

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 3rd December 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. R. Haire, A. Hickie, Mrs. B. Onions, G. Onions, Geraldine King,
Tansy Swain and Bev Walker.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: Sgt. Steve Scott
Kath Hughes (BVT)

[Cllr. Mrs. Beryl Onions signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the commencement of the meeting]

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Mrs Onions to Council and welcomed all present.

07/84 APOLOGIES

Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Jodie Brothwood.

07/85 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that all references to Cllr. Vic Tonks in the minutes of 21st November 2007 should be read as Cllr. Adrian Williams; Cllr. Williams was in attendance, Cllr. Tonks was not. Subject to this amendment, the **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st November 2007** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

07/86 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

07/87 POLICE SESSION

Sgt. Scott gave an outline of his roll and made further representation to the meeting over the perceived need for a sponsored police vehicle for local use. The meeting heard that the cost of a vehicle would be £3000 a year and assurances were given that its use would be restricted to PC Claire Walker-Shale and the CSO's in her patch. Sgt. Scott asked council to fund the vehicle in the sum of £3000 stating that PC Walker-Shale was working on bringing other partners on board thus reducing the total amount the project would cost Council. It was felt that it would possibly cost £2000 in future years but would need £3000 to get the project going.

Sgt. Scott agreed that if DHPC did support the project in the sum of £3000, any additional contributions from other organisations would be paid directly to DHPC.

Kathy Hughes informed the meeting that BVT had been approached by PC Walker-Shale and asked for a contribution of £500 towards the project and it was confirmed that BVT would contribute in the sum of £500. It was agreed that, subject to DHPC resolving to fund the project, the BVT contribution

would be paid to DHPC.

Sgt. Scott informed the meeting that he had been informed that The Wrekin Housing Trust would also contribute £500.

Sgt. Scott answered questions and gave details of how the officers presently moved around their patch.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that Council had sponsored a vehicle in the past and it was confirmed that the previous project had not been continued because Council had not been kept informed, despite a number of requests for information, of the amount of time the vehicle was actually in use in the parish. Sgt. Scott assured the meeting that the vehicle would be used entirely within the beat area of PC Walker-Shale and that it would most likely spend most of the time within the parish of Dawley Hamlets.

The meeting discussed other sponsorships. Sgt. Scott agreed to keep the Parish Council up dated as to the usage of the vehicle.

Kath Hughes stated that BVT had agreed to part fund the vehicle in the sum of £500 but this would only happen if the Parish agreed to underwrite the project.

The meeting discussed a number of police matters.

7.45 p.m. Sgt. Scott left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

Kath Hughes informed the meeting that BVT were considering sponsoring a CSO.

Members were invited to a site meeting at Lightmoor in the spring.

The meeting discussed a number of BVT community initiatives.

The meeting reiterated its concern over issues caused by the parish border splitting the community.

07/88 Police Vehicle

Cllr. Hickie suggested that Council agreed to sponsor a police vehicle for a period of one year as a test.

Cllr. Haire asked if Council was content to provide the whole £3000. Members discussed council's reserves and the amount remaining unspent under the heading of Parish Safety and Security. Cllr. Haire felt that any undertaking should be on a year by year basis. Cllr. Tansy Swain agreed with the proviso that Council was satisfied that the majority use of the vehicle was within the Parish.

The Chairman had a minor concern that PC Walker-Shale continued to refer to the Parish Council as "Dawley & Hamlets" and hoped that her view was not that it was mainly Dawley. The meeting concluded that Sgt. Scot was aware of the difference between Dawley Hamlets PC and "Dawley & Hamlets" and that he had earlier given assurances that the vehicle would not spend most of its time parked in Dawley High Street.

Cllr. Geraldine King stated that she was content that Council sponsored a vehicle for one year as a trial. Cllr. Bev Walker agreed but felt that Council should ensure that PC Walker-Shale continued to seek other sponsors.

The Chairman proposed that DHPC resolved to underwrite the project in the sum of £3000 with the proviso that it be a one year deal and that we receive £500 from BVT [and make efforts to ascertain if GDPC are going to sponsor the vehicle]. Seconded by Cllr. Hickie, it was RESOLVED.

