

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 21st March 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. R. Haire, A. Hickie, G. King, G. Onions and B. Walker.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also present:
PC Claire Walker-Shale
Cllr. A. Williams (Borough Councillor)
Mr. V. Tonks and Mr. A Brothwood.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman informed the meeting that Derek Owen, Borough outdoor recreation officer, had been invited to attend the meeting but had not done so. It had been hoped to discuss the youth shelter but this would not now be discussed; further efforts would be made to bring together all parties to discuss the matter.

Cllr. Adrian Williams introduced himself to the meeting and reported on a number of Borough matters.

The Clerk reported that a number of matters of parish concern that had been investigated by Cllr. Dixon during the previous month.

POLICE SESSION

PC Walker-Shale presented the police report and answered questions on crime statistics. Members noted that damage had been caused to the children's play equipment at Spring Village.

Members discussed the reporting of crime by residents.

Cllr. Hickie related to the meeting incidents which had been reported to the police control centre. Members discussed the difficulties with calls from mobile phones being directed to Worcester - PC Walker shale informed the meeting that this was shortly to be remedied and in future calls from mobile phones would go to local centres.

The meeting discussed underage drinking in the community.

7.43 p.m. After being thanked by the Chairman, PC Walker-Shale left the meeting.

06/110 APOLOGIES

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

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllrs Dixon and Hope (Borough Councillors).

06/111 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st February 2007** were approved as

a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06/112 Community Initiatives

a) Youth Shelter Horsehay

For the benefit of the public, the Chairman reiterated the recent events which led to the removal and necessity to find a new site for the youth shelter and reminded all that although Council were determined to find a solution, it could not move forward until all interested parties were present (Mr. Owen being absent).

b) Senior Citizens Christmas Meal

Following a discussion where the success of the previous Christmas meal was acknowledged, Cllr. Haire proposed that the exercise be repeated for the forthcoming festive season; seconded by Cllr. Onions it was RESOLVED.

06/113 Telephone Masts

The Clerk reported that there had still been no response from the Borough Council to the letters written last month by the Parish Council. Formal requests for a response had now been made.

06/114 Annual Parish Meeting

All present were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held prior to the commencement of the April Parish Council meeting at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 25th April 2007.

06/115 Planning & Environmental Committee

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2007 were received.

06/116 Accounts

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

Additional payments were approved:

M.S.J. Goldstraw (reimbursement Chairman's Allowance) £35.84 cheque
001216

The Princess Royal Hospital (Chairman's Allowance) £278.04 cheque 001217

STATEMENT 180 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

GRANTS

Cllr. Onions declared an interest in the application for Horsehay Methodist Church and took no part in the discussion for that matter.

The following grant applications were considered:

Oakengates Youth Theatre - It was **RESOLVED** that this application did not fulfil the criteria for a grant to a local body.

Cllr. Onions left the room.

Horsehay Methodist Church.

Cllr. Bev Walker proposed that a grant of £200 be made. Seconded by Cllr. Haire, it was RESOLVED to make a grant of £200.

Cllr. Onions returned to the room.

T&W Summer School

Cllr. G. King proposed that a grant of £50 be made. Seconded by Cllr. Hickie it was RESOLVED to make a grant of £50.

Doseley Church Yard.

Members discussed the application by the PCC for a grant of £200 to assist in the grass cutting for Doseley Burial Ground. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had the power to assist in the cost of maintaining a burial ground and did not need to use sect 137. It was RESOLVED to take on the cost of maintaining the burial ground for the next financial year with a review at the end of that period.

06/117 Correspondence

BT&W

Parish Council Elections 3rd May. Noted.

WAC - SALC

Agenda. The Clerk was asked to pass on the apologies of Cllrs. Chetwood and Walker.

BT&W

Walkabout Wrekin Leaflets. Noted.

BT&W

Notification of intention to improve the Castle Pools (Castle Pools Project). Noted.

BT&W

Letter of thanks for grant for Crucial Crew.

Resident

Copy of a letter of complaint addressed to BVT. The Clerk was asked to invite Mr Webb of BVT to comment at the next Planning Meeting.

06/118 Newsletter

The Clerk gave a brief update on the progress of the next newsletter.

06/119 Date of next meeting Wednesday 25th April 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

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

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman