

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 17th October 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre
at 7.30 p.m.

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

In attendance three members of the public
Sgt Paul Franks

1. PUBLIC - A resident of Little Dawley reported incidents of nuisance and threatening behaviour by youths in the area. The report was given in great detail and names were passed to Sgt. Franks. It was reported that PC Becky Collins had attended to some of the matters and had written to the parents of one of the offenders. The resident stated that things had been generally quiet since PC Collins wrote but something had happened on the day of the meeting which had triggered a resurgence.

The Chairman thanked the resident for bringing the concerns to the council. Sgt Franks, emphasising the need to report all incidents as they happen made a full note of all the details. Sgt Franks asked members of the public to avoid any confrontation with offenders and report all incidents.

7.37 p.m. Cllr. Gibson joined the meeting.

The resident expressed concern over the number of times incidents had been reported via the 999 system

only to be told that no officers were available to attend the incident. Sgt Franks explained how calls were prioritised and gave details of staffing.

Mrs Weston asked if she could be given details of the proposed T&WC Ward changes. Cllr. Jeffs replied that although the Parish Council had been notified of the changes, there were no problems as far as the Parish were concerned as it only applied to the T&WC Wards. It will be entirely a matter for T&WC

and if Mrs Weston had any questions, they should be addressed to T&WC. Members discussed the lack of T&WC Ward member surgeries. The Clerk agreed to write to the Ward member.

Mrs. Powell complained that the areas of Little Dawley and Aqueduct were looking very neglected, with overgrown hedges and verges. A request was made for the areas to be cleaned up.

2. POLICE SESSION- Sgt. Franks spoke about the incidents in the area of Little Dawley. Cllr. Jeffs asked if Telford police were undermanned when compared with other areas. Sgt Franks replied that the Telford division was understaffed, but provision had been made to allow an overtime budget. This of course, he stated, was no substitute for

the correct number of officers. There was a national initiative to encourage recruitment but this in itself had caused problems with a waiting list for the required training.

Cllr. Hickie enquired about the number of specials in the division. Sgt Franks replied that numbers were declining.

Members discussed the fulfilment of obligations by emergency services. Cllr. Jeffs referred to the use of the sponsored police vehicle. Sgt Franks gave details of the use of the vehicle.

Cllr. Jeffs asked Sgt Franks to go back to the division and report that this Parish Council is not happy with the levels of service in the area (this was not a reference to the Beat Managers who provided excellent service) and it requests that the short staffing is addressed as soon as possible.

Sgt Franks gave details of public demand, staffing, and public need stating that the division meets all performance indicators within the target time.

Sgt Franks invited the council to write to superintendent Evison. Cllr. Gibson asked if there was a way something could be done through the PCC. Sgt. Franks stated that it would be a good idea.

The Chairman summed up by stating that the council wanted to express concern without being critical.

The council had concerns about what could happen in the future as a result of the present staffing levels.

Sgt Franks was thanked for attending the meeting.

8.07 p.m. Sgt Franks left the meeting.

01/95 APOLOGIES -

Apologies were received from Cllr. Chetwood.

01/96 Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September were confirmed and signed as a true record.

01/97 Aqueduct Community Centre

Members discussed the Dilapidation Report which had been circulated. It was generally agreed that the report as presented was out of date and possibly (because it had been provided by T&WC) not unbiased.

Members felt that it would be wise to obtain an up to date independent report.

Cllr. Gibson proposed that the council commission its own survey, seconded by Cllr. Jeffs, it was resolved that the council commission its own survey on the property.

01/98 Traffic Matters

The Clerk reported that T&WC were still exploring the requests put to them and it was expected that officers would attend a meeting in early December.

01/99 Golf Trophy

Cllr. Swain reported that there were 16 junior members of the club and they would like to have their own league. Cllr. Swain suggested that it would be wholly appropriate, given the community link that the council has developed with

the club, to provide a trophy.

