

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Wednesday 28th November 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre**  
**at 7.30 p.m.**

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

In attendance four members of the public  
Sgt Paul Franks

**1. PUBLIC** -Mrs. Weston asked if the council had received any information from BVT. The Clerk replied that there had been no recent information. Mrs. Weston informed the council that she had received visits from representatives of BVT who had been taking photographs to ensure that the views did not alter.

Concern was expressed by Mrs. Weston that proper public consultation would not take place.

Cllr. Jeffs stated that it was important that the public consultation should take place as originally agreed.

Members of the public complained about the condition of roads within the parish. The Clerk stated that he had contacted the T&WC Ward member to request surgeries be held but in the reply, the matter had not been mentioned.

**2. POLICE SESSION**-Sgt. Franks gave a report on the action taken following the incidents reported at the last meeting.

Cllr. Onions reported vehicles parking on the footpaths. Sgt Franks noted the details and reassured members that matters would be seen to.

Cllr. Chetwood reminded the meeting that the amount set aside in the budget to sponsor a police vehicle remained unspent. Sgt. Franks agreed to have all the details for the next meeting.

**7. 45 p.m. Sgt Franks left the meeting.**

**01/107 APOLOGIES -**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Gibson and Hickie.

**01/108 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October** were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**01/109 Aqueduct Community Centre**

The Clerk reported that Mr. Fisher of Barbers had carried out the survey and was at the present time drafting his report. The report would be circulated to all members as soon as received.

**01/110 Traffic Matters**

The Clerk reported that there were a number of considerations to be taken into account before the possibility of a road closure could be presented to the council and public for consideration and it may be that the proposal for closure would be impractical. There were a number of agencies which needed to be consulted prior to any proposal being tabled. Cllr. Jeffs asked that it be made clear to T&WC that both the parish council and the public wanted a number of options to consider. There had been comment that chicanes would be preferable to humps. The Clerk agreed to speak to Anurada Fitzwalter to pass on the views of Members.

**01/111 The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001**

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the order and its implications upon Members. The Chairman requested that a copy be made available to all Members prior to any decision being made.

**01/112 Quality Town & Parish Councils**

The Clerk presented the Government Consultation Paper to the Meeting. It was agreed that Cllr. Chetwood study the document and, in consultation with the Clerk, bring any recommendations back to the council for consideration.

**01/113 To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** held on 1st October 2001, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

**01/114 Countryside Officers Report**

Cllr. Jeffs reported that there had been difficulties in getting the council's usual contractor to install the countryside furniture but a new one had been found and it was now hoped that the style and two seats would soon be installed. The Clerk was asked to remind Mr. Minton that the bollards were ready to be placed outside the war memorial.

**01/115 The Golden Jubilee of HM The Queen**

Members discussed a number of possible initiatives but no one project was considered. The Chairman requested that the matter be placed on the next agenda and in the mean time, Members could give it some more thought.

**01/116 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS-** It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

The Clerk asked Members to give consideration to the previously agreed donation to the Chapel for providing the refreshments at the Remembrance Sunday service. Cllr. Chetwood proposed that a donation of £25 be made under section 137 grants, seconded by Cllr. Woodvine. It was resolved that a grant of £25 be made to Little Dawley Methodist Church.

**STATEMENT 115** was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

National Salary Award/Car allowance for Local Council Clerks

The Chairman read to the Meeting the recommendations from the National Joint Council which had been previously circulated to Members.

Cllr. Woodvine proposed that the recommendations be accepted and adopted by the council, seconded by Cllr. Jeffs. It was resolved that the recommendations be accepted and adopted by the council.

Budget and Precept

Cllr. Chetwood informed Members that the F&GP Committee had met earlier in the evening and wished to suggest that with the exception of the money set aside for the three headings of General Maintenance, Traffic Calming and Aqueduct Community Centre, Members should start the new year with a clean sheet.

Members were asked to give serious consideration to what needed doing in the next financial year. Cllr. Chetwood asked for the acceptance of the council of the proposal that with the exception of the three previously mentioned headings, there are no carried over balances and the new budget is set according to the new requirements which will be suggested by Members and agreed by council as the Budget. Seconded by Cllr. Haire. It was resolved.

Cllr. Chetwood called for a full meeting to discuss the budgetary requirements of the council.

Cllr. Chetwood suggested that there was no need to raise a precept. Members discussed varying needs within the parish. Cllr. Jeffs gave examples of areas which needed urgent expenditure.

General maintenance within the parish was discussed.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the council should be held on Monday 14th January for Budget and Precept only.

## **01/117 CORRESPONDENCE**

Horsehay Co.

Charges for storage of documents. Members discussed the storage of documents. The Clerk was authorised to dispose of any documents he felt were no longer required and which were not lawfully required to be kept by the council.

T&WC

Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report. Noted.

DETR

Making Dog Bylaws. Noted.

T&WC

Carol Service 10th December - noted.

Salop Health Auth

Shifting the balance of power in Shropshire. Cllr. Gibson informed the meeting that he was up to date on this topic.

Horsehay Golf Club

Thanks for grant.

Home start T&W  
Rob Sloan

Publicity letter.  
T&WC Ward Member Reply to letter  
requesting Unitary surgeries.

**01/1118 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Hickie asked for, and was given, clarification over the reporting procedure for faulty street lights.

Reported concerns over the condition of the old stables at Spring Village. The Clerk agreed to report the concerns to the owners.

**01/106** Date of next meeting Wednesday 19th December 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

Signed

Date