

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 23rd January 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. S. Woodvine - Chairman
Cllrs. A. M. Jeffs, A. Chetwood, G. Onions,
R. Pritchard, R. Haire and T. Swain.
Clerk: Mr. M. Goldstraw

In attendance WPC Fiona McWilliams
One member of the public

1. PUBLIC - Mrs Weston reported that the Village Hall committee had investigated the cost of restoring/refurbishing the memorial gates and a sum of one thousand pounds had been quoted. It was also reported that the frame for the Millennium Quilt was at present being made.

Mrs Weston raised a question about the proposed Ward changes and was referred to T&WC.

2. POLICE - WPC Mc Williams gave a breakdown of crime figures within the parish which indicated that there were no overall concerns. Vehicle crime was down by 1/3 and criminal damage had dropped. Although assaults were up by 4, this was explained by one incident. There was a concern that burglaries dwelling were up by 4 over the last year but this was being looked into in some detail.

Members discussed the crime statistics including crime against commercial premisses. Cllr. Haire reported complaints over vehicles parked on pavements and WPC Mc Williams outlined the procedures available to combat the problem. Members discussed the growing problem of abandoned vehicles.

7.53 p.m. WPC Mc Williams left the meeting having been thanked by the Chairman.

02/01 APOLOGIES -

There were no apologies.

02/02 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2001 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

02/03 Aqueduct Community Centre

a) Update

Members discussed the current use of the centre and its viability in the future.

Cllr. Jeffs urged members to save the centre as a public building, stating that if it

was lost, it would never be replaced. The Parish Council must now make a decision.

The Chairman reminded Members that the centre was little used and there had been no great drive to save it when the possible closure was announced by T&WC. Horsehay Village Hall was well used and it was not just for the people of Horsehay but for all. It would be better, she suggested, not to take the matter further forward but to encourage Horsehay Village Hall.

Cllr. Onions questioned the logic of spending vast amounts of money on a building when it was little used and there was no sign that it would be well used. The Clerk was asked to remind Members of the terms of the lease and in particular the "get out" clause.

Cllr. Pritchard expressed concern that the council would lose a lot of money in three years.

Following further discussion, the Chairman proposed that the council did not proceed any further with the lease and did not take on the centre. Seconded by Cllr. Chetwood.

There were five in favour of the resolution and one against. It was resolved that the council did not proceed any further with the lease and did not take on the centre.

Cllrs Onions and Swain took no part in the vote due to their connections with Horsehay Village Hall.

b) Youth Initiative

Cllr. Chetwood gave members a report on the possibility of creating a youth initiative in the centre. He reported that the anticipated cost would be three thousand pounds a year to staff the initiative which would allow the centre to be opened to the youth of the parish for one evening a week. Members were asked for their views on the matter.

Cllr. Woodvine stated that the initiative should be investigated, even if it could not be in Aqueduct Community Centre, it could be elsewhere.

Members agreed to allow Cllr. Chetwood to investigate the matter further.

02/04 Traffic Matters

Members were reminded that there was to be a public meeting on Monday February 11th to ascertain the views of the residents of Woodhouse Lane and Frame lane to possible traffic calming in the area.

02/05 The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001

Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Publication of adoption of code by Council.

The Chairman asked members to sign their declarations at the end of the meeting.

02/06 Quality Town & Parish Councils

The Clerk reported that there was as yet no update.

02/07 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

a) To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 3rd December 2001, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

b) To approve the purchase of Grit Bins
Members approved the purchase of grit bins for Malory Drive, Travellers Joy (Woodhouse Lane) and Gittens Drive, subject to the approval of location by T&WC.

02/08 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs requested that trees and shrubs be provided for the Wild Flower Meadow. Members agreed to the purchase of suitable plants to be put into place by Mr. Cowley, the council's contractor. The planting scheme to be agreed between the Clerk and Cllr. Jeffs.

02/09 The Golden Jubilee of HM The Queen

Cllr. Chetwood suggested that the council look at the refurbishment of the gates at Horsehay Village Hall to be marked by a plaque for the Jubilee by D.H.P.C.
Cllr. Haire asked the council to consider a scheme for each Hamlet.

Cllr. Chetwood suggested an oak tree with plaque in the war memorial and a possible trophy for the school. Cllr. Jeffs asked what was happening with the budgeted money set aside for the school. The Chairman informed the meeting that she had spoken to the head teacher who was considering an appropriate use for the money and would make a formal request soon.

Cllr. Chetwood suggested that Lightmoor could perhaps have a "Welcome to the Parish" sign noting the Jubilee. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of such a sign.

Cllr. Chetwood proposed that Horsehay be offered restoration of village hall gates with plaque, Little Dawley be provided with an oak tree with railings and plaque at the war memorial and that investigation be made as to suitable commemorative items for the other hamlets. Seconded by Cllr. Haire. It was resolved.

Cllr. Haire agreed to ask some of the residents of Aqueduct for their suggestions.

02/10 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS- It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

STATEMENT 117 was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

BUDGET

Members discussed the budget set at the meeting of the F&GP Committee on 28th November 2001.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Chetwood that the budget be accepted as tabled. Seconded by Cllr. Onions, it was resolved unanimously.

02/11 CORRESPONDENCE

SAPTC

AGM February 2nd 2002 - noted.

T&WC

Application for Justices Licence, Horsehay Golf Club. No objections were raised.

T&WC

Draft Register of Electors - Clerk asked to provide copies for Members who requested them.

SAPTC

Parish Pump - noted.

BVT

Lightmoor Village Details of proposed date for submission of planning application and possible public meeting.

SCC

Joint Structure Plan - noted.

Lightmoor Housing

Residents Association Petition opposing waste transfer application - The Clerk was asked to write thanking the association for their letter and checking that the original petition had been sent to T&WC.

02/12 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Onions reported that the Bridge Road sign at the junction by the railway station was still in the hedge. The direction signs at the nursery traffic island was missing.

Cllr. Swain asked about the provision of bollards to prevent vehicles parking on verges at Horsehay. The Clerk was asked to put the matter on the Planning agenda.

02/13 Date of next meeting Wednesday 27th February 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

Signed

Date