

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

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. Jodie Brothwood, R. Haire, G. Onions, Tansy Swain and Bev Walker.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: PC Claire Walker-Shale
CSO Steve Robinson
One member of the public.

07/63 APOLOGIES

Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Tony Hickie and Geraldine King.

07/64 POLICE SESSION

PC Walker-Shale gave the police report; members noted that there was a pleasing downward trend in anti-social behaviour in the parish. PC Walker-Shale thanked her CSO support (Steve Robinson and Sarah Robinson). The meeting heard that CSO Steve Robinson ran a successful Saturday morning football club for the local youngsters.

PC Walker-Shale gave details of policing in Lightmoor stating that BVT had promised that a police office would be made available.

PC Walker-Shale gave details of the need for a police vehicle for the use of herself and the CSO's and a request for sponsorship at an anticipated cost of £2000 per annum was made. The Clerk was asked to place the request on the next agenda.

Cllr. Onions gave a report on the latest PACT Meeting.

7.27 p.m. PC Walker-Shale and CSO Steve Robinson left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

07/65 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th October 2007** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

07/66 PUBLIC SESSION

No public session was requested.

07/67 Co-option to the Office of Parish Councillor

[Cllr. Geoff Onions declared an interest and took no part in the debate.]

The Clerk reported that he had received one application for co-option to the office of Parish Councillor and that was from Mrs. Beryl Onions of Horsehay.

There being no other applications the Chairman asked members to consider the appointment of Mrs. Onions. It was RESOLVED unanimously that Mrs. Beryl Onions should be co-opted to the office of Parish Councillor.

07/68 Budget and Precept

Budget

The meeting discussed the finances of Council and expected expenditure. The Clerk was asked to produce a recommended budget for consideration of Council.

The Chairman asked members to consider projects for the forthcoming year. The following suggestions were tabled:

Refurbishment of the War Memorial Cross and wooden plaque.

Enhancement of the Holy Well.

Partnership with the Borough for the maintenance and improvement of the Aqueduct.

Precept

It was RESOLVED that there would be no precept for the forthcoming year.

07/69 Community Initiatives

a) Provision of facilities for Horsehay Youth

There was nothing to report.

b) Senior Citizens Christmas Meal

The meeting discussed the final arrangements for the meal..

c) Land at Aqueduct School

There was nothing to report.

07/70 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2007 were received.

07/80 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 188 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

Audit

The Clerk reported that the final audit comment had been received from the External Auditors and it had stated that Council ought to consider appropriate Fidelity Guarantee Insurance. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the level of FGI had been recently increased to £90'000 [Ninety Thousand Pounds] and it was noted by the meeting that funds held at the bank totalled just over £113'000 [One Hundred and Thirteen Pounds]. Members **RESOLVED** that they were content with the level of Fidelity Guarantee Insurance held.

7.57 p.m. Cllr. Vic Tonks (Borough Councillor) joined the meeting.

The Chairman invited Cllr. Tonks to give a Borough report.
The meeting discussed the lack of response from the Borough to its application to have the Boundary revised.

07/81 Correspondence

BVT	Notification of work schedule for earthworks and park. Noted.
BVT	Letter outlining a certain confusion over what parish a resident is in. Clerk to write to the Borough urging consideration of the parish council's request that the whole of Lightmoor Village be included within the boundary of DHPC.
T&WC	Invitation to councillors to take part in a consultation on climate change – noted.
SALC	Annual Report – Cllr. Bev Walker.

07/82 Newsletter

The meeting discussed the content of the newsletter.

07/83 Date of next meeting Monday 3rd December 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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