

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 23rd February 2005 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

POLICE SESSION

No police officers were present.

Absent the Chairman Members RESOLVED to place Cllr. Haire in the Chair for the meeting.

05/014 APOLOGIES

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

The Clerk brought to the attention of the meeting a letter of resignation from Cllr. Mrs. Wallis. The Clerk was asked to publish the relevant notices.

05/015 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th January 2004** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

05/016 Risk Assessment

The Clerk gave an outline of all the changes and additions to the draft Financial Regulations. It was RESOLVED to accept the new draft and it was formally adopted.

05/017 Newsletter

The Clerk presented a draft copy of the proposed Newsletter which was accepted by Council The Clerk was authorised to put the Newsletter into production and make the necessary arrangements for its distribution.

05/018 Quality Parish Council and Parish Plan

Members discussed the electoral mandate and in light of the recent vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Wallis decided that they would make special efforts to encourage residents to come forward for election.

The Clerk explained the procedures involved in filling a casual vacancy.

05/019 Community Projects

Aqueduct Play Area

The Clerk confirmed that he had instructed the Borough to go ahead with the re-marking scheme.

Youth Provision

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Borough was aware that the Parish had set aside the sum of £1500 to the Borough as a contribution to extend and improve youth provision for the youth of the parish and it was now a matter for them to make the necessary arrangements.

05/020 Annual Parish Meeting

It was RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 27th April to commence at 7.00 p.m. [Parish Council Meeting to commence immediately following the close of the APM]. Venue to be Horsehay Village Hall.

05/021 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2005 were received.

05/022 Countryside Officer's Report

Cllr. Hickie gave a report on a meeting with a resident [attended by himself and Cllr. Mrs. Wallis] and handed out written copies along with photographs.

Members noted the points raised in the report and the Clerk stated that all of the points raised by the resident had been matters within the gift of the Borough and had been brought to their attention over a number of weeks by DHPC as shown in the minutes of Council and Committee.

The Clerk stressed that it was important to note that some time had been spent on addressing a number of the issues raised and that the majority had been attended to as a result of pressure brought to bear by the parish Council; not least being the very positive information that negotiations were taking place between the Borough and English Partnerships to find a solution to the derelict stables adjacent to the Steam Trust.

Members thanked Cllr. Hickie and Mrs. Wallis for attending the member of the public and reporting the concerns to Council.

Cllr. Hickie stated that Mrs. Wallis had e-mailed the report to the Clerk requesting that it be brought to the attention of the meeting and had not been at all happy with the reply she received. As a result of this she had immediately tendered her resignation.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had at no time stated that the report would not be brought to the attention of the meeting and he was disappointed that his reply could be taken as being less than helpful. The Clerk confirmed that he had replied to two emails received from Mrs. Wallis during the month

[this being the first time he had heard from Mrs Wallis in a number of months] and quoted his replies as being:

1) *“Regrettably this matter is too late for the agenda but there is a general item of traffic matters and we have invited a traffic officer to attend a future meeting . Your report can still be raised under traffic matters”.*

2) *“Thank you for the report - regrettably it is too late for the next meeting agenda. As these matters are within the remit of the Borough rather than the Parish, I presume that you have sent these details to them. I would be interested to see how they respond.”*

The Clerk did not accept that anything said in the e-mails could be sufficient to cause the resignation of Mrs. Wallis and wished it to be placed on record that he was most hurt that his correspondence should be cited as the reason for her resignation. The Clerk reminded the Meeting that he had been asked by Council at the last meeting to speak to Cllr. Mrs. Wallis about her lack of attendance and failure to forward appropriate apologies as a courtesy to Council.

Cllr. Hickie informed the meeting that he would be attending a meeting of STROWP on Tuesday 1st March. The Clerk confirmed that he also would attend.

05/023 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 153 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

Review of Banking Provision

The Clerk informed the meeting that he would endeavour to obtain the necessary signatures and details from members required in the form from the Co-Op Bank but could not do so presently because two of the signatories were absent.

05/024 Correspondence

STROWP

Ramblers Assoc.

STROWP

Green Wood Centre

Agenda and Minutes - noted.

Newsletter - Cllr. Hickie.

Report of action to be taken in regard to nuisance preventing walkers from using a footpath outside 11 Gravel Leasowes, Lightmoor.

Notification of completion of benches. It was agreed that the contractor engaged to

site the benches should liase with Cllr.
Hickie to ensure their correct location.

05/025 Any Other Items of Information

Cllr. Onions reported unlit traffic bollards on the bypass along with confusion over speed limit signs at Myford. Clerk to report to the Borough.

05/026 Date of next meeting Wednesday 23rd March 2005 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....