The Chairman explained that the provision of a trophy would be best dealt with as a grant under sect. 137 of the Local Govt. Act, but the council would not be dealing with grant requests until some time after the next golf presentations. The Chairman asked Members if they wished to deal with this matter under sect. 137 now or hold it in abeyance until the next grants meeting. Members agreed to deal with the request now.

The Chairman suggested that a sum of £200 would be appropriate. Cllr. Jeffs proposed that a grant of £200 be made to the club for a junior trophy, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved that a grant of £200 be made to the golf club for the provision of a junior trophy.

01/100 To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 3rd September 2001, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

01/101 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs stated that he had recently looked at the condition of the Parish. There were areas, in particular Little Dawley, which were a mess. He reported that the canal was dry with a very low water level and it was full of litter. The wild flower meadow had not been attended to as promised by the volunteer. Cllr. Jeffs asked the council to bring in contractors to get the area cleaned up.

The Clerk suggested that members could look at these areas as part of the village improvement budget which was delegated to the Planning & Environmental Committee. Cllr. Jeffs agreed to raise the matter at the P&E Committee.

01/102 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS- It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

STATEMENT 114 was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

AUDIT The Clerk presented the Audit Report which was noted by the council. Members gave consideration to the way in which the accounts can now be presented to the auditors.

The Clerk gave details of the way in which the accounts have had to be presented over the last few years on an income and expenditure basis with full supporting notes, and the fact that there has now been deregulation which will allow some councils to revert to the "old" system of presenting the accounts on a receipts and payments basis. Following discussion, Cllr. Jeffs proposed that the council revert to presenting the accounts on a receipts and payment basis, seconded by Cllr. Onions, it was resolved that the council revert to presenting the accounts on a receipts and payment basis.

01/103 Church Service for Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk confirmed the arrangements for the service.

The Clerk explained to Members that although the war memorial site had been

satisfactorily tidied up, the bollards to prevent parking on the pavement had not been put in place. The bollards were to be produced by the Greenwood Trust and would be put in place as soon as they were ready but not until after Sunday 11th . This was so that there was no disruption or half finished work at the time of the service.

01/104 CORRESPONDENCE

Station Inn Victim Support	Menu for Members Christmas meal. Request for committee representatives. There were no Members with sufficient time to devote to this body.
Dawley/M'lee Partnership Dept. of Health	Notice of meeting 7th December - noted. Modernising the NHS - Cllr. Gibson gave Members a full report on the proposals. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Gibson for his informative summary. Members noted the contents of the report.
T&WC Bus User Group - CPRE	meeting 31/10/01, Cllr. Gibson to attend. Notification of the relaunch of the T&W Group.
W. Com Safety Partnership Inn Court	Annual Progress Report - noted. Notification of a Justices Licence application re. All Labour In Vain - Members stated that whilst they had no objections to the proposed transfer, they had the usual concerns over the control of late night drinking and unruly behaviour. The Clerk was asked to write outlining the concerns of the council.
SAPTC/WAC SAPTC T&WC	T&WC Budget details - noted. AGM adoption of extra resolutions - noted. Insight magazine - noted.

01/105 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Cllr. Hickie reported concerns over cars being offered for sale on verges within the parish. Members discussed the matter and it was agreed that all incidents should be reported to Sophie Tipper, T&WC Enforcement Officer.

Cllr. Jeffs asked if any progress had been made in the publicity photograph for the crossing in Aqueduct.

The Clerk informed the meeting that two occasions had been arranged with T&WC and both had been cancelled by them. The council was at the moment awaiting another proposed date to fit in with the schedule of the T&WC Chair.

Cllr. Jeffs asked Members to give consideration to something to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the coronation of HM The Queen. Members were reminded by Cllr. Jeffs that ten years ago the council planted 40 trees to celebrate the 40th anniversary. The Clerk was asked to put the matter on the next agenda.

Cllr. Jeffs informed the meeting that the trenches adjacent to the golf course reported by Cllr. Jeffs last month, were to put in pipes to syphon away the leachate from the landfill site with the supposed aim of reducing the number of HGV's.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Haire to the Council and gave details of the councils meetings and committees.

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 9.22 pm.

Signed

Date