

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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**PRESENT** Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)  
Cllrs. G. Onions, R. Haire, A. Hickie and J. Lees.  
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

**In attendance.**

There were no members of the public present.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

**POLICE SESSION**

Apologies were received from PC Nicholls

**04/78 APOLOGIES**

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Pritchard, Mr. D. Wallis and Mrs. L. Robinson.

**04/79 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2004** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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**04/80 Youth Shelter**

The Chairman gave a report on the official opening of the Youth Shelter and informed the meeting that the Graffiti Artist would be on site as he spoke for the first of his sessions.

***7. 20 p.m. Cllr. Gibson joined the meeting***

**04/81 Parish Boundary – Lightmoor Development**

The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the new Clerk to the Gorge Parish Council and a telephone call from the Vice Chairman of the Gorge, had contacted the Borough and received a progress report on the original application from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Clerk to the Gorge, and its Vice chairman were of the opinion that the recent vote to withdraw the offer to cede the Gorge portion of Lightmoor to DHPC had been Ultra Vires in that the matter was resolved without being on the agenda. The matter would be placed again on the agenda to be discussed. In the mean time, it was the view of the Borough and the office of the DP that the matter was proceeding on its merits and could not be withdrawn by the Gorge.

The Chairman stated that he was pleased that the matter had received appropriate publicity in the Shropshire Star and suggested that DHPC could do little more than await further developments. It was hoped that the Gorge would, after proper debate, withdraw from their new position but in any event, it was known that the office of the DP would look at the evidence before it and come to a decision whatever the current position of the Gorge.

Members agreed to let the matter run its course.

**04/82 Parish Security and Safety/Policing**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there would be a presentation by Mr. David Wall of the Community Safety Officer management at the start of the July Meeting. Members agreed to allow a maximum of 30 minutes for the presentation with a possible 15 minutes for questions to be answered.

The Clerk was asked to keep the remainder of the agenda down to a minimum.

**04/83 Risk Assessment**

There was nothing to report.

**04/84 Community Project**

Provision of a slide for Aqueduct Play Area.

Cllr. Lees requested that Council consider the provision of a slide at Aqueduct Play Area stating that he had received requests for one from the users of the playground.

The Chairman reminded Members to remember, when considering provisions for the Parish that Aqueduct had recently had a Youth Shelter but other areas of the parish may need some provision. He asked Members to bear this in mind.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the playground at Aqueduct was owned by the Borough and it would therefore be necessary to either request permission to site a slide or preferably work in partnership with Officers of the Borough whereby (if Council was minded to do so) the Parish would purchase a slide and the Borough would site it.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough to ascertain the cost and viability of placing a new slide in the playground at Aqueduct.

**04/85 Aqueduct Primary School -Liaison with Members of the Junior Council**

The Chairman regretted that it had proved impossible to date to receive the members of the School Council; the project very much depended on the availability of a very busy head Teacher. The meeting heard that the present School Council would in fact be leaving the School at the end of term and would be moving on to secondary schooling. The Clerk was asked to contact the school in the hope that these present members of the school council would

be able to attend the next Planning & Environmental Committee meeting.

**04/86 Planning & Environmental Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004 were received.

**04/87 Countryside Officer's Report**

Cllr. Hickie reported continuing concerns over the sand stone degeneration/removal at the Aqueduct. He asked that the matter now be reported to the Borough as a Health and Safety risk, there being no light under the bridge.

Cllr. Hickie reported concerns over the altered road at the bottom of Chapel Lane where it crossed the Silkin Way. There were no warning signs informing the users of the Silkin Way that they were about to cross a road. Some of the users – bicycles and even a fast moving sports wheelchair user were in great danger of either hitting or being hit by a vehicle on Chapel Lane because they presumed they had priority. Users of the road had restricted visibility and these wheeled users of the path could and do travel at speed.

Members agreed to view the site and suggest ways in which the possible dangers of a collision could be avoided.

Members discussed various styles within the parish needing repairs and agreed to bring these matters to the Planning Meeting to be dealt with under Village Improvements.

**04/88 Accounts**

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

Additional expenditure of £72 for Horsehay Village Hall rental was approved.

**STATEMENT 146** was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

**04/89 Correspondence**

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WAC Minutes and Agenda

**04/89 Any Other Items of Information**

Cllr. Onions asked Council to give support for the campaign against the charging for car parking by the Borough Council.

Members agreed that they were against the implementation of charges.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Borough had stated that whilst it would be consulting over the proposals to implement charges for car parks, it

would not be consulting parishes that had no car park within their boundary. To compensate for this the Wrekin Area Committee had negotiated on behalf of all parishes the right to make a collective representation. The Borough had asked for responses to be forwarded and have given a deadline of three weeks from the 11<sup>th</sup> June.

The Clerk agreed to contact all relevant Parishes offering the support of DHPC and to inform WAC SALC.

Cllr. Gibson gave a report on his Chairmanship of the Access Group for the Borough and his membership on two hospital forums.  
The Chairman asked Cllr. Gibson to provide details for the Parish Magazine.

Cllr. Hickie reported on the difficulties that the residents were having trying to ensure that the agreed measures should be put into place as a result of the development at Chapel Lane. He felt that the process had reached an impasse. Residents were seeking the help of Cllr. Davis Borough member.

The Clerk was asked to place "Parking provision in Chapel Lane" on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Hickie reported a damaged lamp post thought to be dangerous. Clerk to inform the Borough.

The Clerk was asked to place "Street Signs" on the agenda for the next meeting.

**04/90 Date of next meeting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004 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.....**