

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Wednesday 25th September 2002 at Horsehay Village Hall**  
**at 7.30 p.m.**

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

In attendance  
Five members of the public  
Sgt Paul Franks

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Cllr. Jeffs informed the meeting that he had been asked by residents of Holly Road to present, on their behalf, a petition to the police which expressed their concerns about speeding traffic. The meeting was informed that there are approximately 200 signatures. The petition was passed to Sgt. Franks.

The temporary diversion at Doseley Road was discussed along with lorry movements. Members agreed that temporary problems could be expected during the works. Sgt. Franks stated that there had been public notice of the road closure in the Shropshire Star. The Clerk stated that the Parish council had been informed of the works and the matter had been placed on the agenda for the meeting.

Sgt. Frank, having accepted the petition, stated that he would take it back to the police station and would review enforcement issues. He spoke of priorities and how targeting had reduced accidents over the last couple of years. He stated that Holly Road was not considered to be a AHot Spot@ and reminded members that traffic calming and speed reduction is a matter for local authorities.

The Chairman confirmed that the parish was most grateful to the police for all their efforts and reminded those members of the public who were present that over the years there had been a number of proposals drawn up to tackle problems on Holly Road but there had been overwhelming objections, by residents, to all the substantial schemes which were put before them. After many years of consultation, the only scheme which was acceptable had been the one which was now in place, that of simple painted speed markings and carpets. The meeting agreed that it would be useful to obtain from T&WC updated traffic information following the

implementation of calming in Great Dawley in order to confirm or dismiss the perception that the calming had displaced traffic to Holly Road.

Sgt. Franks stated that he had seen the statistics and could confirm that there had been no great increase in traffic on Holly Road and there was nothing to indicate that traffic was using this road as a short cut.

### **POLICE SESSION**

Sgt Franks reported crime figures for the parish (year on year) were down although there were concerns over traffic.

The meeting was asked to give consideration, during its budget deliberations, to continued

sponsorship of the Beat Managers vehicle.

Cllr. Onions asked for details of recent handbag snatches in Dawley and was given an update by Sgt. Franks.

*8.15 p.m. Sgt Franks left the meeting having first been thanked by the Chairman.  
(The public also left the meeting)*

### **02/85 APOLOGIES -**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Gibson.

**02/86 Minutes of the Meeting** held on 17th July 2002 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

### **02/87 Traffic Calming**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the long awaited plans for traffic calming at Doseley were in the hands of the Parish Council. Members agreed to delegate the review of the plans to the Planning & Environmental Committee to allow them to consider the proposals and make recommendations.

The notification of a road closure order to allow for resurfacing of road at junction of Frame Lane and Doseley Road from 20th to 26th September was formally noted and had been discussed previously.

### **02/88 Freedom of Information Act 2000**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there is now a requirement for Local Authorities to either adopt a Model Code or draft their own code under the Freedom of Information Act and once a code is adopted, make a declaration. Members resolved to adopt the AModel Code@ and the appropriate declaration was signed.

### **02/89 Code of Conduct - Members Interest**

The meeting was informed that T&WC had requested that the declarations are made in the format (forms) provided by themselves and request that Members make full declarations as soon as possible. The Clerk provided members with the

relevant forms and requested that members give consideration to filling them in and returning them as soon as possible. The meeting reviewed the current declarations and the latest amendments and developments and it was agreed that the declarations should be made on the new forms.

**02/90 Parish Pump**

There were no matters from the Parish Pump which Members wished to expand upon.

**02/91 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 1st July 2002, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

To receive the minutes of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE held on 5th August 2002, previously circulated. The minutes were received.

**02/92 Countryside Officers Report**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had spoken to T&WC about the steps they took in the creation of the Beverly Island traffic island which had been turned into a wild flower meadow and they had been most helpful. The work had been undertaken by Telford & Wrekin Services Ltd. and a site meeting had been held where details of the required work was given.

T&WS was now in the process of quoting for the required work. The Clerk stated that the proposal was that the growth would be cut back and cleared late in the year and weed killer sprayed over the ground. There would then be a cutting of any regrowth early in the following year and then the site would be seeded. It was anticipated that the cost of seeds would be ongoing year on year, otherwise there would be a gradual reduction in species.

The contractor for the pavings in the War Memorial had requested that the Parish Council provide the materials. This was agreed and Members authorised the payment.

**02/93 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS-** It was RESOLVED: that these be approved and paid as tabled.

**STATEMENT 125** was tabled along with the reconciliations and was approved.

**Budget and Precept**

Cllr. Chetwood asked that the provision of a presentation cup or some other suitable item to commemorate the life of the late Cllr. Gordon Morton to be given to Little Dawley Methodist Church be placed on the next agenda.

Members discussed the budget for the forthcoming year and it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Chetwood work together to form a draft budget for consideration.

#### **02/94 Grants**

The Clerk brought to the attention of the meeting two grant applications which had been deferred by the council pending receipt of further information.

Club 17, further information having been received by the council, it was resolved that a grant of £50 be awarded.

Telford Steam Railway - The meeting was apprised of a request for assistance by the Parish Council in the application by the Trust in a grant for improvement to the platform.

It was agreed that the council should provide officer time in this matter and that the grant should be applied for, on behalf of the Trust, by the Parish Council.

Horsehay Methodist Chapel - request for assistance in the provision of a hearing loop. [Cllr. Onions took no part in the debate]. The Clerk was asked to write for further information.

#### **02/95 CORRESPONDENCE**

T&WC Ethical Standards Bulletin - discussed earlier.

Mayors Civic Charity appeal - noted.

David Wright MP Schedule for advice surgery.

Co-option The Clerk reported that there had been no response to the councils advertisement for applications for co-option to the office of Parish Councillor. Cllr. Hickie reported that he had been approached by a resident asking for further information. Details were given to the Clerk who agreed to contact the potential applicant.

#### **02/96 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Cllr. Hickie requested that T&WC be informed of a potential hazard to cyclists and motor cyclists caused by residue of oil from buses, particularly in the area of bus stops.

Cllr. Haire asked the Clerk to see if T&WC had given consideration to the request from the Britannia Historical Society for permission to site a jubilee stone on the verges at Aqueduct.

Cllr. Onions reported that the pathway between Pool View and Farm Lane is overgrown with nettles and needed clearing. The Clerk was asked to inform the

Highways Authority.

**02/97** Date of next meeting Wednesday 23rd October 2002 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.21 pm.

Signed

Date