

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 27th September 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A. Chetwood (Chairman)
Cllrs. R. Haire, G. Onions, A Hickie, B. Walker.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also present:

Cllr. J. A. Dixon and Cllr. Tracy Hope (Borough Cllrs.)
Miss Geraldine King

PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr. Dixon (BT&W) gave a report on Borough matters which affected the Parish.

7.31 pm CSO Steve Robinson joined the meeting.

POLICE SESSION

CSO Robinson gave a police report after passing on the apologies of PC Walker-Shale.

The meeting was informed that CSO Robinson was maintaining visits to the new youth shelter and although he had had occasion to speak to the users on a number of occasions, on the whole they were using the facility sensibly. A request was made to move the shelter further down the side of the field but Members felt that the further it was moved from open view the more likely it was to encourage anti-social behaviour.

The meeting discussed the impact of alcohol being available to underage drinkers and CSO Robinson stated that he would report any incidents of sales to minors to the licensing officer.

Members discussed the concerns of residents over the gathering of youths at the Little Dawley shop. CSO Robinson stated that those who were gathering there were coming from far and wide and were from outside the area - he was keeping an eye on it.

Cllr. Onions asked about an incident of damage to a car; CSO Robinson stated that the police were aware and it was thought to have been caused by someone passing through. Members reported concerns with a particular vehicle parking on the verge at Horsehay. CSO Robinson stated that he would take a look at it. In view of the fact that the offending vehicle was a commercial vehicle, the Chairman asked for the registration number and company details and said that he would ask the employer to intervene.

Cllr. Haire reported incidents of anti-social behaviour being experienced by residents of Aqueduct Road - these incidents being caused late at night by drunken revellers returning from public houses in Madeley and passing through Aqueduct. Cllr. Hickie

confirmed that this was so. CSO Robinson agreed to report the matter.

Cllr. Hope reported incidents of antisocial behaviour at the Horsehay Play Area.

7.38 pm. There being no further police business CSO Robinson left the meeting after being thanked for his attendance and assistance .

06/44 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs Chetwood, Cllr. Gibson and Cllr. Carpenter.

06/45 Minutes of the previous meeting

The **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th July 2006** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06/46 Vacancies due to resignation of Members

Vacancy Aqueduct Ward

The Clerk reported that there had been one application from Miss Geraldine King of Little Dawley who was present.

Miss King was duly co-opted to serve as Councillor for the Parish of Dawley Hamlets in the Ward of Aqueduct.

Cllr. Miss King then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her seat at Council.

The Chairman welcomed Miss King on behalf of Council.

06/47 Senior Citizens Christmas Meal

Members discussed the arrangements for the Christmas Meal.

06/48 Landfill Liaison Meeting

Cllr. Onions presented a report on landfill matters and informed Council that he would be attending the next meeting of the liaison group on the 13th December.

The meeting heard of the long term plans to landscape the area and provide footpaths when the site is made redundant.

The Meeting thanked Cllr. Onions for his attendance at the meeting and for his report.

06/49 Budget 2007/8

Cllr. Chetwood reminded Members to bring any projects which might involve expenditure to the table in good time to prepare the budget.

Members discussed the balances of Council and the likely expenditure for the

forthcoming year. The Chairman proposed that, in light of the balances held and the likely expenditure for the forthcoming year, there be no precept raised for the financial year 2007/8. Seconded by Cllr. Onions it was RESOLVED.

Cllr. Walker asked if the fact Council was not raising a precept could be publicised in the next newsletter - this was agreed.

06/50 Planning & Environmental Committee

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2006 were received.

b) Telephone Masts

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to all parish councils in the Borough as instructed by the Planning & Environmental Committee asking for support to request that the Borough hold a meeting with such councils as Milton Keynes and Wolverhampton to ascertain why those councils felt able to adopt a policy which the BT&W stated was not possible to adopt.

The Clerk informed the meeting that one response had to date been received; the response had been from St. George's & Priorslee Parish Council and it had been one of positive support for Council's proposal. The Clerk stated that he believed that other parishes would respond but as yet had not had their own meetings.

The Clerk confirmed that the "open letter" had also been published in the newsletter.

06/51 Accounts

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

Members approved the additional payment of £435.00 to Madeley Print Shop Ltd. for printing of the Newsletter.

STATEMENTS 173 & 174 were tabled along with the reconciliation's and were approved.

Internal Audit

The Clerk presented the Internal Audit report which was approved. Members thanked the Clerk for guiding Council through the Audit.

06/52 Correspondence

St. George's & P'lee PC
BT&W
BT&W

Support for proposals re: Phone Masts.
Elections 2006 (3rd May 2006)
Invitation to contribute to Borough Chair's
charity - RESOLVED to take no action.

BT&W	Annual Passenger Transport Conference - noted.
Crawford Douglas	South Telford Heritage Trail - noted. It was agreed to recommend a member of the Britannia Historical Society to serve on the Heritage Trail Committee and to ask if Mr. Ken Jones of Little Wenlock would like to be involved.
STROWP	Minutes and Agenda - noted.
Dawley Christian Centre	Remembrance Day Service - noted.
SALC	AGM November 18 th - noted.
CPRE	Fieldwork magazine - Cllr. Hickie.

06/53 Newsletter

The Clerk tabled copies of the Newsletter and confirmed that he had arranged delivery for Thursday 12th October with the Telford Journal. The Clerk stated that he had met with the distribution manager and discussed the distribution area in order to avoid a repeat of the miss-delivery which occurred in 2005. It was confirmed that the previous newsletter had been delivered successfully and the Clerk had instructed the Journal to use the same post code areas.

The Newsletter included a return slip for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

The Chairman asked members to provide articles to ensure that one other newsletter could be produced before Christmas.

06/54 Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th October 2006 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.34 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....