

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Wednesday 23rd October 2002 at Horsehay Village Hall**  
**at 7.30 p.m.**

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

In attendance  
One Members of the public was present  
Sgt Paul Franks

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no matters raised.

**POLICE SESSION**

Sgt Franks informed the meeting that speeding concerns within the parish had been addressed by WPC Micky Riggs and letters had been written to concerned residents.

Sgt. Franks informed the meeting that he had visited Aqueduct School on the 15th October, met with Miss Mound the Head Teacher and they had explored some ideas.

Members heard a report of recent incidents within the parish and Sgt. Franks stated that the main concern over the next weeks would be children "Trick or Treating", fireworks up to and beyond November 5th and the threat of strike by fire fighters.

Cllr. Onions asked if the test purchasing of fireworks by underage children would be repeated again and was assured that the matter was a nationwide campaign carried out under the supervision of Trading Standards Officers. Members were told that there were not many local retailers who were selling fireworks but the situation would be monitored.

The problem of worthless cars being dumped at the roadside and on verges was discussed.

The meeting was informed by Sgt. Franks that the post of Beat Manager for the area had been internally advertised but there were no developments to report as yet.

**7.41 p.m. There being no further police matters, Sgt Franks left the meeting having first been thanked by the Chairman.**

**02/98 APOLOGIES -**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Gibson and Chetwood.

**02/99 Minutes of the Meeting** held on 25th September 2002 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**02/100 Traffic Calming**

Cllr. Jeffs put to the meeting the recommendation of the Planning & Environmental Committee:

That the committee recommends to Council that Option two of the plans provided by T&WC be accepted with the addition (if possible) of a "red carpet" in the vicinity of the post office and the provision of a sign pre warning motorists that there is a weight limit at the Frame Lane end of the scheme.

Resolved

**02/101 Co-option of Member to Council**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was now one definite application along with one previous expression of interest. The Chairman asked members to consider awaiting a response from the lady who had expressed an interest as she had requested information. Members felt that it would be fair to allow the lady who had requested information time to respond prior to making any decision.

**02/102 Clerks report on items pending**

War Memorial

The clerk reported that the extra paving had been laid at the war memorial in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. Mr. Cowling (gardener) had promised to weed the borders in good time.

Wild Flower Meadow

Instructions had been given to the contractors for the creation of the meadow.

Bus Shelters

Members heard that the bus shelter at Aqueduct was now completed.

**02/103 Provision of Commemorative Cup**

This matter had been placed on the agenda by Cllr. Chetwood who was not present at the meeting. The Clerk stated that it was understood that this had been placed on the agenda in an attempt to bring to a close the outstanding matter of the provision of some form of memorial to the late Cllr. Morton. The Methodist Church at Little Dawley had failed to respond to Councils offer of a donation to provide some form of memorial. Members agreed to obtain catalogues of ecclesiastical goods whilst awaiting the input from Cllr. Chetwood.

**02/104 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 2nd September 2002, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

### **02/105 Countryside Officers Report**

Cllr. Jeffs reported that the owners of the bungalow at Gravel Leasowes were carrying out works which were affecting access to the footpath. It was thought that the owners may have moved the sign post and style. The Clerk agreed to pass the concern to Pete Clerk and Andrew Careless.

### **02/106 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS-** It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

The Clerk brought to the attention of Council the cost of the (new) Audit in comparison with previous costs of full audit. It was agreed that the cost seemed to be high for such an audit when compared to the full audits which the council had previously been subjected to. The Clerk was asked to check with other similar parishes to see what their experience had been.

Members gave consideration to the NALC/SLCC 2002/2003 Salary Awards. It was resolved that they be accepted.

**STATEMENT 126** was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

Budget and Precept

There was nothing to report.

### **02/107 CORRESPONDENCE**

T&WC Possibility of Postal Voting - The Chairman gave a report on the proposal by T&WC to apply to the Secretary of State for permission to conduct the next local elections entirely by postal ballot. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that this parish should state that it was in principle in support of the scheme.

Members discussed the application for housing at Lightmoor.

### **02/108 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Onions reported that he had been asked why the parish does not provide a Christmas Party for the elderly. The Chairman explained that despite repeated requests from a small number of residents, the council had on numerous occasions raised the matter in newsletters but had received insufficient response to justify spending parishioners money on such entertainment. It had been decided instead to provide services, such as the sponsorship of a police vehicle, which benefited all in the parish.

The Clerk was asked to expedite the provision of a facsimile plaque for the war dead of Aqueduct on the new war memorial at Little Dawley.

**02/109** Date of next meeting Wednesday 27th November 2002 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

Signed

Date