

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 21st February 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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

Also present:
CSO Sarah Robinson
Cllrs. J. Dixon and T. Hope (Borough Councillors)
There was one member of the public present.

POLICE SESSION

CSO Robinson tendered the apologies of PC Walker-Shale who was attending a governors meeting at Captain Webb school. CSO Robinson gave her policing report.

The Chairman applauded the extra patrols which had taken place in Spring Village but was concerned that general policing should not be on the basis of he who shouts loudest gets the service - he was sure that this was not the case.

The meeting heard that PC Walker-Shale would oppose any proposed siting of a youth shelter if it were to be positioned between the Steam Trust property and Spring Village. The Chairman stated that he had been asked to coordinate a meeting where all interested parties could attend.

Members reported incidents within the Parish to CSO Robinson.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Crawforth outlined the proposals by the PCC to close Doseley Church Yard to further burials and stated that it was anticipated that the closure request would be granted. Mrs Crawforth spoke of the expense of maintaining the burial ground.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had made offers of assistance and had requested that a grant application be made by the PCC but to date Council had not received such an application. Members discussed the maintenance of the burial ground and Mrs Crawforth detailed various letters she had written to Council requesting financial assistance to maintain the ground. Mrs. Crawforth stated that she had not received replies to many of her letters.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had responded to letters from the PCC but had in fact been in communication with a Mrs. J. Heighway who had taken note of the Parish Council requirement that grant applications should be made on the proper form. The Clerk was pleased to inform the meeting that Council had received from Mrs.

Highway a grant application for assistance in the maintenance of the burial ground and the application would be placed before Council at the March Grants meeting. Mrs Crawforth was unaware that her colleague had been in correspondence with Council and had complied with the request to submit the application on the appropriate form.

The Chairman informed Mrs Crawforth that Council had ordered bollards to be placed on the verges adjacent to the entrance to the burial ground to prevent vehicles parking inappropriately.

7.34 p.m. PC Walker-Shale joined the meeting

7.35 p.m. Mrs Crawforth left the meeting.

PC Walker-Shale gave a short report on policing matters.

7.40 p.m. PC Walker-Shale and CSO Robinson left the meeting having been thanked for their attendance and contribution.

06/100 APOLOGIES

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

06/101 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th January 2007** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06/102 Youth Initiatives

a) Youth Shelter Horsehay

The Chairman read out a letter from a member of the public which had been published in the Shropshire Star. It was felt that the letter, the subject of which was the youth shelter in Horsehay, was regrettably somewhat misinformed and, being a complaint about the siting of the shelter which had now in any case been removed, out of date. As the letter had not been addressed to the Parish Council but had simply been a complaint about a facility which was no longer in place, nor likely to be replaced in that location, it was decided that no reply was necessary.

The Chairman stated that alternative locations were being sought. The most popular being the location at the engine shed. Youth Services were OK with that location, as were the Outdoor Play Officers and the youth of the area. The only objection being from PC Walker-Shale. It was stressed by the Chairman that the matter was still under discussion, no location had been decided upon, and full consultation was yet to take place. A meeting was to have been held prior to the commencement or during the present parish council meeting but PC Walker-Shale had been unable to attend (though it was noted that she did in fact attend later in the meeting). Because PC Walker-Shale had been unable to attend, all other interested parties had been stood down.

Members discussed a new possible alternative on the BVT site.

06/103 Telephone Masts

The Clerk reported that there had been no response from the Borough Council to the letters written last month by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to wait for the required 21 days to pass and then make a complaint about the failure to respond.

Members discussed the Scrutiny Committee advise to the Borough Council.

Cllr. Bev Walker cited instances of inconsistency in planning application acceptance and refusals for masts. The meeting discussed planning policy and appeals.

Cllr. Haire presented a number of photographs showing that work on the installation of masts on Castlefields Way had commenced but the parish had received no notification at all. The Clerk was asked to contact Lucy McDonald Planning Enforcement Officer.

06/104 Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved that, subject to the availability of a large room, the Annual Parish Meeting should be held prior to the commencement of the April Parish Council meeting at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 25th April 2007.

06/105 Planning & Environmental Committee

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2007 were received.

Members discussed the condition of the Holy Well in Holywell Lane. The Clerk was asked to place the matter on the next Planning agenda.

06/106 Accounts

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

Cllr. Haire commented that the dog bins were not yet in place in Aqueduct Road. The Clerk agreed not to forward the cheque in payment to the Borough until it was confirmed that the bins were in place.

STATEMENT 179 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

06/107 Correspondence

Harper Adams
T&WC
BVT

Commercial Training Brochure - noted.
Live Here & Love It campaign - noted.
Lightmoor Update - Mr. Webb to be invited to the next Planning Committee meeting.

SALC	Local Democracy Pack - noted.
T&WC	LDF - Waste Policies - noted.
T&WC	Parish Charter updates - noted.
T&WC	Street Naming Lawley development - noted.
T&WC	Code of Conduct Guidance - Cllr. Walker.
St. George's Day Group	Celebration suggestions - Cllr. Haire.

Cllr. Gibson informed the meeting of an initiative by the West Midlands Ambulance Service to prosecute anyone who impeded an ambulance (and this initiative was to be extended to the owners of dogs if the animal impeded an ambulance or its occupants).

06/108 Newsletter

The Chairman called for contributions to the newsletter and the Clerk gave a brief update on progress.

06/109 Date of next meeting Wednesday 21st March 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....