

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 16th July 2003 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

In attendance
WPC Vicky Nicholls
There was one member of the public present

The Chairman introduced Cllr. John Lees to all present.

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no matters raised by the member of the public present

POLICE SESSION

WPC Nicholls gave Members a report on her discussions about the dangers of drug abuse with the children of year six at Aqueduct Primary School. There had been a good response. WPC Nicholls reported that there were still problems with parking at school times and in order to press the seriousness of the matter she had issued some parking tickets and sent out a strongly worded letter to parents - the situation was now slightly better.

A report was given on a recent initiative by WPC Nicholls to instigate organised street sports in the parish. Posters were handed out to be placed in the parish.

Members were given details of forthcoming Summer Play Schemes and WPC Nicholls said she would be actively involved with the young of the area during the summer.

Members heard that WPC Nicholls was to set up a police advice surgery at Doseley and would be available at certain advertised times on Tuesdays during August and September.

Members discussed the police response rates to incidents and WPC Nicholls gave an explanation of police resources and urged that all incidents be reported.

7.41 p.m. The Chairman thanked WPC Nicholls for her attendance and she left the meeting.

03/72 Apologies

The Chairman, referring to the recent Internal Audit report comments, outlined the required procedure in forwarding and accepting apologies, making it clear that Members were expected to pass on their apologies prior to the meeting, either by phone, in person or by letter directly to the Clerk and not via a colleague (and most certainly not as an after thought at the time of the meeting). The meeting would then consider if the reason given for absence was acceptable and then whether or not to accept the apology.

Members discussed the requirements.

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Gibson who gave an acceptable reason. The apology was

therefore accepted by the meeting.

03/73 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th June 2003
The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

03/74 Clerks report on items pending

Wild Flower Meadow

The Clerk reported that he had instructed the gardener/handyman to weed the memorial.

MEB substation Southall Road

The meeting was informed that the land still belonged to the MEB (or their successors) and would not be available to Council.

03/75 Co-option of Members to the Parish Council

The Clerk reported that there had been two applicants for co-option to Council, however one was unfortunately invalid as it had specifically referred to the Dawley Hamlets Ward of the Council and the vacancy was for the Aqueduct Ward. The applicant concerned would be informed that if and when a vacancy occurred in the Dawley Hamlets Ward, he would be notified. The remaining qualifying applicant was Mrs. Lucinda Robinson, of Aqueduct Village.

Mrs. Robinson was therefore co-opted to the Parish Council as a Member for the Aqueduct Ward.

Cllr. Mrs. Robinson, being present, was invited to join the meeting and having duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office was welcomed by all Members present and took her seat.

03/76 Lightmoor Development

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been contacted by the Public Relations Officer of Bournville Village Trust who stated that the scheme was to be formally launched in the very near future. The Parish Council would be invited to the launch but a date was not yet fixed. Members were still concerned that they had not yet had the opportunity to sit round a table with the parties involved.

03/77 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2003, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

03/78 Countryside Officers Report

Members discussed concerns over the possible impact upon local waste disposal sites caused by the closure of Shropshire sites. There was an assumption that there must be an increase in traffic to the site and yet no provision had been made to cope. Refuse would now be coming into the parish from all over Shropshire. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to enquire what provision would be made to cope with the increase in traffic particularly at the junction with the road to Little Wenlock.

Members discussed the Borough Green Waste trials.

Members reported that three days after meeting with Mr. Roderick, Borough Traffic Officer, the road in Frame Lane was attended to in preparation for the agreed traffic calming measures.

03/79 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS- It was **RESOLVED:** that these be approved and paid as tabled.

[Cllr. Chetwood took no part in either the vote or the discussion (payments tabled)]

STATEMENT 135 was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

Internal Audit

Members received the report from the internal auditor. The Clerk was thanked for his maintaining the records of Council in such an efficient way and presenting them in a manner which minimised the work of the audit and thereby save costs.

Grants

Cllr. Onions declared an interest in the matters relating to both Horsehay Methodist Church and Horsehay Bowling Club and took no part in the matters relating to them.

The following Grants were considered:

Telford & Wrekin Community Trust. Proposed by Cllr. Chetwood that a grant of £500 be made. Seconded by Cllr. Hickie it was **Resolved that a grant of £500 be made.**

Horsehay Methodist Church. Proposed by Cllr. Jeffs that a grant of £200 be made. Seconded by Cllr. Haire it was **Resolved that a grant of £200 be made.**

Horsehay Bowling Club. Proposed by Cllr. Jeffs that a grant of £200 be made. Seconded by Cllr. Haire it was **Resolved that a grant of £200 be made.**

2nd Dawley Brownies. Proposed by Cllr. Jeffs that a grant of £200 be made. Seconded by Cllr. Hickie it was **Resolved that a grant of £200 be made.**

Angling Festival for Children with Special Needs. Proposed by Cllr. Chetwood that a grant of £75 be made. Seconded by Cllr. Jeffs it was **Resolved that a grant of £75 be made.**

03/80 CORRESPONDENCE

Office of Deputy P.M.Consultation Paper on Indemnities for relevant Members and Officers. Noted.

T&WC Borough Guide. Noted.

CPRE Shropshire Landscapes - Circulated.

T&WC Best Value Performance Plan. Noted.

03/81 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Lees - Reported concerns over inadequate street lighting in Malory Drive. Clerk to pass concerns to the Borough Council and place lighting on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Onions - Reported concerns over the lack of action taken by the Borough to clear the rubbish from the pools.

Cllr. Chetwood - Spoke of the current request by the Gorge Parish Council for parts of their parish situated in what will be in effect part of the new Lightmoor development to be transferred to DHPC. The Clerk was asked to put Parish Boundaries on the

agenda for the next meeting.

03/82 Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th September 2003 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Planning & Environmental Committee would be Monday 4th August at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8. 51 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date