

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 26th September 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre  
at 7.30 p.m.

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

In attendance two members of the public  
Sgt Paul Franks

**1. PUBLIC** - Mrs Weston asked if there was any more information on the Lightmoor development. The Clerk informed the meeting that there was no further information. Mrs. Weston commented that she was most concerned to hear that T&WC had passed the planning application for changes at the Candles site. Cllr. Pritchard stated that there may be a consolation in that the original life of the site was stated to be six year. By increasing the usage of the site, it was now envisaged that the life of the site would be reduced to two years. Members discussed the impact of the decision upon the parish.  
7.33 p.m. Cllr. Hickie joined the meeting.

**2. POLICE SESSION-** Sgt. Franks informed the meeting that the two Beat Managers were working on the parking issues and had attended to a neighbourhood dispute in the Little Dawley area. Mr. Gobby had, during the month, contacted Sgt. Franks over the matter of speeding drivers in Lightmoor Road and an officer had been assigned to speed check. There had been a number of tickets issued and several motorists had been stopped and advised about their speed.

The meeting discussed the policing issues which had arisen at the residents traffic calming meeting of the 6th September.

The Clerk asked Sgt. Franks if it would be possible to have a contribution to the newsletter from the police. It was agreed that the issues of speed would be appropriate to mention.

Cllr. Hickie asked for the police view on those who weave in between traffic calming measures rather than drive slowly over them. Sgt. Franks stated that drivers should at all times drive safely with due consideration to other motorists.

Cllr. Jeffs asked if Sgt Franks could give any information on the inflatable traffic humps. Sgt. Franks had no information. The Clerk informed the meeting that the measures were subject to a period of evaluation. After the trial period, a report would be presented to the Dept. of Transport and only after proper consultation would they be either approved or dropped.

Cllr. Jeffs raised local concerns over the occasional nuisance caused by late night events at public houses. The meeting discussed Licencing matters and enforcement. The meeting was informed that the Police Licencing Officer Paul Hommersley had full powers to enforce proper behaviour on licenced premises.

There being no further police business, the Chairman thanked Sgt. Franks on behalf of the Council.

**7.47 Sgt. Franks left the meeting.**

**7.48 Cllr. Gibson joined the meeting.**

**01/83 APOLOGIES -**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Chetwood.

**01/84 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th July** were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**01/85 Aqueduct Community Centre**

The Clerk presented to the meeting the long awaited "dilapidation report" on the centre which had been received on the morning of the meeting. Members agreed that it would be appropriate to copy the report and circulate it to all members so that they can debate it in an informed manner at the next full meeting of the council.

**01/86 Traffic Matters**

Cllr. Jeffs reported that there had been three options for calming presented to the councillors and public at the meeting of the 6th September, all of which were variations on a theme. It had also been suggested that the road could be closed off to through traffic, a suggestion which had received a good deal of interest from the residents. This was now being considered by T&WC.

Cllr. Jeffs stated that there was to be another meeting to which, in addition to Anurada and Mickey Riggs, the Planning Enforcement Officer would also be invited to answer various questions on the industrial estate.

Cllr. Gibson stated that he had not seen any proposed scheme and asked how he could be expected to make any decision.

Cllr. Jeffs stated that it would be by far the best way to deal with matters if the decision on what scheme should be adopted was left to the residents themselves. Members of the council who had attended the meetings had seen the proposals and the schemes were available to be viewed at council this evening. When the residents had made a decision, the preferred scheme would be put before the council for discussion. What had become apparent was that the provision of humps was not at all popular.

Members agreed to let the meetings involving the residents proceed as planned.

**01/87 Co-option of Member to the Council**

The Clerk reported that the council had received one application for consideration to be co-opted as a member of the council.

Details of the application from Mr. Raymond Haire were given to the meeting.

Mr. Haire was not present.

Mr. Haire was duly co-opted to the council.

**01/88 To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on** 2nd July 2001, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on

6th August 2001, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

Cllr. Swain asked for further clarification on the closure of footpath 124. Cllr. Jeffs gave full details.

**01/89 Countryside Officers Report**

Cllr. Jeffs asked the Clerk to chase Mr. Corfield to encourage an early completion of the work on the seats and gate.

**01/90 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS-** It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

**STATEMENT 112 and 113** were tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

AUDIT The Clerk presented, for approval of the meeting, the final accounts of the council which included the interest from the Halifax account. It was resolved to approve the accounts.

Members were informed that the Halifax had recently written to the Clerk asking for proof that the account should not be taxed at source. The Clerk had replied giving the relevant act which exempted local councils from tax etc. The Halifax had forwarded the appropriate form (Cllr. Jeffs as signatory signed the form) and apologised to the council for the trouble caused stating that they had credited the council's account with ten pounds by way of compensation.

The Clerk asked Members to appoint new signatories to the Halifax account. It was agreed that Cllrs, Jeffs, Gibson and Chetwood should act as signatories to the account. The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for a new mandate.

The Clerk reported that, following the request of the Planning Committee to instigate remedial work on the war Memorial site in good time for Remembrance Sunday, a quote had been obtained from R. P. & J. Minton in the sum of £4'510 plus VAT. The work to include the surfacing of the verge outside the site. It was resolved to accept the quote and authorise the work.

**01/91 Church Service for Remembrance Sunday**

The meeting was given details of the forthcoming service.

01/92 CORRESPONDENCE

T&WC	Application for entertainments licence for the Red Lion Holly Road Little Dawley.
T&WC	Trading Standards Initiatives - noted.
T&WC	Annual Ceremony of Light - noted.
Telford & Horsehay Steam Railway	Letter of thanks for grant.
T&WC	Agenda and minutes.
TCAT	Post card from pupils at TCAT giving details of their trip which was partly made possible by grant funding from the council. The Chairman particularly commented that it was heart warming to receive such a response.
Parish Pump	Members raised no issues.
Madeley Parish Council	Training - noted
SAPTC	Resolutions to be presented to AGM - noted.

**01/93 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Hickie gave a report on the installation of the Bridgnorth Road sign which had been supplied by the parish council and installed by the residents.

Cllr. Onions asked what the excavation work adjacent to the Golf Course was for. The Council had not been informed. The Clerk was asked if he could find out.

Cllr. Jeffs commented that the island on the bypass which was maintained by the nursery was looking very good. The Clerk was asked to write to the nursery to thank them for their efforts. In addition, a mention could be made in the newsletter.

Cllr. Jeffs reported that the grass on the bank at Frame Lane was overgrown and thick with daffodil shoots. Clerk to request cutting.

Cllr. Gibson reported that he had requested T&WC to cut the hedge on Horsehay Common.

Cllr. Swain requested that the sponsorship of a trophy for the Golf Club by the Council be considered.

The Clerk was asked to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

**01/94** Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th October 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

Signed

Date