

# DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

## PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2004 at  
Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

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**PRESENT** Cllr. R. Haire

Cllrs. A. Chetwood, D. Gibson, A. Hickie, R. Pritchard and  
Mrs. D. Wallis.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

### **04/01 APOLOGIES**

Apologies along with reason for absence were forwarded by Cllr. G. Onions. The apologies were accepted.

### **04/02 STROWP**

The Meeting received written reports from the STROWP Officer along with the minutes of the last STROWP meeting. Members were not content with the current brief of the STROWP officer. It was felt that the requirement merely to survey and report the condition of paths to the Borough was a retrograde step to the brief of the previous officer who had organised volunteers and community workers to attend to the required work. Members felt that the current situation meant that the report would be passed to the Borough and nothing would be done as there were simply no funds available.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that owing to the STROWP meetings clashing with the dates of Parish Council meetings it had not been possible for representatives of Council to influence the terms of employment for the officer. It was hoped that the matter could be raised at the next meeting of STROWP which was to be held on a different day to the Parish Council meeting.

#### **04/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003**

The **Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **04/04 Traffic Calming Frame Lane**

The Clerk reported that the Borough had been unable to progress the outstanding matters due to lack of staff in the department concerned.

#### **04/05 Lightmoor Development**

The Clerk informed the meeting that representatives of the Bournville Trust had agreed to attend a meeting of Council in either February or March.

#### **04/06 Items Pending**

Members discussed the public consultation in regard to the proposed bus shelter at Holly Road. The Clerk agreed to forward copies of the notice to Cllr. Chetwood prior to the next main council meeting. Cllr. Chetwood agreed to personally deliver the notices and answer any questions the public may have.

Members discussed the maintenance of ground around the wild flower meadow. The Clerk presented a quote from Cowley Garden Services to supply top soil to the edge of the ground, turf it and then mow on a fortnightly basis throughout the year. Members wished to see how the ground reacted to the growth being strimmed for a season first prior to committing to this course of action.

#### **04/07 Village Improvements**

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

Cllr. Hickie reported that the Borough had strimmed areas of the Silkin Way but highlighted the problems of residents dumping rubbish contained in carrier bags (and a mattress) at the back of the new estate at Aqueduct.

Members discussed the problems of fly tipping and the proposals of the Borough to alter the way refuse is collected.

Cllr. Haire reported that the pavements in Bridgnorth Road were beginning to break up.

The Clerk agreed to report the matters to the Borough.

Cllr. Pritchard reported that work had been carried out on trees at the Steam Trust.

Members discussed concerns over the water levels at Horsehay Pool.

#### **04/08 Bus shelters**

Members discussed the lack of progress in replacing old shelters. It was agreed that although Council would continue to wait for the contractor (in light of the lack of response to public advertisements for contractors to tender for the work), renewed efforts should be made to find other contractors should be considered.

#### **04/09 Correspondence**

- a) CPRE Request to support the CPRE in objecting to proposals which would be included in the new white paper.
- b) CPRE Voice – Cllr. Mrs. Wallis
- c) Borough Planning Change in timetable for Local Plan
- d) Borough Finance Budget proposals to match fund. Members felt that the proposals put by the Borough amounted to nothing more than double taxation. Clerk to write to the Borough setting out the concerns of Council.
- e) Ramblers Assoc. Newsletter.

#### **04/10 Planning Applications**

The following applications were received:

- W03/1453 Erection of conservatory to rear of property and retrospective approval for a shed. 18 Highland Lea, Horsehay. There were no objections.
- W03/1474 Change of use of coppice to private garden land. Land to rear of 63 and 65 Majestic Way Aqueduct. Members resolved to object to the application as it was felt that it would be loss of public amenity.

**04/11 Countryside Officers Report**

Cllr. Chetwood reported that the “Johnstones” Road was nearly finished.

Members discussed heavy lorries using Holly Road. Cllr. Chetwood stated that he had spoken to Mr. Cannon of Telford Motor Spares about his own vehicles using the route and (surprisingly) had been informed, by Mr. Cannon, that his drivers had special dispensation to use the road. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Dept. to clarify the matter.

**04/12 Other Items of Information**

Cllr. Pritchard reported that the road in Foresters Close had, long ago, been sprayed to mark the pot holes but no further action had been taken and he feared that any intention to repair them had long been forgotten.

Members discussed the problems of vehicles parking on verges in Chapel Lane. It was agreed to wait until the development work was finished and then see if there was any impact.

**04/13 Date of next meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.14 p.m.**

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman