

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 29th June 2005 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

There were 16 members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting. Those present had all attended to ask the Parish Council to lend its support to their objections to planning application *W2005/0721 Determination under Part 26 of the GPDO for the erection of a 15.0 metre high lattice tower supporting 3no. 2G and 3no. 3G antennae, ground base equipment cabinets and ancillary supporting 3no. 2G and 3no. 3G antennae, ground base equipment cabinets and ancillary. Land at Moseley Primary Sub-Station, Southall Road, Dawley.*

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had been notified of the application and that the Borough had requested comments by the 12th July. The plans were displayed for the benefit of the public. After it had been ascertained where the tower was to be located the Chairman explained that Council had recently adopted a view on such structures and members agreed that they would support the objections of those present. The Chairman explained to those present that they must write to the Borough and especially make their representations to their Borough Council representatives as it was the Borough and not the Parish which was to determine the application; the Parish Council was in the same position as the public in that it is simply a consultee.

The members of the public were given advice on who to approach and how best to go about making their concerns known. Members agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Borough and the Ward Members along with the Member of Parliament objecting to the proposal. The Chairman reiterated the advice that it was essential that the public involve the Borough Ward members. The Parish Council did not know what view they held on this matter but they [the Borough Members] were elected to represent the public in such matters.

The Clerk was asked to write to the planning officer putting forward the concerns of Council over this application.

The Chairman asked the public if they had any other matter to put to Council. There being no other concerns Cllr. Chetwood informed those present that they were welcome to remain to witness the remainder of the meeting if they wished. The public chose to leave the meeting at this point.

POLICE SESSION

No Police Officer was present.

The Clerk informed the meeting that PC Vicky Taylor had written to Council thanking it for its support over the past few years and informing Council that she would be leaving her post as beat manager on 14th July 2005 and will be replaced by PC Sophie Wade. The Clerk was asked to write to PC Taylor thanking her for her help during her tenure as Beat Manager.

05/071 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Gibson.

05/072 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th May 2005** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

05/073 Co-option to the Office of Parish Councillor

The Meeting heard that one application for the post of Parish Councillor for the Ward of Aqueduct had been received from Mrs. D. M. Chetwood of 14 Malvern Crescent, Little Dawley. This being the only application received Mrs. Chetwood was duly co-opted to the post of Parish Councillor.

The Clerk agreed to write to Cllr. Mrs. Chetwood to inform her and invite her to the next meeting of Council.

05/074 Illegal and inconsiderate parking in the Parish

Cllr. Onions reported concerns over illegal and inconsiderate parking in Foresters Close. Members heard that motorists who were not residents of Foresters Close and who did not have room to park their vehicles outside their own properties were not only leaving them in Foresters Close but were parking their vehicles half on the pavement and opposite driveways. The results of this being that residents of Foresters Close were in great difficulty navigating footpaths and entering and leaving their own driveways. Cllr. Pritchard confirmed the difficulties and stated that he had witnessed parents with push chairs and buggies having to leave the footpath and use the road in order to pass such vehicles and those who were attempting to leave their own driveways found it almost impossible to do so without risking damaging the parked vehicles.

The meeting agreed to authorise Cllrs. Onions and Pritchard to approach all the residents of Foresters Close to ascertain whether or not they would consider petitioning the Borough to provide double yellow lines throughout the Close to solve the problem. Cllrs. Onions and Pritchard agreed to ask the residents and report back to Council with documentary evidence of their findings.

05/075 Quality Parish Council and Parish Plan

The Clerk confirmed that Mr. George Kinnell from the Borough had agreed to attend a meeting of Council to discuss Quality Council status on the 28th September 2005.

05/076 Community Projects

a) Refurbishment of Aqueduct play area and provision of basket ball equipment.

The meeting heard that officers of the Borough would attend the next Planning and Environmental Committee meeting to discuss this item of business and the Youth Provision in the Parish.

b) Youth provision in the parish

Deal with in the previous item of business.

c) Lych Gate

The Clerk confirmed that the cheque was before Council for approval and that the application would then be forwarded to the Borough.

d) Possible Provision of Youth Shelter and Bench at Horsehay

Dealt with in the first item of business 05/076d.

05/077 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2005 were received.

05/078 Countryside Officer's Report

a) Wild Flower Meadow

Members heard that arrangements had been made to grass the meadow but the work would not take place until the cooler weather of the autumn to avoid the necessity to continually water during the summer heat.

b) Doseley Church Yard

The Clerk reported that the Bishop of Shrewsbury had replied to the letter of concern from Council stating that he had passed the matter on to the Archdeacon of Salop whose remit the matter falls.

c) Possible new footpath Aqueduct

Cllr. Hickie introduced the proposal for a scheme (put forward by a resident) to provide a footpath in an area of Aqueduct. Following discussion it was RESOLVED that the resident should be advised to put the matter to the Borough as Highway Authority and that the Parish would neither support the project nor object to it.

05/079 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 158 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

Banking Provisions

There was nothing to report.

The Clerk informed the meeting that correspondence was still being exchanged with Halifax PLC in an effort to get them to accept that Council is by law entitled to receive interest on its account free of all tax. The bank seems to be absolutely unaware of the status of this tier of Local Government and remains reluctant to accept that it should receive gross interest. The Clerk stated that he from the beginning provided the relevant Parliamentary Acts and that the Halifax had now requested clarification as to how the funds are to be used and required that the reply and request be signed by someone in authority. The Clerk had provided further information and the letter had been signed by the Chairman of Council.

05/080 Correspondence

The Bishop of Shrewsbury

Reply to the concern over Doseley Grave Yard. Noted.

W.M. Constabulary

PC 3564 Taylor leaving post and being replaced by PC Sophie Wade. The Clerk was asked to thank PC Taylor for her assistance during her time in post.

Wrekin Star Judo Club

Letter informing the parish that the grant is to be used for a weekend camp.

Borough Planning Officer

An application for a certificate of lawful use has been made in respect of

1. fencing
2. storage on the land for plant and motor vehicles at Redroofs. The basis of the application being that the fencing was put up in October 2000 ie. over 4 years ago and the storage use has been in existence since August 1994 i.e over 10 years ago.

Members felt that the application could be justifiably resisted and the Clerk was asked to provide information supplied by Members which refuted the assertions.

05/081 Any Other Items of Information

Cllr. Chetwood gave a report on the Summer Fair at Aqueduct Primary School.

Cllr. Hickie reported that he had spoken to the local distributor of the Journal who had informed him that she had not had sight of the council's newsletter. The Clerk agreed to use this information to communicate the doubt that the newsletter had been distributed to the Journal Distribution Manager.

Cllr. Pritchard reported that the newly placed chevron markings on Bridge Road were now being dug up in road works! Members agreed to keep an eye on the finished work to see whether they would be reinstated so that they can report to the Borough if they are not.

05/082 Date of next meeting Wednesday 20th July 2005 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.21 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....