

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 17th July 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. S. Woodvine - Chairman
Cllrs. A.M. Jeffs, A. Chetwood, D. Gibson, G. Onions
R. Haire and A. Hickie.
Clerk - Mr. M.S.J. Goldstraw.

In attendance
Four members of the public
Sgt Paul Franks

PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public reiterated his allegations (previously taken up with both BVT and T&WC at the Annual Parish Meeting) that toxic waste had been dumped at the Stoney Hill site which could have an adverse affect upon the residents of the proposed development at Lightmoor.

Members heard that the allegation had been brought to the attention of T&WC, BVT and reported by the resident concerned to the Shropshire Star. BVT had stated that the ground had been tested and was found to be clear. Cllr. Jeffs stated that he had concerns that although Stoney Hill tip had been constructed with a thick clay seal, there may be a possibility that it could dry out and crack causing leakage.

Cllr. Gibson stated that, having heard that the resident had already asked T&WC and BVT to investigate, and reported his concerns to the newspaper (and had received assurances that there was no problem), there was little more that the Parish Council could do.

Members suggested that the resident ask his Member of Parliament for further guidance.

POLICE SESSION

Sgt Franks reported that officers had visited the primary school as had been requested and are willing to attempt once again to implement the Walking Bus scheme. Traffic checks had been carried out within the parish and one speeding ticket had been issued. Reported that three complains had been received about suspicious activities on the Silkin Way in the last fortnight and these matters were being followed up.

Members discussed the problems of illegal motorcycle usage of the Phoenix field.

Cllr. Onions asked about recently published burglary and violence statistics. Sgt. Franks gave an explanation of a new Ethical Recording Policy which had been adopted in April 2000 which meant that all crimes were now counted, giving the hypothetical example of an incident where six males were involved in an affray. Under the old reporting procedure, it would have been recorded as one incident of affray whereas it is now recorded as six individual offences of affray thus giving (to those who were not aware) the mistaken impression of a sixfold increase.

8.05 p.m. Sgt Franks left the meeting having first been thanked by the Chairman.

02/73 APOLOGIES -

Apologies were received from Cllr. Pritchard.

02/74 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th June 2002 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

02/75 Development at Lightmoor Village

The Clerk reported that there had been no further information received and it was still unknown when the matter would be determined.

02/76 Traffic Calming

The Clerk reported that the council was awaiting the production of the proposed scheme.

Cllr. Onions reported that large vehicles were still using routes through Horsehay. Members discussed the anticipated affects of a weight limit restricting heavy traffic through Horsehay and Doseley.

02/77 Audit

Members received notification that the Audit would take place on the 1st August. The Clerk confirmed that the relevant notices had been placed throughout the Parish.

The Audit report and accounts were presented for approval. It was noted that it had not been possible to appoint an internal auditor as the council had resolved to appoint from a SAPTC approved list and as yet, there was no one on the list. The Clerk confirmed that there would be allowances made in the first year of the new audit for those councils who had been unable to appoint an internal auditor in time for the audit.

The accounts and audit report were approved.

02/78 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 10th June 2002, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

02/79 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs requested that the war memorial garden be weeded. Members discussed the maintenance and management of the wild flower meadow and it was agreed that the Clerk continue with his endeavours to get suitable quotes.

02/80 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS- It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

STATEMENT 123 was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

02/81 Grants

Members gave consideration to the following grant applications:

T&WC Aqueduct Community Centre Summer Play Scheme - Concerns were expressed that T&WC had stated that Aqueduct Community Centre would cease to be a community facility after 17th August. It was felt therefore that this raised the question of how the play scheme could be continuing in a now disused facility. Following discussion, the application was accepted on face value as being a genuine request to help fund a summer play scheme.

Cllr. Chetwood proposed that a grant of ,50 be made for the provision of a summer play scheme in the parish. Seconded by Cllr. Jeffs, it was resolved that a grant of ,50 be made.

Club 17 - Members requested that the Clerk seek more information.

Telford Pensioners Action Group. Proposed by Cllr. Jeffs that a grant of ,100 be made.

Seconded by Cllr. Onions, it was resolved that a grant of ,100 be made.

Salvation Army. Proposed by Cllr. Woodvine that a grant of ,20 be made.

Seconded by Cllr. Chetwood, it was resolved that a grant of ,20 be made.

8.55 p.m. Cllr. Chetwood left the meeting

02/82 CORRESPONDENCE

T&WC Notice that there had not been a call for an election to fill the vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor - The Chairman therefore formally read the notice that the vacancy will be filled by co-option. The Clerk agreed to place the notices of co-option on the parish notice boards.

T&WC Boundary Commission Draft Electoral Review Recommendations - noted.

Princess Royal

Hospital Thanks to Chairman for grant.

CRE The Duty to Promote Race Equality - noted.

W Mercia

Const. Annual Report - noted.

02/83 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Jeffs asked if the parish council would be prepared to receive and hold in its archives documents relating to the very early steering group which campaigned for the formation of this parish council. Members agreed to receive the documents and ensure their safe keeping.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Broadway PC had taken aspects of the new Code of Conduct to the European Court of Human Rights and stated that

councillors were still in a strong position to argue that information has been withheld due to lack of proper advice from the Borough Council.
Members discussed the Code of Conduct.

02/84 Date of next meeting Wednesday 25th September 2002 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.19 pm.

Signed

Date