

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 2nd February 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. G. Onions, A. Hickie,
R. Pritchard and Mrs. Dianne Wallis.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

In attendance.

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 28th January was cancelled due to inclement weather. It was decided to combine the cancelled meeting with that of the Planning & Environmental Committee Meeting on Monday 2nd February.

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

POLICE SESSION

Owing to the rescheduling of the meeting no police officer was present.

04/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. L. Robinson, Cllr. Haire and Cllr. Lees. Cllr. Gibson had notified the Clerk that his attendance at another meeting to be held earlier in the day would mean that he would join the Parish Council meeting late.

04/02 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2003** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04/03 Youth Provision within the Parish

The Chairman explained that for a number of reasons (not least the rescheduling of the meeting) Derek Owen, Borough Youth Services Officer, could not be present but arrangements had been made for him to be

present at a future meeting.

The meeting heard that Mr. Owen had made preliminary investigations into the possibility of providing a youth shelter at a site near to the electricity sub station on Southall Road along with possible enhancement of the existing play equipment for younger children. Mr. Owen had also provided some indication as to how such a project may be funded.

Members discussed the suggestions along with possible funding solutions. It was agreed that the Chairman could report back to Mr. Owen that Council was, in principle, supportive of his proposals and felt positive about the suggestions he had put forward. It was agreed that Mr. Owen should still be required to attend a meeting of Council to allow the proposals (and methods of funding) to be properly discussed.

04/04 Forward Planning Group

Members agreed that a Forward Planning meeting should be held on Monday 16th February at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. The Chairman explained that it was his intention that the meeting would be an informal “brain storming” session to allow Members to explore ways in which Council could move forward in the future. All Members would be welcome to attend and bring to the table any ideas and suggestions for discussion.

7.20 p.m. Cllr. Gibson joined the meeting.

04/05 Parish Charter

Members agreed that a special meeting should be held on Tuesday 9th March at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. The meeting would allow Mrs. Baker to speak on the Parish Charter and would then debate the matter and would on the same evening make a decision on whether to sign up to its principles or to decline.

04/06 South Telford Rights Of Way Project (STROWP)

The Clerk reminded the meeting that this item had been added to the agenda of the main meeting because the members of the Planning & Environment Committee had become ill at ease with recent developments within STROWP.

It had been the job requirements of the previous STROWP officer to survey all parish paths, ascertain what work was required to maintain them, seek out suitable forms of voluntary labour and set about the required work. This had been the purpose of the “second phase” of the project and it was felt by all that it had worked well.

When the officer who had so successfully implemented the second phase had resigned, the Member Councils of STROWP had reviewed their needs and it had been decided (in the absence of representation from DHPC owing to clashes in meetings) that a “third phase” involving publicity of all the routes should be embarked upon.

The Chairman stated that he had spoken at some length with the new STROWP office Alec Conner who had confirmed that his job description was to publicise the routes and not to spend his time physically maintaining them.

The Clerk informed the meeting that under the “second phase”, it was the practice of the then officer to send reports to the Parish Council of works actually carried out. Under the “third phase”, the present officer was simply surveying the routes and emailing the Borough Council with a list of work which requires carrying out. Given the restricted budgets of the Borough, no actual work was being carried and consequently the paths although receiving publicity were in danger of falling into rapid disrepair.

The Chairman put the question: Should the Parish remain as contributors to STROWP?

Members discussed STROWP. The Chairman asked Members to give the matter some thought and stated that he would have an item on the next agenda to allow debate and would expect a decision as to whether DHPC should remain a partner of STROWP or not.

04/07 Aqueduct Primary School Traffic Calming Meeting

The Chairman informed Members that the school was to host a public meeting/exhibition on proposed traffic calming measures and safe routes to school on 5th February at 2.30 p.m. The Chairman and Clerk would be attending but all Members would be welcome.

Liaison with Members of the Junior Council

Cllr. Chetwood gave the Meeting details of a Junior Council which had been formed by pupils of the school. It was agreed that the Parish Council should give its full support and encouragement to the initiative.

Trophy

Cllr. Chetwood announced his intention to purchase, from the Chairman’s

Allowance, a trophy shield to be presented annually to the best “improver” in Key Stage 2.

04/08 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December were received.

04/09 Countryside Officer’s Report

Cllr. Hickie reported that residents had asked if the Parish could urge the Borough to repair/replace the long damaged light under the aqueduct. Reported damage to fence caused by a car accident.

Members discussed a recent incident which took place at the Chapel, Aqueduct whereby young scouts were trapped in the chapel by unruly youths.

Reported vandalism to bus shelter on Castlefields Way – Clerk to report to the Borough Council.

Cllr. Wallis reiterated concerns over inadequate lighting in Chapel Lane. Members agreed to await the completion of the current development before approaching the Borough requesting a solution.

04/10 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 141 was tabled along with the reconciliation’s and was approved.

04/11 Correspondence

a) Aqueduct Primary School	School Council
b) C.S.P.	Domestic Violence Strategy
c) Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors	Transfer of Justices Licence Travellers Joy, Woodhouse Lane, Horsehay.
d) S&W Fire Authority	Budget Consultation
e) T&W Borough	Secondary Schools Admission Policy
f) Ramblers Assoc.	Minutes etc.

The Meeting asked if Cllr. Hickie would mind representing Council (liaison officer) in any future meetings of the Ramblers Association. Cllr. Hickie had no objection.

g) T&W Borough

Addresses for 3 terraced dwellings at Chapel Lane. The Borough had suggested 1 – 3 The Mews. Members asked the Clerk to suggest the houses be “The Osbournes” named after Cedric Osbourne who used to own the land and, it was thought, the Chapel at Aqueduct.

04/12 Any Other Items of Information

There were no other items of information.

04/13 Date of next meeting Wednesday 25th February 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7. 52 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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