

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 19th November 2008 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs: Linda Gough, R. Haire, Tansy Swain and Beryl Onions.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: BVT Resident Involvement Officer Kath Hughes
CSO Sarah Robinson, three members of the Aqueduct Youth Group and one parent.

08/69 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. A. Hickie, G. Onions and Geraldine King.
Apologies were also received from PC Walker-Shale.

08/70 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

CSO Sarah Robinson introduced three members of the Aqueduct Youth Group who then gave a detailed and illustrated report of the activities of the Group. Cllr. Haire expressed the feelings of Council by commending their voluntary work for the community and stating that the young people presenting the report were a credit to their group.

The Chairman formally thanked the whole group on behalf of Council and gave a big thank you to CSO Sarah Robinson for organising the community work.

08/71 BVT Lightmoor Development

The meeting heard a report from BVT Resident Involvement Officer Kath Hughes who gave a complete update on the progress of the development along with aspects of community involvement.

7.17 p.m. Borough Councillor Clive Mollett joined the meeting.

Kath gave details of a Neighbourhood Watch initiative on the development. It was agreed that the PC would supply a number of neighbourhood watch signs from its existing stock.

The meeting discussed the Horsehay village signage – Kath agreed to continue to investigate the disappearance of the sign.

7.30 p.m. After being thanked by the Chairman, Mrs Hughes left the meeting.

The meeting reported a number of Borough matters to Cllr. Mollett.

7.40 p.m. Cllr. Mollett left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

08/72 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2008 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

08/73 Police Report

The meeting received a written police report from PC Walker-Shale.
The meeting discussed a number of police matters.

Members received a report of the PACT meeting from Cllr. Linda Gough and a discussion was held.

The meeting discussed the licensing application for Majestic way Stores and were given the date of the hearing; 10th December 2008.

The meeting received an explanation as to why Council had not yet been notified by the Borough of proposals to develop aqueduct Play Area; Derek Owen had explained that the proposals were not yet finalised and would be presented to the parish council as soon as possible.

08/74 Code of Conduct – Register of Interests

The Clerk reminded Members that they should notify the Borough of any changes or updates to their Register of Interests.

08/75 2008/9 National Interim Salary Award

It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendations for salaries and allowances of the National Joint Council.

08/76 Questionnaire – Views on the future of NALC

The meeting noted that NALC had sent a questionnaire soliciting the views of its member councils.

08/77 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2008 were received.

08/78 Accounts

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

STATEMENTS 198, 199 and 200 were tabled along with the reconciliation and were approved.

Precept Warrant

The meeting signed the warrant calling for a nil precept.

Audit

The meeting received the final external audit which made had no additional comments for action. The Clerk was thanked for once more successfully steering council through the audit.

08/79 Correspondence

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| T&WC | Licensing policy review – The Clerk was asked to request that Parish Councils, although no longer a statutory consultee, could be notified of applications as a courtesy. |
| West Mercia Const | Reply from Chief Superintendent Peter Robinson to concerns over the size of the local police officer’s beat. |
| NALC | Legal Briefing – section 137 spending limit increased to £6.15. Noted. |
| T&WC | Schedule of recycling and rubbish collections for Christmas holidays. Noted. |
| WAC/SALC | Representatives to be Chairman and Cllr Linda Gough. |

08/80 Newsletter

The meeting was once more asked to provide contributions for the December Newsletter.

08/81 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

The meeting noted that Cllr. Jodie Brothwood had not attended a meeting since March 2008 and that Council had received no apologies for absence since the date of the AGM on the 21st May 2008. It was therefore declared that under Local Government Act 1972 (Section 87(2)) notice was given that a casual vacancy had occurred in the office of Councillor for the Dawley Hamlets Ward of the Parish of Dawley Hamlets following the disqualification by persistent absence on 19th November 2008 of Councillor Jodie Brothwood.

08/82 Members were asked to note that the next Meeting would include the Planning Meeting of Council and would take place on the 1st December 2008 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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