

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 22nd February 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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.

The Chairman informed the meeting that owing to an unexpected rescheduling of timetables the guests who had been due to attend for item three on the agenda were now not able to do so and the item had been moved to the next meeting of the Planning & Environmental Committee. The Chairman suggested that the time be filled in discussing the request received from a resident requesting subsidised or free gardening services for the elderly within the parish under the receipt of the Planning & Environmental Committee minutes (item 5 on the agenda). Members were reminded that as this item had not been formally on the agenda they could only discuss the principle and could not resolve to undertake any expenditure; if the matter was to progress further it would be placed formally on the agenda of the next full meeting of Council.

05/140 APOLOGIES

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

05/141 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th January 2006** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

05/142 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held prior to the main Council meeting on the evening of Wednesday 26th April and the venue would be Horsehay Village Hall.

05/143 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2006 were received.

Members discussed a request from a resident of the parish that Council provides a free service of grass cutting for the gardens of the elderly of the Parish. Members discussed the possible cost of such a project, how such a project would be administered and who would receive the benefits of such a service.

Members were made aware of a subsidised service available from the Borough Council which provided up to two hours of gardening services to sections of the community for a subsidised fee of £3.

Following discussion Cllr. Chetwood put to Council that it provides a grass cutting/light gardening services for people of a pension able age within the parish.

Cllr. Lees asked Cllr. Chetwood if he would accept an amendment to the add the words “subject to them being in receipt of benefit”; Cllr. Chetwood accepted the amendment which was seconded by Cllr. Lees and the question was put. One member voted in favour of the proposition five voted against with Cllr. Chetwood abstaining from the vote. The vote was lost.

Cllr. Chetwood asked the Clerk to place on the next agenda a request for Members to reconsider providing the funding for a Christmas Party for the elderly of the parish via the Borough catering facilities. Members were given preliminary details of the suggested scheme.

05/144 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 167 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

The Clerk requested that approval be given for a transfer of £20'000 [Twenty Thousand Pounds] from the Halifax savings account to the Yorkshire Bank current account. It was **RESOLVED** to transfer £20'000 from the Halifax savings account to the Yorkshire Bank current account. Cllr. Chetwood and Cllr. Onions agreed to meet the Clerk at the Halifax branch in Wellington to effect the transfer of funds.

05/145 Correspondence

SALC
SCC

Parish Pump - noted
Pension Fund local government scheme.

05/146 Newsletter

The Clerk confirmed that he had received sufficient contributions and would proceed with the news letter.

05/147 Date of next meeting Wednesday 22nd March 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

Cllr. Pritchard asked the Clerk to add a discussion on Emergency Procedures to the next agenda.

Cllr. Chetwood asked the Clerk to place liaison with Bournville Trust and the

Lightmoor Village on the next agenda.

Cllr. Chetwood asked the Clerk to seek out a suitable gift for Miss Mound the retiring Head Teacher to be paid out of the Chairman's Allowance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....