

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 20th December 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. R. Haire, G. King, G. Onions and B. Walker.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also present:
PC Claire Walker-Shale.

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

POLICE SESSION

PC Walker-Shale presented the police report and members heard that there had been a focus on anti-social behaviour. Members heard details of the possible use of lamp post mounted mobile cameras in the area.

The meeting was given details of forthcoming Police & Community meetings and it was noted that the meetings had been advertised in the Parish Newsletter.

The meeting heard that there was to be a “blitz” on drivers using mobile phones.

The Chairman thanked PC Walker-Shale and her colleagues CSO’s Sarah Robinson and Paul Robinson for their work in the Parish during 2007 and wished the Officer a Happy Christmas.

06/78 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Carpenter, Cllr. Mrs Chetwood, Cllr. Gibson and Cllr. Hickie.

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs Hope and Cllr. Dixon.

06/79 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd November 2006** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06/80 Youth Initiatives

a) Youth Shelter Horsehay

The Chairman indicated to the meeting that officers of the Borough had provisionally identified a number of possible sites but had yet to provide full details to the parish prior to a full consultation. The meeting heard that it was anticipated that details would be available to the parish for the January

meeting.

06/81 Community Initiatives 2007

Senior Citizens Christmas Meal or alternative trip to the sea side

The Chairman reported that the Christmas meal held for senior citizens of the parish had been a complete success and Council had received the absolute thanks of all those who attended. The Chairman extended his thanks to the Clerk, Cllr. Miss King, Cllr. Onions, Mrs Beryl Onions and Borough Councillor Mrs Tracy Hope; all of whom had assisted him in making the day a success.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the caterers on behalf of Council thanking them for the quality of the meal and for the efficient way in which they handled the whole project.

The Chairman then asked members to consider what provision might be made for future years and suggested that consideration might be given to alternating annually between a senior citizens Christmas meal and a senior citizens summer trip to the sea side. Members discussed the costs and logistics of the alternative and it was RESOLVED that there would be a Christmas meal for the year 2007 and the possibility of a summer trip for 2008 would be tabled after the parish council elections in May of 2007.

Noting that Council had been ably assisted by a volunteer St. John's Ambulance Brigade Officer at the Christmas meal, the Chairman asked the Clerk to issue a cheque for £50, to be set against the Chairman's Allowance, to be donated to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

06/82 Standing Orders

Members reviewed their Standing Orders and it was RESOLVED that no alterations were needed.

06/83 Insurance Policy

The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed. Attention was drawn to the only comment made by the external auditor; that the level of fidelity guarantee insurance remained at an inadequate level.

Following a discussion it was RESOLVED to increase the fidelity guarantee insurance to a suitable level.

06/84 Local Government White Paper (City Region Proposals)

Council noted the paper and expressed the view that although there was supposed consultation, it was in reality a "done deal". The Clerk was asked to contact SALC to attempt to obtain a copy of the presentation given at a recent meeting by Gerry Dawson.

06/85 Planning & Environmental Committee

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2006 were received.

The Chairman gave a report on his attendance at the STROWP meeting and

members were reminded that they had previously resolved not to renew their membership. Members discussed possible alternative arrangements through partnership with the Borough Council which were possible.

b) Telephone Masts

The Chairman and Cllr. Bev Walker were delegated to represent the views of Council at the forthcoming meeting of the Wrekin Area Committee of SALC which was scheduled to be held on Thursday 18th January and at which the request from DHPC for support from other parishes was to be discussed.

Cllr. Bev Walker gave a report on the progress and publicity attached to applications for masts in neighbouring parishes.

06/86 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 177 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Audit

The Clerk presented to the meeting the report of the external auditors which, apart from the comment (dealt with earlier in the meeting) over the fidelity guarantee insurance, had been a favourable report.

The Clerk was thanked for his administration of the affairs of council and for guiding council once again through a successful audit.

06/87 Correspondence

BT&W	LDF Telecommunications -early draft - Cllr. Walker.
WM Reg Ass	Speaking out newsletter - noted.
BT&W	Scrutiny review Community Support Officers - noted.
D. Wright MP	Advise Surgery Schedule 2007 - noted.
BT&W	Temporary Prohibition of Driving Holly Road - noted.
SALC	Summary - Strong & Local Communities - noted.

Members discussed the Borough Scrutiny Review of Street Lighting.
Members discussed the local post offices.

Members reported a number of Borough maintenance issues - the Clerk was asked to bring these matters to the attention of the Borough.

Cllr. Haire reported the progress of the Heritage Trail.

06/88 Newsletter

The Clerk reported that the newsletter was due for distribution the following day; some members reported being in receipt of their delivered copy already.

06/89 Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th January 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and wished all present a Very Merry Christmas.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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