

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 17th February 2010 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. Linda Gough, R. Haire, Geraldine King, J. Lovett, Beryl Onions,
and Geoff Onions.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

09/131 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Tansy Swain.
Courtesy apologies were received from PC Emily Atkinson.

09/132 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

09/133 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

09/134 Police Session

Cllr. Linda Gough presented the PACT report.

The meeting discussed the possibility of assisting with the repair of a private road, a matter which had been raised by a resident of the road at the PACT meeting. The Clerk advised that the precept of the parish council was raised to fund public needs and it would be a possibly unlawful use of public funds to assist a resident in the repair of a private road; the resident would have been made aware, by his solicitor, of his private liability in respect of the road at the time he purchased the property. It was resolved that it would not be proper to financially assist the repair of a private road.

The meeting heard that a number of Borough Council matters had been raised by the public at the PACT meeting.

7:23 p.m. Caroline Oaks joined the meeting.

The meeting discussed other matters raised at the PACT meeting.

09/135 Parish Charter

The meeting received a presentation from Caroline Oaks on the purpose of the Parish Charter and the importance the Borough places on its co-operation and partnerships with parishes. Mrs. Oaks explained that part of her role was to ensure there was awareness in the Borough of the parish charter and to provide training for Borough officers.

7:40 p.m. Borough Councillor Clive Mollett joined the meeting

Mrs. Oaks answered a number of questions and the meeting discussed the value of the Charter.

7:52 p.m. Mrs Oaks left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

Cllr. Mollett brought to the meeting concerns of residents of Lawley Gate over perceived speeding of vehicles using the road. Following discussion Cllr. Mollett agreed to look at placing SIDS speed monitoring equipment on the road and the parish council agreed to look again at its policy on SIDS later in the year.

A number of other Borough matters were discussed.

8:07 p.m. Cllr. Mollett left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

09/136 Declaration of a Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that, following the advertising of the vacancy, no election had been called and therefore the council would move to co-opt. It was agreed that the necessary advertisement would be placed and members also agreed to publicise the vacancy amongst friends and colleagues.

09/137 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January 2010 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

09/138 Social Housing

The Clerk informed the meeting that a speaker had been arranged to address council at a future meeting.

09/139 Possible land for allotments – Spring Village

There was nothing to report.

09/140 Newsletter

The meeting agreed send contributions to the Clerk before the March meeting of Council. It was agreed that the summer picnic would be advertised in the next newsletter.

09/141 Parish Activities

Senior Citizens Summer Picnic

It was agreed that the summer picnic would be advertised in the next newsletter.

Bowling Greens

The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to arrange a meeting with Mr. Ottley because of holiday commitments.

09/142 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2010 were received.

09/143 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 8 (Royal Bank of Scotland) along with reconciliation was tabled and approved.

Internal Auditor

It was resolved that Mr. John Nicholls should be appointed as Internal Auditor.

09/144 Correspondence

Grants

Aqueduct Primary School

It was proposed by the Chairman that a grant of £4000 (being made up of £1000 from the budget of the present year and £1000 for each of the next three years) be made to Aqueduct Primary School to fund the replacement books for their new library and that a request be made that each new book should feature a bookplate noting that it was funded by a grant from DHPC. Seconded by Cllr. Haire it was resolved.

Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band Festival

It was resolved not to make a grant.

Correspondence

Arriva	Notification of review and public consultation.
T&WC	Pot Hole Busters Campaign.
BVT	Site update – Lightmoor development.

09/145 Items for the next agenda

There were requests for items to be added to the agenda.

09/146 Date of next meeting to be Wednesday 17th March 2010 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:33 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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