

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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**PRESENT** Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)  
Cllrs. Miss J. Brothwood, L. Carpenter, R. Haire, A. Hickie, Geraldine King, G. Onions. Mrs. T. Swain and Bev Walker.  
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: PC Claire Walker-Shale  
Borough Councillors V. Tonks and A. Williams.  
Three members of the public.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There was no public session requested.

**POLICE SESSION**

PC Walker-Shale presented the police report indicating that there had been a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour in Aqueduct.  
PC Walker-Shale answered questions on the crime statistics and members discussed a number of incidents.

**07/30 APOLOGIES**

All members being present there were no apologies.

**07/31 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**07/32 Speed Camera Equipment**

PC Walker-Shale presented a formal request to Council for the assisted funding of hand held speed enforcement equipment. In presenting the request she stated that the whole project depended upon acceptance and contributions from all of the Parish Councils in her area, all of which would benefit from the scheme, however it did not look as though the project would be viable as two of the councils had already declined to participate.

Members discussed the request and PC Walker-Shale answered questions.

Cllr. Hickie felt that any discussion on the matter was pointless as it had already been indicated that the project lacked the necessary 100% support and had therefore already failed.

Cllr. Haire spoke in detail and at length putting forward his view that under no circumstances should Council participate in such a scheme.  
The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the request from the police for assisted funding to purchase shared speed enforcement equipment: seconded by Cllr. Swain, the proposition was lost (three votes for and four votes against).

### **07/33 By-law Alcohol Free Zones**

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and invited Cllr. Vic Tonks to explain the initiatives undertaken by Great Dawley Parish Council who had put a proposal to T&WC to create an alcohol free zone which could (would) include areas of Dawley Hamlets. The meeting heard that the Borough council seemed receptive to the idea and the matter will be discussed again at the September meeting of GDPC.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

Cllr. Bev Walker suggested that the matter be kept on the agenda until council heard from the Borough Council.

Cllr. Hickie asked members to consider giving positive feedback to GDPC so that they had some indication of the viability of the project.

The Chairman proposed that Council should in essence support such an initiative and lend its support to the further investigation of same; seconded by Cllr. Hickie, it was RESOLVED.

### **07/34 Community Initiatives**

#### **a) Youth Shelter**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Borough Officers were now in discussion with Kevin Webb of BVT. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Webb to confirm that Mr. Owen of the Borough would be contacting him to facilitate the removal of the Youth Shelter.

Members agreed that the removal of the youth shelter to BVT did not preclude the efforts to provide youth facilities in Horsehay. It was felt that there should be a meeting between Borough Youth Officers and the committee of Horsehay Village Hall.

#### **b) Senior Citizens Christmas Meal**

The Clerk confirmed that the hall had been booked and that a proforma inviting applications would be printed in the next newsletter.

*7.44 PC Walker-Shale left the meeting after being thanked for her attendance.*

### **07/35 Planning & Environmental Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007 were received.

#### **Rights of Way**

The Chairman read out a letter from Andrew Careless, Rights of Way Officer T&WC, asking for project suggestions; members agreed to give the matter some thought and table any suggestions at a future meeting.

#### **Telecommunications Masts**

Members discussed the lack of a response from the Borough and it was agreed that Cllr. Bev. Walker should represent the views of Council at the next meeting of the WAC/SALC.

**Dog Bins**

The meeting received a map setting out proposed locations for additional dog bins in the parish to be supplied by the Borough. Members agreed with the locations.

**07/36 Grants**

Members received one grant application:  
Dawley Bank Horticultural Society. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to decline the application.

**07/37 Accounts**

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

**STATEMENT 184** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

**07/38 Correspondence**

Holy Trinity Church	Progress report of closure of Church Yard.
T&WC	Local Development Framework Draft Planning Document Consultation - noted.
T&WC	Rights of Way Officer - thanks for contribution and agreement to receive input from parish and provide additional funding to undertake projects.
T&WC	Invitation for applications to position of Committee Members on the T&W Standards and Audit Ctte. Noted.

**07/39 Newsletter**

The meeting discussed the content of the newsletter and it was agreed that it would be circulated as soon as possible in early August.

**SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business which is confidential and may disclose exempt information.

**07/40 Expenses Payments to Parish Councillors**

Cllr. Hickie requested that Council consider the payment of expenses to Councillors.

The Clerk outlined the legal framework and the recommendations of the Borough Remunerations Review along with the tax implications of members allowances.

Cllr. Hickie proposed that Council approve the payment of allowances to the maximum permissible level for small councils [£250]; seconded by Cllr. Haire it was **RESOLVED** (six in favour and two against with one abstention).

The Chairman suggested that members next consider the payment of travel

expenses for councillors who travel on authorised parish business within the parish. It was RESOLVED to retain the present policy whereby members could only claim for authorised travel outside the parish.

**07/41 Date of next meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.16 p.m.**

**Signed.....  
Chairman**

**Date.....**