

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 7th January 2002  
at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.45 p.m.

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

02/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Gibson.

02/02 STROWP

No SROWP officer was present. The Clerk gave Members a report on the proposals to update and reconstitute STROWP. Cllr. Jeffs gave a brief history of the formation of STROWP and its roll in the Parish.

02/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2001

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

02/04 Items Pending

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

02/05 Aqueduct Community Centre

The Chairman opened the debate by stating that the survey on the property showed that the overall condition was not too bad and that Members should also be aware that if the Parish Council did take on the centre, T&WC had agreed to provide a sum of money to put matters right.

Cllr. Chetwood referred to the proposed Charters which state that devolved services would come with appropriate funding.

8.10 p.m. Cllr. Woodvine joined the meeting

Cllr. Onions expressed concerns that the council would be spending money on the centre without sufficient group usage to keep it viable.

Cllr. Jeffs replied that the centre was not really sufficiently used at present but it had already been paid for by the people and a facility should be available locally for public use.

Members discussed the present use and possible future use.

Cllr. Chetwood stated that he would like to see any Charter T&WC produces prior to committing to the centre, to see if devolved funding comes with it.

Cllr. Woodvine warned that it was unlikely that funding would come with the centre, nor would council tax be reduced if T&WC no longer had to pay for the

centre and this would mean double taxation. Cllr. Woodvine further stated that there was little evidence of public need for the centre.

Members discussed the levels of use and means of funding. Cllr. Onions stated that he could not see T&WC devolving funding, they haven't got the money now and they won't have the money in the future.

The Clerk reminded members that the centre was scheduled to be closed and it had been offered to the parish as a possible way to avoid the closure. Members should be under no illusion that it was the intention of T&WC to rid themselves of the responsibility for the centre.

Following further discussion, Members agreed to ascertain the views of users and likely users.

#### 02/06 Village Improvements

##### a) Grounds maintenance within the parish

Cllr. Pritchard reported that the soil had now been replaced in the verges adjacent to the golf club.

Cllr. Chetwood asked the council to consider the provision of grit bins in the parish. The Clerk was asked to place grit bins on the next agenda for consideration.

Cllr. Pritchard raised the matter of the proposed closure of the civic amenity site at Stoney Hill. It was agreed that the council should write objecting to the closure as it is no problem to residents and it would be hard to find a better site.

##### b) Wild Flower Meadow

The Clerk informed the meeting that an officer of T&WC had been invited to attend the February Planning meeting to advise on the correct management of the meadow.

Cllr. Jeffs reported that the Shropshire Wildlife Trust were moving to the site of the Greenwood Trust.

#### 02/07 Traffic Matters

The Clerk reported that the three proposals which had originally been presented by T&WC were the only options which they, as Highway Authority, would be prepared to authorise.

Cllr. Woodvine suggested that there should be a final public meeting and the public, who had originally called for the measures, should decide if they want one of the options or not. It was agreed that a public meeting should be held on Monday 11th February at 7.30 p.m.. The Clerk was authorised to place a public notice in the Telford Journal.

#### 02/08 Correspondence

a) Ramblers Assoc. - Newsletter - circulated.

b) CPRE, Rural Matters - circulated.

c) CPRE, Planning Update - circulated.

d) Wellington Town Council, Rural Parish transport Plan - noted.

- e) T&WC, draft proposals to introduce a permit scheme to enforce against illegal trade use of Civic amenity sites - noted.
- f) Public Transport News (SCC) - noted.

#### 02/09 Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

W01/1084 Erection of 2 storey extension and conservatory to rear of 87 Gittens Drive Aqueduct - no objections.

W01/1066 Erection of single storey extension and porch to side of 1 Fellows Close - no objections.

W01/1153 Change of use of haulage yard to private garden land, 14 Bridge Road.

W01/1077 Erection of waste transfer station to include offices and service garage, former concrete works at Lightmoor Road.

Members expressed concerns for this application due to dangerous junction at Lightmoor Road/Ironbridge Bypass and the narrowness of Lightmoor Road.

The following permission was noted:

W01/0966 Erection of conservatory to rear of 7 Foresters Close.

#### 02/10 Countryside Officers Report

There was no report.

#### 02/11 Other Items of Information

Cllr. Onions reported concerns over the continuing problem of rubbish blowing from the Candles Site (and lorries delivering to the site) covering the adjacent areas. Cllr. Onions stated that one day over Christmas, the whole area was covered with white bags which had blown from the site in a strong wind. The Clerk was asked to convey the concerns to T&WC.

02/12 Date of next meeting 4th February 2002 at Aqueduct Community Centre 7.45 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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