

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 22nd October 2003 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. G. Onions, R. Haire, A. Hickie, J. Lees, D. Gibson and Mrs. L. Robinson.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

In attendance.

There was one member of the public present.

PUBLIC SESSION

No public session was requested.

POLICE SESSION

The Meeting was informed that WPC Nichols had forwarded her apologies - she was otherwise engaged on an operational matter which required her attention. The Clerk gave a brief report on the activities of WPC Nichols on her behalf.

03/96 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. D. Wallis.

03/97 The **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2003** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

03/98 Clerks report on items pending

The Clerk reported progress in the matters relating to the requested bollards adjacent to the Foresters Arms and repair of fence at Aqueduct. Members discussed the problem of grass cuttings being dumped near to the Silkin Way at Aqueduct. The Chairman suggested a flyer asking residents to dispose of their grass cuttings sensibly. Cllr. Hickie agreed to distribute any flyers and following acceptance of the idea, the Clerk agreed to produce a suitably worded flyer.

03/99 Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

The Clerk informed the meeting that following the public announcement and expiry of the required time limit, there had been no call for an election therefore Council could now fill the vacancy by way of co-option. The Clerk was asked to post the appropriate notices. It was noted that one application for the vacancy by co-option had already been received by the Clerk.

03/100 Budget of the Council for the 2004/2005

Members agreed to call a special meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to produce a draft version of a budget to be considered at the next meeting of Council.

The Clerk reminded Members that the membership of the Committee consisted of Cllr. Chetwood (Ex Officio Chairman), Cllr. Gibson, Cllr. Haire and Cllr. Onions with one vacancy. Cllr. Mrs. Robinson expressed a willingness to serve on the Committee. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Robinson be appointed to Committee.

It was agreed that the Clerk should call a meeting of the Committee in good time for a meeting to be held prior to the next meeting of Council and the Chairman asked all Members of Council to forward any ideas/suggestions for budget consideration to the Clerk a.s.a.p.. The Chairman reminded all Members that they could attend the F&GP meeting to make representations.

Cllr. Hickie requested that the Chairman change the order of the next two items of business as he did not wish to see the discussion on the need for a parish office prejudiced in any way. The Chairman stated that he was content to do so.

03/101 Investigation into the need for a Parish Office

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr. Gibson proposed that Council adopt the view that whilst it had been wholly correct to resurrect the topic, it had not found there to be a need and therefore would not go ahead with the provision of a Parish Office. Seconded by Cllr. Lees it was **RESOLVED** that Council adopt the view that whilst it had been wholly correct to resurrect the topic, it had not found there to be a need and therefore would not go ahead with the provision of a Parish Office.

[4 votes in favour, 2 votes against with one abstention]

03/102 Provision of Low Cost Housing in the Parish

Members discussed the possibility and lawfulness of Parish Councils providing social housing (rental). It was agreed that the agenda should more properly have stated provision by the Parish Council of social housing for rental. Following discussion Cllr. Chetwood proposed that Council undertake a feasibility study. Seconded by Cllr. Onions.

Cllr. Gibson felt that the matter was a waste of time but there would be nothing to lose by undertaking a study. Cllr. Hickie agreed with the sentiments expressed by Cllr. Gibson and stated that he would not oppose a study.

Members **RESOLVED** to undertake a feasibility study.

03/103 Parish Boundary

Cllr. Chetwood displayed to the meeting an old Ordinance Survey map of the area (Dawley Urban District Council) prior to the major changes which have taken place since the creation of Telford New Town. He felt that it would be informative if a copy of the old map could be made and an acetate of a new

map placed over the top so that residents could clearly see the many changes which had taken place over the years. Members agreed to undertake the project and the Clerk was asked to investigate the work.

03/104 Planning & Environmental Committee

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

03/105 Countryside Officer's Report

Cllr. Hickie reported on the T.P.O. for trees at rear of 109 Majestic Way. Reported concerns over the pools in Little Dawley being litter strewn, stating that the whole area was a mess. The Clerk was asked to report the concerns to the Borough Council.

Reported rubble and mess under and around the aqueduct and a fallen tree over the path way. Clerk to report the concerns to the Borough Council.

03/106 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 138 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

03/107 Correspondence

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| a) T&WC | Parish Precept request |
| b) Winross Hacker Young | Request for information as to the reason Council is holding such high balances. The Clerk reported that he had replied giving the same explanation given to and accepted by the District Auditor, namely an outline of the abandonment of the Parish Office scheme some years ago. |
| c) CPRE | Countryside Voice magazine. |
| d) SALC | Minutes WAC |
| e) SALC | Details of proposed web addresses for Parish Councils. |
| f) SALC | Parish Pump - circulated. |

03/108 Any Other Items of Information

Cllr. Hickie reported that the paint was already peeling off the recently refurbished railings on the top of the Aqueduct. Members heard that the railings were galvanised and as such did not require painting. However they had been painted without the required etch primer and therefore the paint had no chance of adhering. The Clerk was asked to point out the problem to the Borough Council who had instigated the work.

Cllr. Lees asked if Members would consider holding the Meeting earlier in the evening. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that meetings should be

held at the earlier time of 7.15 p.m.

03/109 Date of next meeting Wednesday 26 November 2003 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8. 48 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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