

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 20th January 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 Tansy Swain.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: PC Emily Atkinson

09/115 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Geoff Onions.

09/116 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

09/117 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

09/118 Police Session

PC Atkinson presented the crime figures for the area and answered a number of questions. The meeting was given advice on keeping property safe.

7:18 p.m. Borough Councillor Tracy Hope joined the meeting.

A number of concerns were brought to the attention of PC Atkinson by the meeting.

7:20 p.m. two members of the public joined the meeting.

The Chairman called for the Public Session to be reinstated.

09/119 Public Session

Mr. Gwynne Nutting brought to the attention of the meeting correspondence from Borough Traffic Officer, Nick Kitchen, which indicated an intention to alter the speed limits for the entire length of the A4169/A5223. There was some concern that the 30mph limit would be removed (altered to 50) on the approach to the Horsehay roundabout from the Jiggers Bank section. Mr. Nutting stated that traffic using that section of the road did not slow down on the approach to the roundabout and that residents were concerned that the proposals would make the road the fastest none E.P. road in Telford.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had considerable concerns over the proposal, not least because it had no knowledge of the proposals and it appeared that the Borough Officer had not felt it necessary to consult the parish council. The Chairman felt sure that, now it had become aware of the proposals, the parish council would invite Mr. Kitchen to a future meeting to

allow the matter to be aired.

Borough Councillor Tracy Hope assured Mr. Nutting that she would look into the matter on his behalf.

The Chairman gave notice of the next PACT meeting which was to take place on the 16th February when residents would be able to talk to PC Atkinson with their policing concerns.

7:32 p.m. the members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr. Hope stated that she had been looking into a number of speeding issues in the Borough. The meeting briefly discussed speed limits in the area.

The Chairman gave an update on the progress of a request by a resident for a disabled parking space.

Members discussed the gritting of roads (or apparent lack of it) during the recent icy weather.

7:45 p.m. Borough Councillor Clive Mollett joined the meeting.

Cllr. Haire asked Cllr. Mollett if he could provide any information as to the progress of promised repairs to the Aqueduct. Cllr. Williams started that the Aqueduct was in Cllr. Helen William's ward and she was dealing with the matter. The Clerk was asked to invite Cllr. Williams to a meeting where she could inform council of any progress.

Cllr. Mollett gave a report on the repair of pot holes.

The meeting discussed PACT and the youth bus. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had volunteered to drive the bus and was due to undertake training.

7:51 p.m. Borough Councillors Tracy Hope and Clive Mollett left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

09/120 Declaration of a Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

The meeting was informed that the term of office of Cllr. Tony Hickie had expired due to a period of none attendance which had exceeding the statutory time limit. The meeting was sorry to have lost Cllr. Hickie and he was commended for the work he had put into his office since he joined the council. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Hickie thanking him for his time and contributions to council.

The Clerk explained the procedure for advertising the vacancy and agreed to let the Borough Returning Officer know of the vacancy.

09/121 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that Cllr. Hickie should have been recorded as being present at the meeting held on the 7th December 2009. Subject to the amendment:
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th December 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

09/122 Social Housing

The Chairman outlined his thoughts on parishes providing some form of social housing. The Clerk informed the meeting that he was endeavouring to collect information which might assist members.

Following discussion the meeting agreed to explore the feasibility of the parish building two houses for the purpose of social housing.

09/123 Possible land for allotments – Spring Village

Following discussion the meeting agreed to defer its planning application for land adjacent to the school field at Aqueduct.

The meeting heard that a formal request for the use of land at Spring Village for allotments had been put to the Borough. Cllr. Lovett agreed to provide a layout plan at the appropriate time.

09/124 Grant – Aqueduct School

It was agreed that, as the school had yet to provide the required information and place a formal request, the matter could not yet be proceeded with.

09/125 Parish Activities

Senior Citizens Summer Picnic

It was agreed that the date for the picnic should be Friday 18th June and that the hall had been booked for that date.

Bowling Greens

The Clerk reported that he had raised the issue of a lack of bowling facilities with Borough Officer Dave Ottley and hoped to arrange a meeting but requested more detailed information. The Clerk was informed that the Dun Cow had been knocked down with the resultant loss of four teams; The White Horse at Heath Hill was under threat and they had six teams and the Horsehay Village Hall facility was much oversubscribed. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask for a meeting with Mr. Ottley; Cllr. Lovett expressed a wish to be included in any meeting.

09/126 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting

There being no December planning meeting there were no minutes to receive.

09/127 Accounts

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

The meeting approved an additional payment:

Cheque 000095 £40.00 St. John Ambulance (Christmas Party Cover)

Cllr. Beryl Onions took no part in the discussion over the payment to St. John.

STATEMENTS 6 and 7 (Royal Bank of Scotland) along with reconciliation were tabled and approved.

09/128 Correspondence

Grants

Horsehay Indoor Bowling Club.

It was proposed by Cllr. Haire that a grant of £200 be awarded; seconded by Cllr. Linda Gough it was **RESOLVED**.

Crucial Crew

The request was declined.

Correspondence

West Mercia Con

Your Policing – notification of event. Noted.

Resident

Aqueduct Green – ongoing correspondence – request for village green. It was noted that the correspondence was still ongoing.

David Wright MP

Concern that a resident was under the mistaken belief that the parish did not hold any seasonal events for senior citizens. The meeting noted that the Clerk had responded appropriately.

Dawley

Regeneration Partnership

Invitation to become more involved in their work. The Clerk was asked to invite a representative to the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting.

09/129 Items for the next agenda

The Clerk was asked to place the following matters on the agenda for consideration:

Road Signs (Planning & Environmental Committee meeting)

09/130 Date of next meeting to be Wednesday 17th February 2010 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:39 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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