

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 6th August 2001
at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: Mr. Bob King (S.T.R.O.W.P.)
Mrs. M. Weston (Public)

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman asked if there was any particular issue Mrs. Weston wished to raise. Mrs. Weston stated that she had attended to see if there had been any further developments on the Bournville plans. The Chairman informed Mrs. Weston that the matter was likely to be discussed during the meeting and if necessary, Standing Orders could be suspended to ascertain her views at that time.

01/64 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Chetwood, Gibson, Swain and Hickie.

01/65 STROWP

Bob apologised for being unable to attend a number of previously held planning meetings. He gave a report of the recent work undertaken by Pete Clerk on the rights of way in the parish.

Details of the Orders for footpath closures at Horsehay were discussed along with successful negotiations between STROWP, T&WC and the representatives of the British Horse Society which had resulted in a portion of the path around the golf course being designated a Bridle Way. This, he reported, would mean that it was now possible to ride a horse all around the course for the first time.

A report was given on the paths around the Candles site and a map was shown to Members. Bob agreed to provide a proper map to the council along with a letter seeking their views.

Bob reported that there had been an objection to the closure of footpath 124 from Mr. Oliver who stated that he wanted the path to remain open because he walked it. The objection would be forwarded along with the order and it would be then a matter for the Dept. of the Environment.

Members discussed the creation and closure orders which had recently been laid.

Bob reassured the Chairman that the footpaths on the proposed Bournville development were all safeguarded. Bob stated that he has written to BVT and continues to monitor the situation.

The Chairman reported an overgrown footpath at Spring Village. Bob agreed to follow it up.

There being no further STROWP matters, Bob was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at 8.02 p.m..

01/66 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2001 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. Woodvine asked if the council had received the promised dilapidation report on the Community Centre. The Clerk replied that despite chasing, the report had not yet been received - he would continue to follow up.

01/67 Items Pending

a) Pelican Crossing Castlefields Road

The meeting was informed that the work was almost completed. The Clerk confirmed that arrangements had been made for a publicity photograph to be taken of the Chairman handing over the funding for the crossing to T&WC Chairman at a date and time to be arranged upon completion of the work.

b) Plaque at Aqueduct

The Clerk reported that regrettably the Britannia Historical Society had not taken on board the advice or offer of help from the council and had decided, despite the strong feelings of the Parish Council that the Aqueduct was not a war memorial and should not be treated as one, that they wished to act unilaterally and apply to English heritage and T&WC to place a plaque on the Aqueduct commemorating the war dead .

The Chairman summarised the feelings of the meeting stating that it was regrettable that the society had not felt able to take up the councils offer of help to provide a dedicated memorial and that this council felt that the society had lost sight of the original intention to restore the Aqueduct as a Millennium project. To add an additional plaque (no matter how well intentioned) would be defacing the structure.

The Clerk was asked to write to English Heritage stating the Parish Council's view.

c) Lightmoor development

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from BVT outlining proposals to form a partnership with English Partnerships and to abandon the 7(i) and apply to T&WC for permission under the Town & Country Planning Act.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and asked Mrs. Weston for questions and comments.

Mrs. Weston asked if the council had received any contact or feedback from the Lightmoor Action Group. The Clerk informed the meeting that the council had not.

Members discussed matters relating to the development at length and it was agreed that it was now not a matter of if the development took place, but when. It was therefore imperative that the council has an input as to the type of development.

Cllr. Woodvine strongly recommended that the council approach BVT to obtain details of the type of development envisaged and if necessary, arrangements should be made to view some of the options on established sites. The Clerk was asked to contact BVT with a request to view the options which may be presented to the planning authority.

01/68 Aqueduct Community Centre

Cllr. Woodvine suggested that instead of T&WC offering a sum of money to this council to deal with decorating the building, it should be put to them that they do the work prior to any hand over. Members agreed that this should be put to T&WC for their comment.

01/69 Correspondence

- a) T&WC Rights of Way Orders Horsehay - previously discussed in STROWP
 - Creation Orders #2,#3,#4,#5,#6
 - Bridleway Creation Order #7
 - Bridleway Creation Order #1
 - Extinguishment #1,#2,#3.
- b) D. Everington, BVT Development - previously discussed.
- c) CPRE Landscape Magazine -Cllr. Jeffs
- d) Ramblers Footpath update - noted
- e) T&WC Walking for Health leaflet - noted
- f) T&WC, Anurada Fitzwalter, Doseley Frame Lane report on action taken since public meeting. Clerk to check some of the fact re: Johnstons Lane with Gerry Harvey T&WC.
- g) T&WC notification of maintenance work on road/footbridge bridge at Aqueduct - noted.
- h) CPRE Rural Matters and Planning Update - Cllr. Jeffs.
- i) SCC Foot & Mouth update - noted.

01/70 Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

W01/0414 Erection of detached dwelling and garage, (amended)
Land adjacent to Stanwell, Farm Lane.

W01/0630 Replacement of existing fence to side (retrospective)
Newstead, 5a St. Luke's Road.

W01/0621 Erection of two storey side extension, 9 Clydesdale
Drive, Horsehay.

W01/0622 Erection of Conservatory to rear 61 Suffolk Way,
Horsehay.

The Clerk was asked to obtain, as a matter of interest, details of W01/0630. Members objected to W01/0621 as this would make the property four bedroomed which could lead to an increase in vehicles. The site did not allow

sufficient provision for an increase of vehicles which could lead to parking on the road. The layout of the road would make this undesirable. In addition, the extension would make the property very close to neighbouring property.

No permissions were received.

No refusals were received.

01/71 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs asked the Clerk to instruct Mr. Corfield to fix the newly commissioned bench by the canal, and the gate in St. Luke's Road. The Clerk asked about the notice board. Cllr. Jeffs explained that it was still being worked on - permission was sought, and granted by the committee, to fit strong perspex to prevent vandalism.

01/72 Other Items of Information

The Clerk confirmed that the next public meeting about traffic calming had been arranged for 6th September.

Cllr. Onions reported that the Bridge Road sign was lying in the gutter.

Cllr. Pritchard informed the meeting that there had recently been, once again, foul smells in the village and Cllr. Jeffs had sorted it all out. Cllr. Jeffs was thanked.

Cllr. Jeffs gave a report on the problem of methane burn off and failure of the burners and his actions to get the problem remedied.

Cllr. Jeffs stated that he felt that the parish did not have sufficient dropped curbs to allow for easy passage of pedestrians and the disabled. The Clerk was asked to contact T&WC.

01/73 Date of next meeting 3rd September 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre 7.45 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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