

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 27th June 2007 at Aqueduct Primary School at 7.15 p.m.

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

Also Present: PC Claire Walker-Shale and two Borough Council Youth Officers.
One members of the public.

PUBLIC SESSION

There was no public session requested.

POLICE SESSION

PC Walker-Shale presented the police report and answered questions on crime statistics. Members discussed a number of incidents.

PC Walker-Shale urged all to ensure that the public phone in all incidents as they happen.

The meeting received a request from PC Walker-Shale for assistance from the Council to fund a share of the cost of speed camera equipment. Members the discussed the matter and it was agreed to place the request on the next agenda. Members discussed alcohol free zones and it was agreed to place the matter on the next agenda.

Before taking the next item on the agenda, on behalf of all present the Chairman formally welcomed Cllr. Miss Brothwood and Cllr. Mrs. Swain to Council.

07/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Geraldine King.

7.24 p.m. Borough Councillor Mrs. Tracy Hope joined the meeting.

07/19 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th May 2007** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7.19 p.m. Tracy Hope (Borough Councillor) joined the meeting

07/21 Community Initiatives

a) Youth Shelter

The Chairman welcomed the two Borough Youth Officers to the meeting and Details were given of the progress made to re-site the Youth Shelter.

7.36 p.m. Mr. Derek Owen (Borough Outdoor Recreation Officer) joined the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Owen to the meeting and reiterated the progress Council had made in the possible citing of the Youth Shelter.

Mr. Owen asked Council to write off the shelter, the result of which would allow him to find a site anywhere within the Borough.

The Chairman then informed Mr. Owen that preliminary discussion had taken place with Mr. Kevin Webb of BVT who had indicated that BVT would be pleased to site the shelter within Lightmoor. Mr. Owen stated that he would support such a move and this was backed by the Youth Officers present.

The meeting heard that the shelter was not in good condition but it was ascertained that it was repairable.

Following discussion it was proposed by the chairman that Mr. Webb be contacted and that it be agreed that Mr. Owen should co-ordinate any possible action relating to the removal of the shelter to Lightmoor. Seconded by Cllr. Hickie, it was RESOLVED.

Mr. Owen then presented to the meeting details of the Borough play strategy for Aqueduct.

7.54 p.m. after being thanked by the Chairman, Mr. Owen and the Youth Officers left the meeting.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Hope to give a Borough report following which Standing Orders were reinstated.

8.03 p.m. Cllr. Mrs Hope left the meeting.

b) Senior Citizens Christmas Meal.
It was agreed that the Christmas meal should be held at a similar time in December to that of last year. The Clerk was asked to book a suitable date for Horsehay Village Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk should then place a tear off reply strip in the next newsletter.

07/22 Telephone Masts

The Meeting was reminded of the response received from Mr. Barker. Cllr. Bev Walker, for the benefit of the newly co-opted members, outlined the views of Council and action taken to date.

Following discussion it was agreed to invite Mr. Fletcher to a meeting of Council and to ask for copies of letters referred to in Mr. Barker's letter. It was also agreed to write to the WAC/SAPTC to request a copy of the letter they sent to the Borough.

07/23 SAPTC

The meeting received a report on the recent WAC/SAPTC meeting attended by Cllr. Chetwood and Cllr. Bev Walker.

07/24 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2007 were received.

07/25 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 183 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Audit

The meeting **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts.

The meeting **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement.

07/26 Correspondence

SCC

Request for signature authorisation - Resolved that Council certify the signature of the Clerk as being the authorised correspondence in all matters relating to the correspondence of Council.

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Letter of thanks for grant.

T&WC

Working with the Borough - noted.

Mrs G. Smith

Letter of complaint about the state of the Doseley Burial Ground. Members agreed to take no further action as writer of the letter had already been informed that Council was not responsible for the maintenance of the burial ground and did not own the ground.

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Cllr. Hickie brought to the attention of the meeting a letter of information about the dangers of ragwort and the shift of responsibility onto the Borough Council.

07/27 Newsletter

The Clerk informed the meeting that the newsletter had been delivered to households within the parish and asked all present for contributions to the next newsletter.

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.

07/28 Employee Terms and Conditions

a) Contract of Employment

The Clerk brought the attention of the meeting the fact that the contract of employment for employees had been amended per NALC/SLCC guidelines to keep pace with ever changing legislation. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the contract of employment for the Clerk be amended per NALC/SLCC guidelines. The Chairman countersigned the Contract of employment for the Clerk.

b) Remuneration of the Clerk

It was RESOLVED that this item of business along with item 11 on the agenda (Member's Allowances) be delegated to a Finance & General Purposes working group and that a meeting of that group should take place immediately following the next Planning & Environmental Committee meeting.

07/29 Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th July 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

Date.....