

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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**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: Cllr. Vic Tonks (Borough Councillor)  
Jaswant Sidhu (Borough Rights of Way Officer)

**07/109 APOLOGIES**

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

Courtesy apologies were received from PC Claire Walker-Shale and Borough  
Councillors Tracy Hope and Adrian Williams.

**07/110 Rights of Way**

The Chairman introduced Mr Sidhu to the meeting.

Mr Sidhu gave a report on his duties and reported on a number of issues of  
maintenance and access which had been addressed in the Parish.

Mr. Sidhu answered a number of questions put to him by members.

***7.15 pm Borough Councillor Helen Williams joined the meeting***

The meeting discussed the action to be taken to add the footpath from  
Wellington Road to Little Wenlock to the definitive map. Mr Sidhu handed  
out witness statement forms and agreed to assist in any way he could.

Mr Sidhu agreed to look at the condition of the path between Pool View and  
Farm Lane which was reported as being blocked. It was also noted by the  
meeting that in winter the path could be slippery and it was suggested that a  
grit bin might be provided.

The meeting asked Mr Sidhu to consider the provision of a hard surface on the  
footpath at the rear of the Unicorn Pub in Little Dawley.

The meeting discussed the provision of RADAR kissing gates and Mr Sidhu  
agreed to provide further details.

The meeting discussed the Borough rights of way budgets.

***7.30 pm Mr Sidhu left the meeting after being thanked by all for his attendance.***

**07/111 Public Session**

**There being no members of the public present**, the Chairman invited Cllr.  
Tonks to give a Borough report. Cllr. Tonks gave a report on the Stoney Hill  
Tip and outlined his concerns over the proposed building of a school at  
Lightmoor due to uncertainties as to the contents of the tip.

Cllr. Helen Williams provided the Chairman with a detailed report of the tip  
she had obtained from another source.

The meeting discussed the tip and the proposed school.

**7.35 pm Borough Councillors Adrian Williams and Tracy Hope joined the meeting.**

The Chairman informed the meeting that Council had written a letter to Borough Councillor Bentley requesting a copy of the report (now provided by Cllr. Helen Williams) but had received no reply whatsoever.

The meeting continued to discuss their concerns over the tip and the siting of the school in relation to the tip.

The meeting discussed alcohol free zones.

A number of Borough matters were reported to the Borough Councillors.

**8.01 p.m. After being thanked for their attendance, the Borough members left the meeting.**

#### **07/112 Police Report**

There being no police officer present, there was no Police Report.

Cllr. Onions gave a report on the PACT meeting.

Cllr. Haire expressed concern over the West Mercia Police proposed tax increases. The Chairman asked Cllr. Haire to copy his report and stated that Council would invite a senior police officer to attend a council meeting to answer the points Cllr. Haire wished to put.

#### **07/113 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **07/114 Community Initiatives**

##### **a) Britannia Historical Society Leaflets**

Cllr. Haire explained to the meeting that the Historical society had had a heavy work load and had not, as yet given time to produce the leaflet, the expenditure of which had been approved by Council. He apologised for not updating council sooner and asked if Council still wished the Society to produce the leaflet. The meeting thanked Cllr. Haire for his report and was unanimous that it did wish the Society to proceed.

##### **b) Christmas Meal**

It was proposed by the Chairman that a donation of £50 be made to St. John Ambulance as a thank you for their support at the Christmas Meal; seconded by Cllr. Geraldine King it was RESOLVED that a donation of £50 be made to St. John Ambulance as a thank you for their support at the Christmas Meal. [Cllrs. Mrs B. Onions and G. Onions declared that they were both members of St John Ambulance brigade. They took no part in the debate and did not vote.]

#### **07/115 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were received.

**07/116 Accounts**

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

**STATEMENT 191** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**07/117 Correspondence**

- SCC Pension scheme actuarial valuation – resolved that the contribution from the Parish council would be set at the actuaries valuation.
- Holy Trinity Church Contribution towards grass cutting of Church Yard for the previous year in the sum of £213 and a request that the partnership be continued. It was **RESOLVED** to continue the partnership. The Clerk was asked to instruct Mr. Cowley to continue cutting the grass in the burial ground for another year. Cllr. King agreed to convey the news to the Church.
- Dpt of CLG Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England – noted.
- Audit Commission Appointment of Mazars LLP as external auditors – Noted.
- T&WC Code of Conduct training CD – noted.
- T&WC Engineers report on the Aqueduct – Clerk asked to request an estimated cost of the work.
- T&WC State of the Borough report – noted.

**07/118 Newsletter**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the newsletter was in progress.

**07/108 Date of next meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at Aqueduct Primary School at 7. 15 p.m.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.**

**Signed.....  
Chairman**

**Date.....**