

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**POLICE SESSION**

There was no police officer present.

**05/123 APOLOGIES**

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs D. Chetwood.

**05/124 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**05/125 Proposed closure of St. Luke's Burial Ground  
[and the possible adoption thereof]**

The meeting discussed the notice received from the PCC that the burial ground was to be closed. The Clerk outlined the procedures under statute which stated that the Parish Council, as the local authority, had the right to take on the responsibility of the maintenance of the burial ground but could refuse to do so. If the Parish Council refused to accept the responsibility the Borough Council must accept it.

Following discussion it was resolved to decline any responsibility for the burial ground.

Being aware that the PCC had given 18 months notice of the intended closure the Chairman suggested that the Parish Council might assist by undertaking to cut the grass for the PCC for that period of time. Cllr. Lees stated that he would like to see the ground better maintained and the Parish Council could ensure that it was a credit to the parish. The Chairman stated that he could see no reason why, even though the parish had refused any responsibility for the site, it could not enter into an arrangement with the Borough whereby the parish contributed to the cost of maintaining it.

### **05/126 Planning & Environmental Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were received.

### **05/127 Accounts**

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

**STATEMENT 165** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

### **AUDIT REPORT**

The Clerk drew to the attention of the meeting comments on the audit report which required action:

1. The level of Fidelity Guarantee Insurance is inadequate and should be based on the year end cash balance held plus half of the annual precept if appropriate.
2. The fixed asset register and assets listed on the council insurance policy do not include all items.

Members noted the comments made by the auditors and the Clerk was asked to place the matter on the next agenda for full discussion.

The Clerk was thanked by the meeting for conducting Council through the audit successfully.

### **05/128 Correspondence**

T&WBC

W05/1483 Erection of 2 dwellings (outline) Chapel Lane Aqueduct. This application was brought to the attention of the meeting because it had been received after the date of the last Planning meeting and required a response before the next. Members had no objections to the development but commented that the such development could exacerbate the existing parking problems in the Lane.

SCC

Path Times (Newsletter of the Shropshire Paths Partnership) - Cllr. Hickie.

STROWP

Rights of Way Improvement Plan - noted.  
Cllr. Hickie informed the meeting that STROWP had now completed their work on the cleaning up of the Tub Boat Bridge and all weeds and young tree shoots had been removed from the brickwork. The meeting thanked Alec Connah (STROWP officer) for co-ordinating the work.

WM Police	West Mercia Police Authority; restructuring report - noted.
T&WBC	Invitation to attend a budget briefing meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> January - noted.
T&WBC	Notification that following the successful installation of the two basket ball posts at Aqueduct multi use games area an invoice in the sum of £708.80 ex VAT would follow.

**05/129 Newsletter**

The meeting agreed that following investigation it had proved impossible for the time being to find a suitable replacement delivery agent to Shropshire Newspapers. It was therefore agreed that when the next newsletter was ready for distribution Shropshire Newspapers should be engaged with the caution that they make efforts to ensure that the newsletter is delivered to the correct post code areas and does not find its way to a Dawley agent.

**05/130 Date of next meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.39 p.m.**

**Signed.....  
Chairman**

**Date.....**