

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 27th October 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. G. Onions, R. Haire, J. Lees and R. Pritchard.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

In attendance.

There were no members of the public present.

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

POLICE SESSION

Apologies were received from PC Taylor and Sgt. Green

04/116 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Gibson.

04/117 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd September 2004** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04/118 Members Allowances

The Chairman outlined the recommendations put forward by the Borough Scrutiny Committee. Members discussed the options of claiming personal allowances and also the option of claiming travel expenses within the Parish whilst on authorised business. **RESOLVED** that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council will not make available the option of personal allowances for the year ending 31st March 2005. It was further **RESOLVED** that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council will [for the year ending 31st March 2005]retain the existing method of reimbursement of approved travel expenses for members who have occasion to travel outside the boundaries of the Parish and not extend the scheme to travel within the Parish.

04/119 To Receive the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 11th October 2004

The minutes of the meeting were received by the meeting.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that Cllrs. Pritchard and Lees were regular attendees at F&GP meetings and had often been called upon to give a view (although never actually partaking in the meeting proper). Cllr. Pritchard in particular had been a long term attendee. The Chairman felt that in recognition of their willingness and enthusiasm it would be appropriate for Council to

co-opt them both onto the Committee - this was put to the meeting as a proposition. RESOLVED that Cllrs. Pritchard and Lees to co-opted on to the F&GP Committee with immediate effect.

04/120 Budget 2005/6

Members discussed the recommendations of the F&GP Committee.

Budget

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to adopt a budget for the year 2005/6 in the sum of £57250 as recommended by the F&GP Committee.

Precept

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to raise a NIL Precept for the year 2005/6.

HBOS shares

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to sell the shares Council held in the Halifax Bank of Scotland.

Members discussed “ethical banking”. The Clerk was asked to put the matter on the next agenda.

04/121 Youth Provision

The Chairman outlined the possibilities of a partnership with the Borough and Great Dawley Parish Council to provide an extra evening of the youth club at a cost of £3500.

The Clerk had contacted GDPC to canvass their view on the matter and they were due to meet in November.

Cllr. Chetwood gave details of anticipated costs for the project as having an anticipated cost to Council of £1500. [An expected contribution from GDPC would also be £1500 with any balance being made up by the Borough]

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that Council would agree to a contribution of £1500 if additional contributions were made by other partners in ensuring a successful conclusion to the project to provide an extra evening of youth provision.

04/122 Community Projects

Children’s Slide - Aqueduct Play Area

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had been present at a site meeting with John Stephens (Borough Officer) and it had been ascertained that the provision of a slide on the Aqueduct Play Area would not be practicable for reasons of safety and cost. It was also felt that the play area was well used, well provisioned and also that a slide would not be used by the particular age group who most used the site. The playground was in fact one of the best provisioned in Telford.

It had been recommended by the Officer that the 5 a side pitch be re-lined as a dual purpose pitch and that basket ball hoops be provided at each end. The anticipated cost of such a scheme would be £5000. The Chairman stated that in return for such investment by the Parish he would attempt to negotiate the

refurbishment of existing equipment.

Cllr. Chetwood proposed that Council support the enhancement of the playground as suggested by the Officer at a maximum cost to the Parish of £5000. Seconded by Cllr. Pritchard - **RESOLVED** that Council support the enhancement of the playground as suggested by the Officer at a maximum cost to the Parish of £5000.

7.45 p.m. Cllr. Hickie entered the meeting room and apologised for not attending to the meeting explaining that he had just returned from attending hospital casualty with an injured resident and was now in the process of returning the resident to his home. Members excused Cllr. Hickie.

04/123 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2004 were received.

04/124 Countryside Officer's Report

There was no report.

04/125 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 149 was tabled along with the reconciliation's and was approved.

04/126 Correspondence

Com Foundation for
Shrop & Telford

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GDPC

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AGM 8th December - noted.

Ceremony of Light 14th November - noted.

Code of Conduct - Freemasonry - noted.

Confirmation of installation date for bus shelter
Holly Road - confirmed that the shelter was in
place and appreciated by bus users.

Demand for funding contribution - members
agreed that the matter should be held over to the
November Meeting when STROWP Officers
had been invited to attend.

Community Support Officer - members were
aware that this letter from GDP had crossed with
a similar letter from Council. The Clerk
informed the meeting that he had since spoken
with the Clerk to GDPC and had been informed
that they would be discussing the matter at their
November meeting.

Bus Users Group Nov 24th - Cllr. Lees agreed to
represent Council.

04/127 Any Other Items of Information

The Clerk reminded Members that arrangements were in place for a Remembrance Sunday Service at the War memorial site on Sunday 14th November.

Cllr. Lees gave a comprehensive report on his attendance of the NALC Conference on behalf of Council. He spoke with particular reference to Quality Council status and members discussed the requirements with Cllr. Lees giving guidance from the Conference.

Cllr. Lees was thanked for his compressive report and for hs attendance on behalf of Council.

The Clerk was asked to place the topic of Newsletter on the next agenda.

Cllr. Chetwood gave a report on his meetings with Youth Workers and gave details of their remit.

Cllr. Onions asked members to note that the Doseley grave yard (although not the responsibility of the Parish Council) was very overgrown and neglected. The Clerk reported that he had spoken with the Church officials and had suggested that they might like to apply for a grant to assist with the cost of grass cuttings but to date no application had been received. The Clerk was asked to contact the responsible persons once more.

Members discussed the possibility of producing a parish information leaflet.

04/128 Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th November 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

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