

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 24th May 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. R. Haire and G. Onions.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also present CSO Rebecca Bloor and CSO Steve Robinson.
Two Members of the Public

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no matters raised.

POLICE SESSION

Apologies were presented from PC Claire Walker-Shale who was on a course and unable to attend. CSO's Bloor and Robinson introduced themselves and gave a brief outline of their duties along with a report of their recent activities. Members were informed that CSO Robinson covered the DHPC area and CSO Bloor covered the Lawley and Overdale area but they both, on occasion, operated as a mobile team.

Following their report the CSO's were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at 7.20 p.m.

06/01 Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr. Haire that Cllr. Chetwood should be elected to the office of Chairman of Council; seconded by Cllr. Onions there being no other nominations it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Chetwood be elected to serve as Chairman of Council.

06/02 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Chetwood agreed to sign the Declaration of acceptance of Office.

06/03 Election of Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr. Onions that Cllr. Haire should be elected to the office of Vice Chairman of Council; seconded by Cllr. Chetwood there being no other nominations it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Haire be elected to serve as Vice Chairman of Council.

06/04 APOLOGIES

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

Courtesy apologies were received from Cllr. J. A. Dixon and Cllr. Mrs T. J. Hope (Borough Members).

06/05 Appointment of Committees :-

- a) Planning & Environmental Committee**
- b) Finance & General Purposes**
- c) Newsletter Editorial**

It was resolved retain all committees and to re-appoint all serving Councillors who were existing committee members en block.

06/06 Appointment of Representatives to :-

a) Wrekin Area Committee SAPTC - It was resolved to appoint Cllr. Chetwood and Cllr. Hickie [along with the Clerk] as representatives of Council for this body.

b) STROWP - It was resolved to appoint Cllr. Chetwood and Cllr. Hickie [along with the Clerk] as representatives of Council for this body.

Cllr. Chetwood asked Council to consider putting forward a proposal to STROWP that it be reabsorbed by the Borough and managed by the Borough as a partnership between Parishes and the Borough. It was agreed that the proposal should have the backing of Council and member councils of STROWP should be made aware of the proposal so that the matter could be discussed further. Cllr. Chetwood agreed to prepare a draft proposal for circulation and the Clerk was asked to write to all members of STROWP asking for their thoughts.

06/07 To consider payment of Annual Subscriptions which will become due :-

- a) Insurance renewal**
- b) Membership SAPTC and Local Council Review**
- c) Membership SAPTC Wrekin Area Committee**
- d) Membership CPRE**
- e) Membership Society of Local Council Clerks**

It was resolved to renew all subscriptions.

06/08 To consider the dates and frequency of future meetings.

It was resolved to accept the tabled schedule of meetings. The Clerk was thanked for compiling the schedule.

06/09 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th April 2006** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06/10 Co-option to the Office of Parish Councillor x 2

The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been some interest expressed and details of the responsibilities and duties of a parish councillor had been sent out but there had as yet been no formal applications.

The Clerk reminded Members that the matter should be resolved at the next meeting in order to meet the guidelines for co-option.

The Meeting received the resignation of Cllr. Roy Pritchard. The Clerk was asked to prepare and circulate the relevant notices.

06/11 The future of local Post Offices

Cllr. Onions expressed concern on behalf of residents that the future of Horsehay Post Office may be threatened because of the further loss of revenue. The meeting was informed that from July 2006 it was known that Post Offices would no longer be able to issue television licences which would mean a further reduction in income for sub postmasters. It was also reported that there may be a possibility that telephone bills may also be removed from the services offered by Post Offices.

Members were extremely concerned that loss of any income might jeopardise the future of Horsehay Post Office and having already been forced to accept the loss of the facility at Little Dawley together with an unfortunate lack of bus services from Horsehay, it was felt that if Horsehay Post Office were to close it would serve to make life increasingly difficult for many residents of the parish not least the elderly. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. David Wright M.P. to convey their concerns and to ask for his comments.

06/12 Bus Passes

Cllr. Chetwood informed the meeting that elderly residents of the parish were experiencing some difficulties now that the newly issued bus passes did not become valid until after 9.30 in the morning; those with hospital appointments early in the morning had found that they were unable to use their passes. Members felt that there ought to be some provision at least for those who live in outlying parts of the Borough to be able to attend early hospital appointments without being penalised. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough to ask what provisions were made to cover such circumstances and to ascertain whether or not the hospital offered refunds.

06/13 Dental Charges

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. David Wright M.P. for clarification on NHS dental charges.

06/14 Possible Provision of Christmas Party for the elderly of the Parish

The Clerk reported that following the inclusion of a questionnaire in the Parish Magazine there had been 35 people who had stated that they would like the parish council to provide a Christmas party and that if one was provided they would attend. Members RESOLVED to provide a Christmas Party with the Borough Catering providing the food and refreshments. The Clerk was asked to confirm the provisional booking of the room at the Village Hall. Cllr. Chetwood agreed to liaise with the Borough Catering dept.

06/15 Liaison with Bournville Trust - Lightmoor Project.

The meeting was informed that officers of BVT would be willing to attend a

meeting but had asked that it be one which coincided with the impending release of the next planning phase. The Clerk stated that he would liaise with Mr. Shrimpton to sort out a convenient meeting date.

06/16 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2006 were received.

06/17 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 170 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

Audit - Accounts

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2006. It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the accounts as presented. The Clerk was thanked for producing the accounts for the year.

Council approved the audit statement of assurance form and the Chairman signed it.

06/18 Correspondence

Turner and Partners	Proposed Installation of Mobile Telecoms Mast verge adjacent to Castlefields Way. Resolved to state that Council has concerns and wishes to reserve the right to comment on the application when it is submitted proper.
Aqueduct Residents	Request for plant screening on open space next to Aqueduct Community Centre. Resolved to as Mr. Cowley to quotes to provide suitable barrier planting and then place the matter before the Planning & Environmental Cttee for consideration.
NHS	NHS Service Plan consultation document - noted.
SALC	Appointment of John Ward as Local Council Development Officer - noted.
WM Police Auth	Consultation - noted.
David Wright M.P.	Advice Surgery Schedule - noted.
SCC	Local Transport Plan - noted.

T&WC

Parishes Forum 7 p.m. 20th July - noted.

06/19 Newsletter

Members were asked to provide material for the next newsletter scheduled for July.

06/20 Date of next meeting Wednesday 28th June 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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