

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 24th June 2009 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. Linda Gough, R. Haire and J. Lovett.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: PC Claire Walker-Shale
Borough Councillors Clive Mollett and Helen Williams.

09/35 Apologies

Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Geraldine King, Beryl Onions, G. Onions and Tansy Swain.

09/36 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting received reports from the Borough Councillors. Cllr. Haire expressed the continuing concerns of the Parish Council over the ever increasing dilapidation of the Aqueduct. Cllr. Mollett outlined the Borough position and gave a brief description of the plans for repair. The Clerk was asked to write once more to the Borough Engineer.

09/37 Police Session

PC Walker-Shale presented the police and PACT report and answered questions.

The Chairman brought forward item 8 on the agenda, Horsehay Golf Club Youth Involvement, and stated that he was prepared to offer £200 out of his Chairman's Allowance to provide golf lessons as a reward for well behaved children who had assisted the parish in its Youth Projects. The project was discussed and it was agreed to take it forward.

The Chairman presented a small gift to PC Walker-Shale, who was shortly to leave the parish, as a token thank you from the Parish for her help in policing the area over the years.

7.39 p.m. PC Walker-Shale left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

7.40 p.m. The Borough Councillors left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman

Cllr. Linda Gough gave details of Dog Watch, a new Neighbourhood Watch initiative.

09/38 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th May 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

09/39 Banking Facilities

The Clerk confirmed that the new bank account was operational. The meeting agreed that as soon as practicable the remaining funds in the Yorkshire Bank account should be transferred to the RBS account and the Yorkshire bank account closed.

The Chairman asked members to bear in mind that council was reaching a stage where, by not raising a precept for a number of years, it had achieved its aims of reducing the hefty balances and would need to consider once again raising a precept. He hoped that Council would give consideration to its position when it next discussed its budget in the autumn.

09/40 Provision of Allotments in the Parish

The Clerk brought to the attention of the meeting a letter from the solicitors acting for the Horsehay Company who owned the land. The letter requested an advanced payment of £600 on account to cover the fees which council had agreed to pay however, the Clerk felt that prior to forwarding the cheque there were a number of points which needed to be clarified as some of the points raised in the letter were, or appeared to be, at odds with the purpose of councils acquisition.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to authorise a cheque in the sum of £600 on account of the solicitor's costs however the Clerk was instructed to hold the cheque back subject to clarification of some of the points raised in the solicitor's letter which were, or appeared to be, at odds with the purpose of the acquisition.

09/41 Liaison with Horsehay Village Hall Committee

There were no members of the Hall Committee present.

09/42 Horsehay Golf Club Youth Involvement

Previously discussed.

09/43 Provision of Waste Bins – Little Dawley

It was RESOLVED to purchase three bins via the Borough Council under its three for two scheme.

09/44 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2009 were received.

09/45 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 196 (Yorkshire Bank) was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

A Royal Bank of Scotland opening reconciliation was tabled and approved.

09/46 Correspondence

T&WC	Central Telford Action Plan – Cllr. Chetwood.
Aqueduct Primary School	Acknowledgement of letter re: Governor.
T&WC	Sustainable Communities Act – noted.
T&WC	Letter of thanks for grant to Crucial Crew.
BVT	Briefing notes and update Lightmoor Village.

09/34 Date of next meeting to be Wednesday 15th July 2009 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8. 08 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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