07/89 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting The
Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee Meeting held on 5th
November 2007 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman of that Committee as directed by the Meeting.

07/90 Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

- W071446 Erection of a two storey rear extension 1 Aqueduct Road
There were no objections.
- W07/1546 Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling and retrospective siting of garden shed. 31 Clydesdale Drive Horsehay.
There were no objections.
- W07/1457 Erection of detached workshop. 11 Leasowes Green Lightmoor.
There were no objections.
- W07/1360 Erection of two storey extension – amended location plan- 10 Chapel Lane Aqueduct.
There were no objections.
- W07/1563 Erection of two storey side extension. 9 St. Lukes Road Doseley.
There were no objections.

The following permissions were received:

- W07/1237 Display of four advertising boards Horsehay Roundabout.
- W07/1273 Erection of a two storey side and rear extension and conservatory to rear. 9 Spring Village Horsehay.
- W07/1186 Erection of seating area with wooden picket fence. The Foresters Arms Horsehay.
- W07/1337 Erection of two storey side extension and porch to front. 35 Lawford Close Aqueduct.
- W07/1381 Conversion of garage into living accommodation. 53 Suffolk Way Horsehay.
- W07/1277 Erection of three detached dwellings (outline) Greenhurst 14 St. Lukes Road Doseley.

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07/91 Kissing Gates with RADAR Keys

The meeting discussed the provision of kissing gates with RADAR keys. The Chairman gave details of the RADAR gates and stated that the Borough had indicated that they were looking for assistance to provide two gates. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Borough officer Jaswant Sidhu to ascertain where they would like to site the gates.

07/92 Budget and Precept

Budget

Cllr. Mrs. Onions was invited by the Chairman to provide details of expenditure incurred by the Horsehay Horticultural Society. Having presented details of the Society's expenditure, Cllr. Mrs. Onions along with Cllr. G. Onions withdrew from the meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the sponsorship of the flower show should be £750.

Cllr. Mrs. Onions and Cllr. G. Onions rejoined the meeting.

The following budget was adopted:

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				Budget	Budget
				2007/8	2008/9
OFFICE					
Salary recommended by NALC/SLCC				6400	6600
NI Payments				450	490
Pension				1600	1700
Travel expenses				400	450
Stationery & Printing				250	275
Equipment purchase				0	
Rent Heat Electricity					
paid half yearly 30 th Sep & 31 st March				475	500
Postage & Petty Cash				400	475
Total				9975	10490
Subs. & Fees -Annual				1000	1500
Election Expenses				0	
Audit Fees				700	350
Insurance				1000	1000
Newsletter (Including delivery)				2000	2000
Hire of halls				500	300
Advertising				0	
Misc. for Cont.				2500	
Chairmans Allowance				500	500
Courses and conference fees Cllrs Allow				1000	1000
Bus Shelters				10000	2000
Village Improvements Planning (Aqueduct Bridge)				10000	10000
Rights of Way				2500	2500

Grounds maintenance		2000	2000
Section 137 spending (Grants)			
Grants to voluntary groups		4000	4000
Parish Safety/Security		1000	1000
Flower Show		750	750
Special Planning Projects		1000	1000
		Gd. Total	55525
	TOTAL BUDGET		40390

07/93 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 189 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Additional Payment of £80.00 to M.S.J. Goldstraw as reimbursement against Chairman's Allowance was approved.

07/94 Correspondence

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T&WC

Newsletter – Cllr. Hickie.
Boundary Change – It was noted by the meeting that the procedure for requesting boundary changes was to be taken over by the Borough Council – who had noted the request from the parish to review its boundaries but requested that a new application be made in the summer of next year when officers would be better placed to deal with it.

07/95 Newsletter

The meeting approved the December issue of the Newsletter.

07/96 Date of next meeting Wednesday 23rd January 2008 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

Cllr. Geraldine King gave advanced apologies for the January Planning Meeting.

The Chairman thanked all present for their work during 2007 and wished them a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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