

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 8th April 2002
at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. A.M. Jeffs Chairman
Cllrs. A. Chetwood, D. Gibson, G. Onions,
R. Pritchard and S. Woodvine.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

02/35 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Swain

02/36 STROWP

The meeting heard that the STROWP officer had reported that one of the rustic wooden bridges at Horsehay had become dangerous and had therefore been closed to the public. T&WC were investigating the cost of replacement. Members agreed that as the bridge was part of a defined path, T&WC should be responsible for replacement but the Clerk was to ensure that the Parish was consulted over the type of bridge which was to be purchased. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had spoken to Pete Clerk who had confirmed that any replacement would be at least "bridleway" standard.

The meeting heard details of the works carried out in the parish by STROWP in the past month.

02/37 The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2002 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

02/38 Items Pending

Lightmoor Village Public Meeting

The Clerk informed the meeting that Horsehay Village Hall had been provisionally booked for 20th May however, it had come to light that the CPRE were holding a public meeting on the same topic to be also attended by officers of BVT and EP on the 18th April.

Members were most concerned that they had not been informed of this earlier meeting by BVT and it was felt that the provisional date of 20th May was now too far away given that the topic would be well aired at the CPRE meeting. It was agreed that the public meeting should be moved forward to

become the main topic of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 24th April. The Clerk was asked to inform BVT of the date.

02/39 Village Improvements

- a) Grounds maintenance within the parish
No matters requiring attention were tabled.
- b) Wild Flower Meadow
There were no matters tabled for discussion.

02/40 Traffic Matters

The meeting was informed that Anurada Fitzwalter (who is investigating the parish proposal) was on sick leave and therefore the matter had made no progress.

02/41 Correspondence

- a) CPRE - Members discussed the implications of the Planning Green Paper . Members were concerned that there was a proposal to erode the planning consultation with parishes. Cllr. Jeffs stated that although parish councillors were rarely planning experts, local knowledge was more important than someone in an office looking at a set of plans. For that reason if no other, it was imperative that parishes remain involved in the process.
It was agreed to forward a response in line with the CPRE objections.
- b) T&W VS - offer of support and advice and support in the preparation of Parish Plans (meeting). It was agreed that Cllr. Chetwood attend the meeting on behalf of the council to ascertain what was involved.
- c) T&WC Boundary Committee recommendations. Members expressed concern over the proposals to Ward the parish. It was felt that this was divisive. The Clerk was asked to write to the commission expressing the view of the council that Warding was not an option which was favoured and no advantage could be seen. Concern was further expressed over the proposed names of the Wards which were considered to have little relevance to the areas concerned.

02/42 Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

W02/0320 Erection of one pair semi detached dwellings and provision for three parking spaces (outline); land at Chapel Lane Aqueduct.
Members expressed concerns over this application and the Clerk was asked to reply by way of objection on the grounds that many of the residents of Chapel lane park their vehicles on this plot of land and to displace them would cause further parking problems in the area.

The following permissions were noted:

W02/0133 Proposed 2 storey side extension 23 Malory Drive Aqueduct.

W02/0192 Erection of conservatory to rear of 19 Gittens Drive Aqueduct.

W02/0073 Siting of mobile catering van; Lower works, Horsehay.

Members were pleased to note that T&WC had placed a condition upon this application that no advertising signs were to be placed without first obtaining permission (as requested by the PC).

W01/0414 Erection of a detached dwelling ; land adjacent Stanwell, Farm Lane, Horsehay.

02/43 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs requested that the verge outside the Methodist Chapel at Horsehay be turfed. Members agreed but noted that at present the area was subject to extensive exploration work by the utility services and it in view of that, it would be better to wait until such works were concluded before going to the expense of turfing the area. It was agreed to put the matter in abeyance until all work in the area was finished.

Cllr. Jeffs handed to the meeting a photograph of the memorial stone in Horsehay Chapel. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of having a replica made for the Parish War Memorial.

02/44 Other Items of Information

The Clerk was asked to remind T&WC about the request to have illegal signs at the bridge (Doseley) removed.

Cllr. Gibson reminded the meeting that T&WC had still not provided the required signs for the Common.

Cllr. Chetwood in referring to the T&W Partnership draft strategy, asked Members to note it but take no action.

Cllr. Gibson reported that he spoken to the MP about the HGV problems in Doseley and had been asked to provide more detail. It was agreed that Cllr. Jeffs, who had extensive knowledge of the problems accompanied Cllr. Gibson in a meeting to be arranged.

02/45 Date of next meeting 13th May 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman