

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 3rd December 2001
at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.45 p.m.

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

01/109 APOLOGIES

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Woodvine had apologised in advance for possible late arrival. Apologies were received from Cllr. Swain and Cllr. Hickie.

01/110 STROWP

No STROWP officer was present.

01/111 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2001

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. Jeffs reported that the Council had been represented at the recent rededication of war memorial plaque at Horsehay Chapel. It had not however, been possible to photograph the plaque to record the names. Cllr. Onions agreed to copy the names by hand at the earliest opportunity. Cllr. Jeffs stated that it should be noted that the plaque is a Roll of Honour, which includes the names of all those who served, not just the names of the fallen.

01/112 Items Pending

The Clerk stated that all items pending were included on the agenda.

01/113 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

a) Grounds maintenance within the Parish

Cllr. Jeffs gave a general overview of the Parish and informed members that, subject to approval, and if it was felt that the Council wished to carry out specified maintenance, there were two known and recommended contractors, one for gardening and one for general maintenance, which could be called upon.

Cllr. Chetwood reminded Members of the terms the proposed Parish Charters and Quality Town & Parish Councils and references to "double taxation".

Cllr. Jeffs stated that the Council should intend to enhance the services of T&WC, not take over their responsibilities - Cllr. Jeffs felt that all Members were fully aware of the real state of affairs where T&WC were in reality

neglecting many of the areas which, had they been more solvent should never have been neglected. If the Parish council did not attend to the neglect, then things would just get worse.

Cllr. Gibson stated that if T&WC have a shortfall in their budgetary requirements, then grounds maintenance would just not get done. He gave examples of cutbacks in health and Housing.

Members discussed the problems of neglect within the Parish.

Cllr. Jeffs asked members to give authorisation for the two contractors to be approved and any maintenance requiring expenditure in the Parish to be brought to the council for individual approval. This was put as a proposition, seconded by Cllr. Gibson, it was resolved that the contractors be approved and that any maintenance requiring expenditure in the Parish be brought to the Council for individual approval.

b) Wild Flower Meadow

Cllr. Jeffs stated that although the Mr. Jones had volunteered to create and maintain the wild flower meadow for the council, regrettably the scheme had not happened as the council would wish.

Cllr. Chetwood stated that the site was a disgrace and needed substantial work. Members were asked to look upon the site as a project for the next financial year.

Cllr. Jeffs gave an outline of the work required in maintaining a wild flower meadow.

8.16 p.m. Cllr. Woodvine joined the meeting.

Members discussed the possibilities for the site.

Cllr. Woodvine reported difficulties, due to the layout of the paving in relation to the memorial, in achieving a dignified retreat after laying a wreath at the recent remembrance service and requested that consideration be given to the realigning of the paths. Members agreed that this should be attended to.

It was agreed that the clerk should invite Becky Lloyd (T&WC) to a meeting of the Committee as soon as is practicable, so that she could advise the Council how best to develop and manage the site in the form of a wild flower meadow.

01/114 TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Clerk reported that officers of T&WC had not been in a position to attend a meeting at this stage as the work required in investigating possible road closure was by its nature quite a long process involving consultation with a number of statutory bodies. The Clerk agreed to contact T&WC officers and keep Members up to date with progress. Cllr. Jeffs asked the clerk to make it clear to officers that the public wanted to see a number of options.

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Members were informed that the Council were still awaiting the surveyor's report.

01/116 Correspondence

- a) Joint Policing Plan - Cllr. Gibson
- b) Mr. George Evans, The Wrekin County - noted.
- c) HMSO - Golden Jubilee - noted.
- d) T&WC - Snow Liaison Officer - no action.

01/117 Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

W01/1059 Erection of external staircase from first floor 59 Mount Pleasant Drive Aqueduct.

There were no objections to this scheme.

01/118 Countryside Officers Report

There was no report.

01/119 Other Items of Information

Cllr. Chetwood stated that many of the items referred to in the evenings business had direct bearings on the proposed Quality Town and Parish Council Status. The Council had delegated investigation into the merits of this to him and he was now ready to report. The Clerk was asked to place the matter on the next agenda of the full council.

Cllr. Pritchard reported that a taxi company had parked an advertising trailer on verges in the parish. Members were informed that all such activities should be reported to T&WC enforcement (through the Clerk if they wished) , the enforcement officer being Sophie Tipper.

01/120 Date of next meeting 7th January 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre 7.45 p.m.

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

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