

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Wednesday
18th March 2009 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Linda Gough, R. Haire, A. Hickie, Geraldine King, Tansy Swain,
Beryl Onions and G. Onions.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: PC Claire Walker-Shale, PCSO Sarah Robinson,
Mr. J. W. Lovett, Sam Hamer (T&W Safety Partnership).
Mr. Alan Payne, Mr. Des Kinealey and Mrs Jacky House
(representing Horsehay Village Hall Committee).

08/115 Apologies

Courtesy apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors
Tracy Hope and Clive Mollett.

08/116 Crucial Crew

Mr. Hamer presented an outline of the activities of Telford & Wrekin Safety
Partnership's Crucial Crew programme for schools and made a request for
grant funding.

The meeting asked questions of Mr. Hamer and a discussion was held.

7.21 p.m. Mr. Hamer left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

08/117 Links between the PC and Horsehay Village Hall Committee

The Chairman introduced the members of the village hall committee and a
discussion was held on how stronger links might be forged. Mr. Payne
outlined the activities of the hall committee and stated that the request for
better links between the PC and the hall committee would be discussed at their
next meeting which was to be held on the 6th April.

The Chairman, on behalf of Council, thanked the committee members for their
attendance.

08/118 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

08/119 Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

The Clerk confirmed to the meeting that Council had received one application
from Mr. John Lovett. Following a brief discussion it was resolved that the
meeting was content to co-opt Mr. Lovett to the office of parish councillor to
fill the vacancy. [Cllr. Tansy Swain tabled the declaration that she was the
mother of the applicant, took no part in the discussion and did not vote]

The Chairman invited Mr. Lovett to join the meeting.

Mr. Lovett took his seat after signing the declaration of acceptance of office

which was duly witnessed by the Clerk as proper officer of the Council.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Lovett to Council.

08/120 Police Session

The meeting received a police report and a PACT report. PC Walker-Shale thanked Cllrs. Linda Gough, A. Chetwood, Beryl Onions and G. Onions for their continued support at the PACT meetings. PC Walker-Shale answered a number of questions and the meeting discussed a number of police matters.

PCSO Sarah Robinson gave an update on the Aqueduct Youth Project and the meeting was informed that the Graffiti Project was to go ahead on the 6th April between 10 am and 2.30 pm. The meeting then received a report on the Ball Park at Pageant Drive which was scheduled to be opened at the end of August.

7.48 p.m. P.C. Walker-Shale and PCSO Sarah Robinson left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

08/121 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th February 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

08/122 Grants

The following grant applications were considered:

Oakengates Summer School.

A discussion was held to ascertain whether the grant fell under the acceptable criteria. It was resolved that it met the relevant criteria.

The Chairman proposed that a grant of £50 be made; seconded by Cllr. Geraldine King, it was RESOLVED.

Lawley Comets Football Club

A discussion was held to ascertain whether the grant fell under the acceptable criteria. It was resolved that it met the relevant criteria.

Cllr. Tansy Swain proposed that a grant of £100 be made; seconded by Cllr. G. Onions, it was RESOLVED.

Crucial Crew

A discussion was held to ascertain whether the grant fell under the acceptable criteria. It was resolved that it met the relevant criteria.

Cllr. Haire proposed that a grant of £200 be made; seconded by Cllr Linda Gough it was RESOLVED.

08/123 Annual Parish Meeting

It was RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd April at Horsehay Village Hall. The APM would be followed by the normal Parish Council Meeting.

08/124 Parish Charter

The Chairman asked the meeting to consider the formal adoption of the Parish Charter as prepared by the Wrekin Area Committee of SALC. Cllr. Haire

stated that, as the parish had received no replied or assurances to its questions following the visit by Mr. Kinell he felt unable to vote in favour of the adoption.

The meeting discussed the Charter and its implications at length.

Following the discussion the Chairman proposed that, with some reluctance, Council accepted the Charter as drafted; seconded by Cllr. Linda Gough, it was RESOLVED to accept the Charter. There were five votes in favour of acceptance and two against.

08/125 Community Initiatives

a) Play Builder Community Funding

The Chairman and Clerk presented a report of their meeting with officer of the Borough where, on 4th March, the Playbuilder Funding scheme was outlined. The meeting was impressed by the initiative and resolved to lend its support.

b) Senior Citizens Summer Picnic

The meeting discussed and approved a provisional buffet menu to be provided by the Borough caterers.

The Chairman asked the meeting if it would allow him to hold over his unclaimed portion of the Chairman's Allowance for the present financial year in the sum of £319.78 to be used to enhance the funding of items for the summer picnic. The meeting gave its approval to the unspent allowance being carried over to the following year.

08/126 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th February were received.

08/127 Accounts

The following additional payments were approved:

M S J Goldstraw Office expenses	Cheque 001446	£250.00
T&WC – Chairs Allowance (Maps)	Cheque 001447	£18.23

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

STATEMENT 204 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

08/128 Correspondence

SALC	Various Training Courses – noted.
SALC	Employment Legislation – noted.
NALC	National salary Award 2008/9 – approved.
SALC/WAC	Draft Constitution – noted. Cllr. Lovett agreed to represent Council at future WAC meetings.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been contacted, by phone, by a

resident with information of an offer of land for use as allotments. It was agreed that the matter should be placed on the next main agenda for discussion.

08/129 Date of next meeting to be Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at Horsehay Village Hall immediately following the APM.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8. 25 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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