

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 17th October 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. Jodie Brothwood, R. Haire, Geraldine King, G. Onions and
Tansy Swain.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also Present: CSO Sarah Robinson
Cllr. Vic Tonks
One member of the public.

POLICE SESSION

CSO Sarah Roberts stated that she did not have a police report to present but took questions from Members.

The Chairman reported on what he referred to as a very positive PACT Meeting.

7.16 p.m. CSO Sarah Robinson left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman

PUBLIC SESSION

No public session was requested.

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Hughes [Resident Involvement Officer BVT] to Council. Mrs. Hughes gave an update on the progress of the Lightmoor development and outlined her role to Council.

The Chairman asked Mrs. Hughes to note the concerns of the Parish Council over the boundary issues as yet unresolved. Details of the way in which the development was split between the two parishes of Dawley Hamlets and The Gorge were given to Mrs. Hughes along with a brief outline as to why DHPC felt that it would be more appropriate for the whole of the village to be within one Parish area. The Clerk gave brief details of the so far unresolved efforts of the parish to secure a boundary change.

Cllr. Tonks (T&WC) explained that there remained a number of boundary anomalies throughout the Borough.

Mrs. Hughes agreed to attend PACT meetings and agreed to provide contributions to the Parish Magazine. Members gave Mrs Hughes the contact details of a number of local organisations to assist her with her liaison duties.

Mrs. Hughes stated that she had been asked if BVT would be providing allotments and had felt that this would be possible.

The Chairman asked if BVT would be funding its own CSO. Mrs Hughes agreed to put the suggestion forward but informed the meeting that there was already in place a full time Estate Warden.

The Chairman raised the issue of the identity of Horsehay and the disappearing signage. Mrs. Hughes noted the concerns of members.

Mrs. Hughes answered a number of general questions on the progress of the development.

7.45 p.m. Mrs. Hughes left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman on behalf of Council.

The Chairman informed the meeting that there was a new Borough Rights of Way Officer – Jas Sidhu. The meeting was informed that the Tub Boat Bridge would be cleared of weeds the following day and that contractors had been commissioned by the Borough to repair the broken bridge over Horsehay Pool.

Members discussed the possible provision and sites for RADAR Key Kissing Gates at an approximate cost of £500 each and the Chairman asked if the Planning Committee would look at placing two in the parish.

07/52 APOLOGIES

Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Tony Hickie and Bev Walker with courtesy apologies being received by Borough Cllr. Tracy Hope. Apologies were also received from PC Clair Walker-Shale.

07/53 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2007** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

07/54 Members Expenses

Following discussion it was RESOLVED where applicable and where claimed to divide Councillors attendance allowances (expenses) by twenty two, this being the number of meetings (both main and committee) held in any one year and to pay expenses for attendance at each meeting; the payment to be made according to the laid down rules at the end of the financial year as a on off payment at the rate of one twenty second part of the total rate per meeting to be paid only when the councillor has attended that meeting.

07/55 Grant

Members considered a request from Aqueduct School for a contribution to fund a gift for year six school leavers. Following discussion it was agreed to fund the purchase of sufficient number of roller ball type pens each to be suitably inscribed with the name of the school and if appropriate the date at an approximate cost of £3 per pen. It was anticipated that there would be approximately 30 children thus making an anticipated contribution of £90.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that some years ago DHPC had presented a trophy to be awarded each year to the school's best achiever. The meeting was asked to continue to contribute to the annual engraving of the name of the award's recipient. It was **RESOLVED** to continue to fund this engraving.

07/56 Community Initiatives

a) Provision of facilities for Horsehay Youth

The meeting heard that the Borough was still in the process of attempting to contact the Village Hall Committee.

Members discussed possible use of a traveling Youth Bus.

b) Senior Citizens Christmas Meal

The meeting heard that arrangements for the meal were well in hand.

c) Land at Aqueduct School

The Chairman outlined the history of DHPC's attempts to obtain a parcel of land adjacent to the school ground as a "village green" and the meeting heard how, initially, the Borough Council had been in agreement only to change its mind at a later date. Members agreed to attempt to raise the matter again with the Borough Council.

d) Remembrance Sunday Service

Cllr. Onions agreed to contact the Church to ascertain if the usual proceedings were still to take place.

07/57 Planning & Environmental Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2007 were received.

07/58 Town Park Development

The meeting was informed that the next meeting was to be held on the 2nd November and Cllr. Tonks (T&WC) gave details of the proposed development and consultation.

07/59 Accounts

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

STATEMENT 186 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

07/60 Correspondence

T&WC	Customer Charter – copy circulated to each member.
T&WC	Order for Temporary Prohibition of Driving Pool Hill Road 22 nd October to 2 nd November 2007 – noted.
BVT	Lightmoor Village Newsletter – circulated.

07/61 Newsletter

The meeting discussed the content of the newsletter.

07/62 Date of next meeting Wednesday 21st November 2007 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7. 15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

**Signed.....
Chairman**

Date.....