whether the decision (which followed a grant of £5000 to the school) not to allow further grants for the next four years should be rescinded. Following discussion it was RESOLVED not to rescind the previous decision.

b) To consider further grant aiding the school in the sum of £1000 as a contribution to furnish the new extension.

Due to the decisions made in the first half of the discussion, (b) could not be proceeded with.

04/145 Meeting Venues

Cllr. Chetwood informed the meeting that Aqueduct Primary School would be available as a venue for meetings. Members agreed that it would be desirable to return to a system of rotating between venues if suitable venues could be found.

Members agreed that if Aqueduct School could be made available it would provide an ideal venue to replace Aqueduct Community Centre which was closed by the Borough as a community venue.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to use the School as a meeting venue and in order to assist the school it was further RESOLVED to pay an advanced room rental for the forthcoming year in the sum of £1000.

04/145 Newsletter

Members were informed that the Clerk had not received a progress report from Cllr. Robinson. Members expressed some frustration at the lack of progress after having placed the matter in the hands of Cllr. Robinson. The Clerk was asked to retrieve what information Cllr. Robinson had and to bring the matter back to Council so that progress could be made.

04/146 Youth Provision

Cllr. Chetwood gave a report on the required Youth Provision. Members felt that Council should leave the Borough to explain the best solution to Great Dawley Parish Council and that DHPC was content to go along with the Borough recommendations.

04/147 Community Projects

Aqueduct Play Area

The Clerk presented details of the costs the Borough proposed to charge for moving the basket ball posts and placing them onto the Aqueduct site. The Clerk pointed out to the meeting that a large proportion of the cost were for the reinstatement of the original site. Members felt that this cost was unacceptable and could not be borne by DHPC as a reasonable cost as the Borough was planning to remove the posts in any case. It was RESOLVED to decline the

offer of the posts because a good portion of the cost was deemed to be unacceptable.

04/148 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2004 were received.

04/149 Countryside Officer's Report

Cllr. Hickie reported that the notice board at Aqueduct Village (made by the Greenwood Trust) was deteriorating and the joints were coming apart; members agreed to take no action at this point but to monitor the condition of the board.

Cllr. Hickie presented a report of the STROWP meeting attended by himself and the Clerk. Members were pleased to hear that STROWP had taken note of the concerns expressed by Council and were moving towards a return to an emphasis on maintaining the rights of way as a priority. Cllr. Hickie and the Clerk were thanked by Council for attending the meeting and representing the view of Council.

04/150 Accounts

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

Members approved the transfer of £20'000 [twenty thousand pounds] from the savings account to the current account.

STATEMENT 151 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

Review of Banking Provision

The Clerk reported that negotiations to open a bank account with the Co-op were ongoing; the sticking point being the need for all signatories to be identified by way of passports etc and the difficulties created by the fact that the Co-op does not have a branch any nearer than Wolverhampton where such identification could take place. The Clerk reported that he was attempting to convince the bank that they should send an authorised representative to meet with prospective signatories and receive their identification documents.

It was **RESOLVED** that account signatories should be Cllrs. Chetwood, Lees, Onions and Pritchard.

04/151 Correspondence

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Newsletter

04/152 Any Other Items of Information

Cllr. Hickie reported continuing concerns over the condition of the Aqueduct.

Cllr. Chetwood reported deep pot holes in Lightmoor Road and concerns over the encroachment of weed growth onto the now disused section of Bridge Road in the vicinity of the Pool.

04/153 Date of next meeting Wednesday 26th January 2005 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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