

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 18th July 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. S. Woodvine - Chairman
Cllrs. A. Hickie, A. M. Jeffs, G. Onions,
D. Gibson and T. Swain.
Clerk: Mr. M. Goldstraw

In attendance three members of the public

1. PUBLIC - The Chairman welcomed all in attendance and took questions from the public. Mr. Gobby reported that when trying to cross the road at Lightmoor, he had nearly been hit by a speeding car. The Chairman, in agreeing that there would always be some who drove too fast, asked Mr. Gobby if he had reported the matter to the police. Mr. Gobby stated that he had not.

7.32 p.m. Sgt. Franks joined the meeting.

Cllr. Jeffs referred to an earlier request by the council to have the 30 mph limit extended throughout the road, commenting that the whole area is due for commercial redevelopment, so it may not be a country lane for much longer.

The Chairman informed Mr. Gobby that the council would note his comments and the Clerk would bring them to the attention of Anurada Fitzwalter and WPC Riggs.

Mrs. Weston asked if the council had heard from the T&WC ward member. The Clerk reported that the council had not been contacted by the individual concerned.

Mrs. Weston commented on the provision of landscaping around the Stoney Hill site which had been promised over eight years ago. The Clerk agreed to write to T&WC planning to bring the matter to their attention.

Mrs. Weston asked about the Lightmoor Action Group. The Clerk informed Mrs. Weston that the council had heard nothing from the group. The group was not answerable to the council.

Cllr. Jeffs gave Mrs. Weston details of the current situation with the proposed Johnston's development.

Mrs. Powell reported that the area at the bottom of Southview Road was very overgrown. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to T&WC.

2. POLICE SESSION- Cllr. Swain reported concerns over the traffic travelling from Bridge Road past the old AB Cranes site and the somewhat difficult right of way. The possibility of a mini round about was discussed and the Chairman suggested that it should be raised at a planning meeting as an agenda item.

Cllr. Gibson raised the continuing problem of vehicles parked on footpaths, with reference to a specific vehicle. The criteria by which vehicle removal fell into the police sphere was discussed. Cllr. Gibson gave a full report on the vehicle concerned and stated that he was not wholly satisfied with the way in which both the police and T&WC had dealt with the matter which had not been resolved.

01/71 APOLOGIES -

Apologies were received from Cllr. Chetwood and Cllr. Pritchard.

01/72 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June were confirmed and signed as a true record.

01/73 Aqueduct Community Centre

The Clerk reported that T&WC had offered the possibility of a bounty to cover some of the remedial works needed to the building. Mike McGrath had agreed to send a dilapidation report on the fabric of the building which had been commissioned some years ago.

It had also been suggested that a sum of money could be offered for internal decoration. A sum of £5k had been tabled.

The Chairman questioned whether this would in fact be enough and suggested that quotes be obtained. After further discussion, it was agreed that a better course of action would be to suggest to T&WC that they themselves bring the standard of internal decoration to an acceptable level.

01/74 Traffic Matters

The Clerk and Cllr. Jeffs gave a report of the meeting held between the Parish Council, residents of Doseley and surrounding area and Anurada Fitzwalter and PC Riggs. Another meeting had been arranged for September 6th at 7.30 p.m. There being no further police matters, Sgt Franks left the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

01/75 Audit

The Clerk presented to the meeting the accounts of the council for the year ending 31st March 2001.

He stated that the accounts presented were to be approved by the council for the benefit of the Auditors, however, the figures as presented did not include the annual interest from the Halifax PLC which would not be known, and therefore could not be apportioned, before 22nd July, which was after the date the accounts were to be signed by the Chairman as correct. The Clerk therefore asked the council to approve the accounts, and the Chairman to sign them, with the noted proviso that the accounts as signed did not include the interest due from the Halifax.

The accounts which would be presented to the auditors in August, the Clerk stated, would of course include the properly apportioned interest as it would then be known, and the final accounts would be presented to the meeting again, in retrospect, at the September meeting.

01/76 To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 4th June 2001, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

01/77 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs gave an update on the negotiations with T&WC and STROWP.

Cllr. Gibson stated that he had telephoned T&WC over the proposed closures of footpath as advertised in the press. He had been informed, and this was confirmed by Cllr. Jeffs, that this was the closure of the old footpath - the new ones were now official.

Cllr. Jeffs assured the meeting that all the new paths were safe.

01/78 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS- It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

STATEMENT 111 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved. Members gave additional approval to cheque No. 000586 £12.39 payable to Cllr. Pritchard in recompense for the get well soon gift to Cllr. Chetwood from the Chairman's Allowance.

01/79 Grants

Members gave consideration to the following grants under sec. 137 of the Local Government Act.

T&WC Summer Play Scheme - proposed by Cllr. Woodvine, grant of £150.00 seconded by Cllr. Gibson.

Resolved that £150.00 be granted to T&WC for the Summer Play Scheme.

Telford Homestart. Recommend refer to T&W Community Trust. Agreed.

Telford & Horsehay Steam Trust - proposed by Cllr. Jeffs, grant of £200, seconded by Cllr. Onions.

Resolved that £200.00 be granted to T&H Steam Trust.

T&W Community Trust

Resolved to grant £500.00 to T&W Community Trust as per annual budget proposals.

01/80 CORRESPONDENCE

Horsehay Flower Show

Brochure - Cllr. Jeffs gave a warm invitation to all to attend.

NHS

Community Trust proposals notification of public meeting in Dawley 3rd September - Chairman to review. Cllr. Gibson to report as he is on the consultation board.

SCC

Public Transport News - noted.

WAC SAPTC

Electoral Review report - noted.

T.C.A.T.

Letter of thanks for grant along with photographs of students enjoying their trip.

Britannia Historical Society

Letter informing the council that they will be going ahead with their plans to place a plaque on the Aqueduct, despite the attempts

of the Parish to find a more acceptable alternative.

01/81 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Jeffs reported that it had been mentioned at the recent residents meeting that hedges needed cutting back. The Clerk was asked to check with Anurada to see if action was to be taken.

Cllr. Hickie reported that the clearing of mud from the footpaths on the perimeter of Dawley Grange which had long been attributed to T&WC had in fact been cleaned by the voluntary efforts of Mr. Rutter, a resident. The Clerk was asked to convey the thanks of the Parish Council.

01/82 Date of next meeting Wednesday 26th September 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

Signed

Date