

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
held on Wednesday 25th February 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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

**In attendance.**

**PC Vicky Nicholls and PC Amanda Kenny (Beat Officer for Dawley/Malinslee)**

**Derek Owen – Borough Outdoor Recreation Officer**

There were no members of the public present.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

**POLICE SESSION**

PC Nicholls gave a report of her activities during the past month with particular emphasis on the period of the school half term. Crime statistics were presented to the meeting and discussed by Members. Dates of Police Surgeries to be held by PC Nicholls were circulated to Members. PC Nicholls reported that the “Travel” and parking initiative meeting held at Aqueduct Primary School had been well attended and well received.

PC Nicholls gave details of the duties of the new Community Support Officers.

Members reported concerns over incidents in Aqueduct Village and the use of the Silkin Way as a quick getaway route. Concerns over the use of quad bikes on pedestrian routes were discussed.

Cllr. Lees reported and incident to PC Nicholls.

*7.36 p.m. There being no further police matters, Cllr. Chetwood thanked the officers on behalf of Council and the officers left the meeting.*

**04/14 APOLOGIES**

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

**04/15 Youth Provision within the Parish**

The Chairman introduced Derek Owen who gave an outline of his job stating that it had become more and more “youth orientated”.

### ***7.38 p.m. Cllr. Gibson joined the meeting***

Mr. Owen spoke of a number of provisions which were available for youths outdoors and stated that he had been looking at proposals suitable for Dawley Hamlets. He highlighted the need within the parish for meeting places, there being at present nothing out there for youths to use. He informed the meeting that he had consulted with Youth Services and the Police and the proposed solution was the provision of a youth shelter.

Members were shown photographs of a new solar lit shelter with seating for 16 and Mr. Owen stated that the cost to the parish would be £8988 including a litter bin and tarmac base pad. A suitable site had been found at the playground on Southall.

Following discussion the Chairman proposed that Council proceed with the project to purchase and site a youth shelter. Seconded by Cllr. Hickie. It was **RESOLVED** that Council proceed with the project to purchase and site a youth shelter.

### ***7.56 p.m. Mr. Owen having been thanked by Council left the meeting***

*[During Mr. Owens presentation at 7.44 p.m. two members of the public entered the meeting room. After Mr. Owen had left the room, the Chairman suspended Standing Orders and explained that although they had arrived too late for the Public Session, he would allow them to address the meeting if they had any matters they wished to raise. Having heard the public state that they were attending as observers only, the Chairman resumed the meeting.]*

### **04/16 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The **Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **04/17 Forward Planning Group**

The Clerk gave Members a brief report on the content of the meeting of the group. Members stated that they felt the meeting had been useful as it had allowed them to explore possibilities and exchange ideas without the formality (or commitment) of a full and proper Council meeting. The Chairman hoped that some of the ideas put forward would in the future be placed on the agenda for proper and formal discussion. He reminded Members that Cllr. Mrs. Robinson had spent some considerable time and effort in putting together the next edition of the Parish Magazine and was awaiting “pen portraits” of Members – it was this that was holding up production and he urged all to contribute as soon as possible.

### **04/18 STROWP**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had spoken to the present STROWP officer and indicated the thoughts of Council. The Clerk confirmed that since the Chairman had spoken to the Officer, Council had received from him a letter setting out his views and a “defence” of STROWP.

The Chairman asked if the matter could be referred back to the Planning & Environmental Committee to make any decision it felt necessary. Members agreed that the matter could be dealt with by the Planning & Environmental Committee and the Clerk agreed to have the letter from Mr. Connor available at that meeting.

**04/19 Parish Charter**

The Chairman reminded Members that a special meeting was to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. to deal with this matter.

**04/20 Aqueduct Primary School**

**Traffic Calming Meeting**

The Chairman gave a favourable report to Members on the public meeting/exhibition held at Aqueduct Primary School on proposed traffic calming measures and safe routes to school held on 5<sup>th</sup> February. The Chairman and Clerk had attended along with PC Nicholls.

**Liaison with Members of the Junior Council**

The Meeting heard that dates of Parish Council meetings had been forwarded to the School and any arrangements would be made via Miss Mound, Head Teacher. All Members were keen that the liaison with the School Council should be encouraged. The Chairman stated that he would provide light refreshments at any meeting paid for out of his Chairman’s Allowance.

**04/21 Annual Parish Meeting**

Members agreed that the Chairman should call the Annual Parish Meeting for 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2004 and that the Parish Council Meeting should begin after the APM has concluded.

**04/22 Planning & Environmental Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2004 were received.

**04/23 Countryside Officer’s Report**

Cllr. Hickie reported that the two benches in Aqueduct were not in the best position and asked if Council would consider either moving them or purchasing two new ones which could be placed in a more appropriate position. Following discussion: Cllr. Lees proposed that two new benches be purchased from the Green Wood Trust and sited appropriately. Seconded by Cllr. Haire. It was **RESOLVED** that two new benches be purchased from the Green Wood Trust and sited appropriately.

Cllr. Hickie reported an incident where a tree in Chapel Lane had been unlawfully chopped down by a resident. Officers of the Borough had spoken to the person concerned and decided to take no action.

Cllr. Hickie noted the problem the Clerk had experienced with being unable to open the notice board at Aqueduct (due to the expanded wet wood jamming) and stated that, if the Clerk would let him have the key, he would attempt to effect a suitable repair.

Members noted that the pot holes outside the Britannia Inn had been repaired by the landlord himself after the Borough had failed to respond to his pleadings for them to be repaired. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Bowdler for taking the initiative upon himself.

#### **04/24 Accounts**

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

**STATEMENT 142** was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

#### **04/25 Correspondence**

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| a) Salop Air Amb      | Thanks for donation (Chairs Allow)   |
| b) SPFA               | Newsletter   |
| c) C/A                | Vital Villages Newsletter  |
| d) SALC               | Retirement Jan Snell   |
| e) Gvt. Office W. Mid | Renewable Energy   |
| f) B T&W              | Personal Safety  |
| g) Well Town Cll.     | Support for resolution   |
| h) B T&W              | Civic Service  |
| i) NALC               | Members Allowances – Clerk to write to MP in support of NALCs request that drafting errors in the regulations be corrected/amended.  |
| j) Resident           | Letter of objection to proposal to provide a bus shelter to protect elderly residents from inclement weather whilst waiting for a bush on Holly Road – referred to Planning & Environmental Committee. |

#### **04/26 Any Other Items of Information**

Cllr. Onions asked how long Council was to wait for the promised introduction of 7.5 ton weight limit at Doseley. The Clerk explained that he had been in contact with Mr. Roderick, Traffic engineer, who had reassured

Council that although the Borough was short staffed and snowed under with work, the weight limit had not been forgotten.

Cllr. Lees reported concerns over vehicles parking on the footpath and footpaths overgrown with ivy etc. [stated the matter had already been reported to the Borough].

Requested that the litter bin at the top of Malory Drive be added to the Borough's regular schedule of emptying.

Members discussed problems with residents of Ellis Peters Drive dumping rubbish over their back garden fences/hedges. Although this matter was in the Parish of Sturchley and Brookside, the unsightly nature of the dumping was visible to this parish. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the adjoining parish pointing out the problems.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough to ascertain what brief is given to litter pickers.

**04/27 Date of next meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.49 p.m.**

Signed.....  
Chairman

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