

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 25th January 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. R. Haire, A. Hickie
J. Lees and G. Onions.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: PC Sophie Wade

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

POLICE SESSION

PC Wade gave a police report and informed the meeting that extra foot patrols were being undertaken in the area by Community Support Officers. Members heard that there had been a spate of car crime in the area which had taken place during night time hours. The meeting discussed problems with vehicles parking in Woodhouse Lane and Foresters Close.

PC Wade gave Members details of monthly Police drop in sessions for the benefit of the public. Members were informed of possible changes in police administrative boundaries within the Borough and the possibility of a new beat officer.

05/131 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs D. Chetwood, Cllr. D. Gibson and Cllr. R. Pritchard.

05/132 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st December 2005** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

05/133 Aqueduct School - report of Governor Representative

The Chairman reported that the Head Teacher, Miss Beryl Mound, was to leave the school shortly after many years of excellent service. Cllr. Chetwood stated that he would be arranging with the Clerk for a gift to be purchased for Miss Mound out of the Chairman's Allowance.

The meeting was informed of a forthcoming Arts Week to be held at the school and the Chairman announced that he was to donate £200 to this cause out of the Chairman's Allowance. Details were also given about a weekend function to be held at the school on 2nd and 3rd March where two of the ladies are attempting to raise £2500.

Cllr. Chetwood informed the meeting that the school had now been provided with a list of Council meeting dates and it had been agreed that Council could

meet at the school every other month on the occasion of the main meeting.

Cllr. Hickie informed the meeting that Alec Connor, STROWP Officer had made arrangements with the school for STROWP to give guided walks to the children (at no cost to the school).

Cllr. Lees asked PC Wade if there were still occasional difficulties with parking in the vicinity of the school at home time. PC Wade stated that the situation was now not too bad.

05/134 South Telford Rights Of Way Project

Cllr. Hickie gave the meeting an idea of the budgets STROWP would be working with in the forthcoming year and stated that because one of the partners had dropped out there would be a shortfall in funding. He was concerned that the employment of the Officer could be in jeopardy. He asked Council to consider paying slightly more than it had anticipated.

The meeting was informed by Cllr. Hickie that the fee paid by Council in this financial year had been £2194. The Clerk informed the meeting that Council had budgeted £2500 for the year 2006/2007. Members agreed that it would be appropriate to fund STROWP in the budgeted sum of £2500.

Cllr. Hickie drew members attention to a Borough Right of way improvement questionnaire (sent out by Andrew Careless) and stated that STROWP had completed this.

Members discussed the idea of inviting BVT in light of its involvement with the area in Lightmoor, to become a member of STROWP. The Clerk was asked to make contact with BVT.

05/135 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2005 were received.

05/136 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 166 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Additional payment of £60 cheque 001035 Hall Rental Horsehay Village Hall was approved.

AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk drew to the attention of the meeting comments on the audit report which required action:

1. The level of Fidelity Guarantee Insurance is inadequate and should be based on the year end cash balance held plus half of the annual precept if appropriate. Members **RESOLVED** that they were satisfied that Council's systems were

such that no fraud would be committed; Council was not presently raising a precept and balances were falling due to planned expenditure.

2. The fixed asset register and assets listed on the council insurance policy do not include all items. Members went through the fixed asset register:

Office swivel chair - delete now obsolete.

Notice Boards - add two recent acquisitions.

Benches - add three recent acquisitions.

Petrol Strimmer - delete now obsolete.

The Clerk was asked to add nine benches to the insurance policy.

05/137 Correspondence

T&CVS Notice of a Finding Funding meeting 25th February

STROWP Minutes and agenda - Cllr. Hickie

BT&W Notification of approval of planning permission for Lych Gate. Clerk to proceed with the order and work programme.

8.14 p.m. PC Wade left the meeting after being thanked for her attendance.

05/138 Newsletter

The Clerk asked for contributions and agreed to amend the previous editorial provided by the Chairman. Cllr. Onions agreed to provide some historical photographs of the parish. Cllr. Lees asked the Clerk if he had received information and photographs from the Judo Club - the Clerk confirmed that he had.

05/139 Date of next meeting Wednesday 22nd February 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

Cllr. Haire informed the meeting that the roads brought to the attention of Ms Gormly at a previous meeting were now in the process of being repaired. Cllr. Haire also brought to the attention of the meeting a newspaper article reporting the views of the Shropshire Chamber of Commerce and the meeting noted that these views which highlighted traffic blackspots within the Borough were in accord with the views of Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.31 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

Date.....