

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 24th March 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. G. Onions, R. Haire, A. Hickie, J. Lees and R. Pritchard.
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 WPC Nichols.

04/28 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. D. Wallis, Cllr. Mrs. L. Robinson and Cllr. D. Gibson.

04/29 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2004** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04/30 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9th March

The **Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9th March 2004** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04/31 Youth Shelter

The meeting discussed the table draft press release which had been prepared by Mr. Derek Owen (Outdoor Recreation Officer Borough of T&W). Mr. Owen had asked that the Parish Council and the Police add their own comments.

Members asked the Clerk to ensure that it was made clear within the press release that the project had been instigated by the Parish Council. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had found that the area was sadly lacking in activities for youth people and had resolved to do something to address the situation. The provision of a youth shelter was, it was hoped, the first of many Parish Projects to provide a focus for young people. It was hoped that this would prove to be a positive move and that it would be appreciated by those it was intended for.

Members agreed to accept the Chairman's sentiments as the basis of a press release.

04/32 Standing Orders

The Clerk was thanked for preparing new and revised Standing Orders. The Chairman proposed that they be formally adopted by Council. Seconded by Cllr. Hickie. It was RESOLVED that the revised Standing Orders be formally adopted.

Members discussed the importance of conducting their business under the rules of Standing Orders.

04/33 Risk Assessment

Members discussed the necessity of conducting risk assessments on assets owned by Council. The Clerk tabled a suggested format.

The Chairman proposed that a working group be formed to deal with the issue which would clearly need a good deal of thought. It was agreed that a working group consisting of all Members of Council be formed and that a meeting should be held on Monday 19th April at 7.30 p.m.

04/34 Aqueduct Primary School -Liaison with Members of the Junior Council

The Chairman informed the meeting that the matter was in hand and that the choice of date had been left with the Head Teacher who would be responsible for the youngsters involved.

04/35 Annual Parish Meeting

Members discussed the possibility of resurrecting the Parish Council's Annual Award for community spirit. The Clerk informed the meeting that there remained in "stock" two sterling silver Millennium medallions which were the remaining two of a number purchased as awards for the year 2000. It was RESOLVED that they be awarded at the forthcoming APM to individuals considered to have made valuable contributions to the community in the past year.

04/36 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2004 were received.

04/37 Countryside Officer's Report

Cllr. Hickie reported concerns over damage and deterioration to sandstone banking at the Aqueduct bridge. The Clerk was asked to inform the Borough and remind them that it is a listed structure.

Cllr. Pritchard that the Borough appeared to have recently undertaken a lot of tidying up in the area of Horsehay but it did not appear that there had been any effort to tidy up the pool. Reported that a large tree had been removed from a site owned by the Steam Trust and this had caused the banking to collapse.

04/38 Accounts

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

The Chairman informed the meeting that he intended to use the remainder of his Chairman's Allowance to make a donation of £150 to MENCAP and the remaining £33.82 would be used to purchase refreshments for the benefit of Members as a thank you for their work throughout the year.

Members approved the payment of £84 to Horsehay Hall for Hall rental.

STATEMENT 143 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

Grants:

Members discussed the sum set aside for the police vehicle. Cllr. Hair wished his view that he was against Council granting any money for sponsorship of the police vehicle as requests for details of its use had been seemingly ignored and he was not convinced that the level of policing in the parish was adequate. The Clerk informed the meeting that no application for a grant had been received from the police.

Cllr. Chetwood asked that the provision of either a pensioners Christmas party or some other community event be placed on the next agenda. He reminded the meeting that in the past it had been decided to sponsor a police vehicle as a community gesture which had been primed by the lack of public response to the provision of Christmas Party for the elderly.

The following grant application was considered:

Telford Drive Project

Cllr. Pritchard proposed that a grant of £200 be made. Seconded by Cllr.

Hickie it was RESOLVED that a grant of £200 be made.

04/39 Correspondence

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| a) Borough of T&W | Consultation of Children's Needs |
| b) Shrewsbury NHS | Thanks for Donation |
| c) Office of Dep PM | Consultation – Misconduct |
| d) Borough of T&W | How to make a complaint Standards Board |
| e) Newport TC | Correspondence with Borough – Members resolved to respond in support of Newport TC |

04/40 Any Other Items of Information

Cllr. Hickie reported that trees planted by the developers at the rear of properties on Malory Drive (where the canal used to be) were now becoming very overgrown and now shaded residential gardens. Requests had been made that the Borough be asked to reduce the height of the trees.

Cllr. Onions reported that the traffic bollards at the by-pass turn into Lightmoor were never lit up.

04/41 Date of next meeting Wednesday 21st April 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting which is scheduled to take place at 7.00p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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