

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 5th July 2004
at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m..

PRESENT Cllr. R. Haire (Chairman)
Cllrs. A. Hickie, J. Lees, G. Onions, R. Pritchard and
Mrs. D. Wallis.
Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

Also in attendance: Mr. Neal Roderick Borough Traffic Management
Officer

PUBLIC SESSION

No public session was held, there being no members of the public present.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Roderick who addressed the meeting on the Public Consultation for proposed weight limit on Frame Lane.

7.19 p.m. Cllr. Gibson joined the meeting

Mr. Roderick informed the meeting that there had been considerable opposition to any such scheme from the goods vehicle operators sited at Frame Lane Industrial Estate. Their main reason for objecting had been that they are, on many occasions, prevented from turning right when leaving the estate because of vehicles parked on the opposite side of Frame Lane. Mr. Roderick explained that he would only be able to introduce a weight limit (which would have the effect of preventing LGV's turning left out of the estate) if at the same time waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) were placed on Frame Lane to prevent vehicle parking opposite the exit to the industrial estate. This, he felt, would in itself engender opposition from the residents of Frame Lane. Members were not happy that in endeavouring to solve one problem they would create another by preventing the residents from parking on Frame Lane. Following discussion Mr. Roderick agreed to provide wide ranging signage throughout the area pointing ingoing traffic away from Frame Lane and to speak to the LGV operators asking for greater co-operation to ensure that vehicles, whenever possible, would turn right when leaving the estate.

The Meeting agreed to set aside the request for a weight limit to see if the proposals put forward by Mr. Roderick had any impact on the problem.

7.40 p.m. Mr. Roderick left the meeting having been thanked by the Chairman.

04/68 APOLOGIES

Apologies along with the reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. Robinson and Cllr. Chetwood.

04/69 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2004

The **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2004** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04/70 Life Belts for Parish Pools

Members were concerned that the provision of Life Belts on most if not all of the pools within the parish was poor or non-existent with many belts simply floating on rubbish in the centre of the pools. It was agreed that in the first instance the Clerk should write to the Borough reminding them of their responsibility as regard to health and safety of the public. The Borough should be asked to carry out their own risk assessment and the Parish would await the results of any action taken (if any).

04/71 Traffic Calming Frame Lane

Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

04/72 Clerk's Report on Items Pending

The Clerk reported that the manufacturers/suppliers of the youth shelter had been notified that the solar light was not working and had undertaken to put the matter right.

Lych Gates for war memorial site

The Clerk reported that he had met on site with possible suppliers and quotes had been requested.

Wild Flower Meadow

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the contractors over the proper management of the site and awaited written information.

Reinstatement of red mats Southall Road

The Clerk reported that the failure of contractors to reinstate the red mats painted on the road at Southall Road had been reported to the Highway Authority who had promised to ensure that the mats were reinstated.

04/73 Village Improvements

a) Grounds maintenance

There were no matters reported as requiring attention.

Members discussed the ownership of the Aqueduct and the lack of apparent maintenance.

04/74 Bus Shelters

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr. Kevin Price and requested that he follow up the order for a bus shelter (Holly Road) placed by him acting for the Parish Council. Mr. Price had confirmed that he had chased up the order and been informed by the suppliers "Commutaports" that they had been

experiencing some production difficulties due to a factory refurbishment.

Cllr. Onions asked that the handyman be reminded that the front of the Bus Shelter at Myford was in a poor state.

04/75 Correspondence

- a) STROWP Request to reconsider withdrawal from the partnership – noted.
- b) Ramblers Assoc. Newsletter – Cllr. Hickie

04/76 Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

- W04/0753 Building to enclose (in part) the box culvert crane line. Johnston Pipes Ltd Doseley. There were no objections.

The following permission was received:

- W04/0515 Erection of conservatory to rear of property and erection of a garden shed. 11 Sovereign Close Aqueduct.

No refusals were received.

Notification of Footpath 247 Diversion Order – Members were content with the Order which diverted the present path away from the Unicorn Inn public house and took it around the perimeter of the property. There were no objections.

04/77 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Hickie asked that the meeting reconsider the proposed sites for the seats presently on order. He stated that with hindsight and upon further consultation with residents the proposed site was not now thought to be suitable. Members agreed with Cllr. Hickie and agreed that the order should remain but the siting of the benches should be reconsidered. It was agreed that some thought would be given to alternative sites.

Cllr. Hickie referred to his earlier request that something be done by the Borough to make the crossing of the Silkin Way at Chapel Lane safer stating that he now knew that there was painted markings “SLOW” on the footway but that they were faint and needed repainting in larger more bold letters. The Clerk agreed to pass the comments on to the Borough.

04/78 Other Items of Information

Cllr. Onions gave a report on the final service held at Little Dawley Methodist Church was now closed. Cllr. Onions was thanked for representing Council at the service.

The Clerk confirmed that the laying of wreaths on the War Memorial at Little Dawley would still be encouraged by Council even though it seemed unlikely now that any formal religious ceremony would be held. The Clerk was asked

to order the usual wreath to be laid on the memorial.
Cllr. Onions asked if Council would consent to the laying of a wreath by St. John's Ambulance Service and Members were pleased to consent and indeed encouraged such.

04/79 Date of next meeting Monday 2nd August 2004 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8. 30 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....