

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 27th March 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. S. Woodvine - Chairman
Cllrs. A. M. Jeffs, A. Chetwood, R. Haire, A. Hickie, G. Onions,
and T. Swain.
Clerk: Mr. M. Goldstraw

In attendance W.P.C. Fiona McWilliams
Eleven members of the public
Shropshire Star reporter

1. PUBLIC - Concerns were expressed over youths misbehaving in the area of Little Dawley. The Chairman read to the meeting a letter which had been received from a resident of Little Dawley which also had the same concerns as those expressed by the public present. WPC McWilliams stated that she had not been aware of the concerns and asked if the police had been informed. Cllr. Chetwood outlined the efforts of the Council to provide some form of youth initiative. WPC McWilliams stated that targeted patrols could be set up.

Members of the public asked if this matter was a police problem or a Council problem. The Clerk responded by stating that it was in fact a social problem. WPC McWilliams asked for and was given full details of the frequency of the anti social behaviour.

The Chairman assured the public that T&WC would be contacted to be made aware of the problems and the police will now do their bit.

Whilst on the topic of Little Dawley, the public asked that T&WC be reminded that the area suffered from a lack of litter picking.

2. POLICE - WPC Mc Williams stated that she had noted all the concerns raised at the public session.

Members were informed that traffic checks (including speed checks) had been carried out in Lightmoor as requested and some drivers had been spoken to.

Details of the areas crime statistics were presented.

Cllr. Hickie reported that there was a smashed up car, with police aware tape on it, which had been left for some time on the side of the road at Southall Road. WPC Mc Williams agreed to check it.

Cllr. Onions was reassured that speed checks had been carried out upon vehicles using the Horsehay bypass. Members asked for the checks to continue.

8.04 WPC Mc Williams, having been thanked by the Chairman, left the meeting.

02/27 APOLOGIES -

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Gibson and Pritchard.

02/28 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2002 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

02/29 Lightmoor Village

Cllr. Jeffs reported on the meeting which had been held on the previous day and had been attended by himself and the Clerk representing DHPC, three members of the Gorge PC and officers of EP and BVT.

He stated that the plans had been discussed and it had become apparent that there were now to be 800 houses, an increase of 50 over the original plans. He reminded all that although there was a public meeting planned, the matter was no longer a subject to 7(i) permission and so all with an opinion must write to T&WC to put their view forward.

Cllr. Jeffs gave full details of the layout of the proposed estate and members discussed the proposals.

The Clerk confirmed that BVT were still willing to hold a public meeting and had asked the Parish Council to arrange a suitable date and venue. The Clerk was asked to make such arrangements to be confirmed at the next Planning meeting.

02/29 Draft Community Strategy

Members agreed that Cllr. Chetwood should read through the draft and the matter should be placed on the next Planning & Environmental Committee meeting for discussion.

02/30 The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001

The Chairman stated that she had attended the training meeting provided by T&WC but felt that she

was not a lot more informed than she was before. She gave a detailed report of the meeting and outlined some of the further concerns which had become apparent to her during it. There were, in her view, implications under the Data Protection Act in regard to the proposals to make available to all and sundry, the personal information provided by Councillors.

The Chairman stated that she would argue that she had not been properly advised and therefore could not advise members of the council how to act in this matter as individuals.

Members expressed grave concerns over the standard of advice which had been offered by T&WC in addition to a horror that there were proposals to publish their personal details on the Internet.

Cllr. Jeffs proposed that members do nothing until they were satisfied that they had received proper legal advice. The Clerk was asked to write to T&WC to

outline the concerns of members which were; publication and access of information (Human Rights Act and Data Protection Act implications ?), and stating that members were not ignoring the legislation but were negotiating on how best to proceed.

Members unanimously agreed to this proposal

02/31 Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk informed the meeting that arrangements had been made for the APM to take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 24th April at Aqueduct Community Centre.

02/32 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

a) To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 4th February 2002, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

02/33 Countryside Officers Report

There was no report.

02/34 The Golden Jubilee of HM The Queen

The Clerk was asked to reply to a questionnaire circulated by HM Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire.

Details of the last date to apply for street closures for parties were given to the meeting.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mrs Weston to be asked about the provision of a plaque for the restored gates.

Following the restoration of Standing Orders, it was agreed that the wording on the plaque should be:

RESTORED BY DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL TO
COMMEMORATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF HM THE QUEEN - 2002

It was further agreed that the plaque should be dedicated at the Horsehay Flower Show.

02/35 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS- It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

Members also approved the purchase of a Practitioner Guide to the new audit regulations.

STATEMENT 119 was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

Grants - Members considered the following grant applications:

Homestart - Resolved refer to T&W Community Trust
 Aqueduct Residents Association- Resolved to grant £100.
 Spring Village Jubilee Group - (Cllr. Swain took no part in this matter) Resolved to grant £75.
 Horsehay Steam Trust - Resolved to take no action but to ask that re-application is made in the next financial year.
 St. John's Church Lawley - Resolved to grant £100.
 T&WC Chairmans Civic appeal - Resolved refer to T&W Community Trust.
 Telford Woman's Refuge - Resolved to grant £50.
 TADLOP - Resolved refer to T&W Community Trust.
 Axis Counselling - Resolved refer to T&W Community Trust.

02/36 CORRESPONDENCE

Halifax Tax deducted at source -	Clerk informed the meeting that a reply had been sent reminding them that Parish Councils are exempt from tax.
Com Safety Part	Noted.
T&WC Social Business Grants -	noted.
T&WC Statutory Notice -	notification of changes at Southall Special School and Houghton Special School.
T&WC	Minor Local Governor Madeley Nursery School - no action.
WAC SAPTC	meeting - Coincides with tonight's meeting.
T&WC	Street Parties - dealt with previously on agenda.
T&WC	Copy of letter from Bob King to Mr. Minton outlining likely objections to any application to divert footpath adjacent to Travellers Joy.

02/37 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Hickie reported that the small grassed area near to Malory Drive had serious problems with residents dumping garden waste. Not only were there mounds of dumped grass, but there was now quantities of shrub branches, some of them very large.
 Members agreed that this was an unacceptable problem and the Clerk was asked to request that the area be cleaned up.
 The Chairman expressed concern that this could be the consequence of the closure of the local tip and the Clerk was asked to mention this in the letter to T&WC.

Cllr. Chetwood handed to the meeting suggestions for a street sign to solve the poor signing at Malvern Crescent with a request that it be passed to T&WC for their attention.

Cllr. Chetwood reported that residents of Little Dawley were concerned that the car park adjacent to the Snooker Club would shortly be closed to allow for development on the site. There were fears that users of the Centre would be unable to park and this would cause problems for local residents.

The Clerk informed the meeting that as the car park was in Great Dawley Parish and the snooker Club in Dawley Hamlets, the concerns had been passed to the ward Member of T&WC for his comments.

Cllr Haire reported a dangerous tree in Aqueduct Village, Clerk to contact T&WC. Cllr. Haire also reported a blocked footpath in Aqueduct village, Clerk to request STROWP to clear it.

02/38 Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th April 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre following the APM.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.42 pm.

Signed

Date