

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 14th May 2001
at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: Ten members of the public.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ten residents of Chapel Lane, Aqueduct had attended the meeting to bring to the council their concerns over possible proposals to develop and /or sell off the garages and land at the end of Chapel Lane. The residents informed the meeting that they had been informed by T&WC Land and Property that it could be a possibility that the garages would be demolished and the land used for building. This information had raised grave concerns over the already difficult problems of vehicles parking on the Lane and the possibility of increasingly restricted access for emergency vehicles.

The residents stated that they had, for a number of years tried to get T&WC to accept their responsibility as landlord, to bring the garages into a good state of repair as they were increasingly becoming derelict. There were now suspicions that the garages had been allowed to deteriorate to the stage of being unrepairable so that such a proposition as the one now on the table could be justified.

The residents asked the council to help prevent the demolition and sale of the land and to prevent any development. They further stated that they would be prepared to negotiate as a residents body, to purchase the garages, but feared that the cost would be prohibitive.

The Chairman agreed that the lane was indeed difficult to negotiate by car and that the garage space at the bottom of the land provided the only turning point. If this was removed, there would be very grave difficulties in negotiating the lane, and there was indeed fears that emergency access would be prohibitively restrictive. Cllr. Jeffs reassured the public that, should the matter ever reach the stage of a planning application, the council would consider the problems raised by the residents and it would be likely that objections would be raised. In the mean time, it was suggested by the Chairman that the council try to ascertain whether the rumours were in fact true and act as a mediator to put forward the views of the residents, if necessary putting forward the proposal by residents to purchase the land for themselves to prevent development.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. David Evison of T&WC and to liaise with Mr. Michael Crees of 8 Chapel Lane as spokesman for the residents.

01/33 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Swain.

01/34 STROWP

There were no STROWP officers present.

01/35 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2001 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The dog fouling signs had been ordered.

Members heard that the Wellington road sign, referred to at the last meeting, was still in situ, but had been painted over. The Clerk was asked to write to the landlord of the Foresters arms to request that the sign is restored.

01/36 Items Pending

a) Pelican Crossing Castlefields Road

The meeting was informed that the work was due to commence in May.

b) Memorial to the late Cllr. Morton

The Clerk stated that he had raised this matter because all offers to provide funding for a memorial at the chapel had met with a complete lack of response.

The Clerk asked that members consider possible alternatives.

Following discussion, Cllr. Chetwood agreed to have one final word with the chapel officials over the provision of oak doors and that if that gets no response, then the council should consider other options.

c) BVT - The Clerk was asked to contact BVT to clarify the misleading information they gave in a recent Shropshire Star article.

d) The Clerk informed the meeting that JDM Midlands would be surveying the site outside the War Memorial on Thursday 24th May with a view to quoting for the work. The Chairman asked the Clerk to sort out the problem of weeds growing on the site.

Members heard that the promise by the councils handyman to obtain free wild flower seeds via the Iron Bridge Gorge Trust had failed to materialise. The Clerk was authorised to order 5lb of wild flower seeds for the meadow.

e) Former Rose Beds

The Clerk was asked to contact T&WC to remind them that the newly grassed areas needed cutting. Members heard that this council was still awaiting a licence to take over the areas and would be publishing a tender advertisement at the earliest opportunity. In the mean time, the Clerk would urge T&WC to cut the grass.

01/37 Shropshire Air Quality Report

Members discussed the draft report. The Clerk was asked to respond with the parish concerns over such problems as:

Gas burn off from the waste disposal sites, The Armaflow factory emissions, and varying concerns over commercial catering premises.

01/38 Correspondence

a) Madeley Parish Council - invitation to attend a regular fora to discuss new

- cleansing contracts - clerk to attend initial meeting.
- b) Telford Marketing Partnership - request to check details of a new street map of Telford - Cllr. Hickey noted that Malory Drive was incorrectly spelt with two l's. Clerk to write. Cllr. Jeffs agreed to check the rest of the map.
 - c) T&WC - notification of candidates for Unitary election- noted.
 - d) STROWP - minutes and agenda.
 - e) T&WC Foot and Mouth update.
 - f) CPRE Update - noted.
 - g) T&WC Contaminated land strategy - noted.

01/39 Planning Applications

The following permissions were received:

W2001/0151 Erection of conservatory to rear of 16 Stonebridge Close, Aqueduct.

W2001/0264 Erection of single and two storey rear extension 15 Viscount Avenue, Aqueduct.

W99/1088 Erection of 4 terraced houses. Land adjacent to The Station Inn, Horsehay.

English Partnership

EP/PL/TF/04/01/01 Plot B Pool Hill Road, Horsehay

The following refusal was received:

W2001/0264 Two storey side extension 19 Clydesdale Drive, Horsehay.

Section 38 agreement Development at Aqueduct Green, Aqueduct.

01/40 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs stated that due to the restrictions imposed because of the current outbreak of Foot & Mouth, he had been unable to fulfil any countryside duties and there was therefore still nothing to report.

01/41 Other Items of Information

The clerk reported to the Council a request received from Aqueduct residents to provide a plaque to commemorate those killed in the wars, to be placed on the newly refurbished Aqueduct. the meeting expressed concern that the Aqueduct be used as a war memorial. It was felt that if the residents wanted a war memorial, the request should be made for a specific memorial and not be confused with the Aqueduct. The Aqueduct had been built for a specific industrial purpose and was not a war memorial. If they wanted a plaque to commemorate the refurbishment of the structure, then that would be a different matter. the Clerk was asked to respond to the request with the council's view.

Cllr. Jeffs, in referring to the forthcoming meeting to discuss the possible take over of the Community Centre, informed the meeting that he had visited the new offices of Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Parish Council and their Clerk had sent an open invitation to all Members to visit the offices. While there, he had discussed with their clerk the merits of the office and the things which, in hind sight, could have been done in planning the building.

Cllr. Onions brought to the attention of the council the continued problems of fly tipping at the entrance of the old Ibstock Brick site entrance. Clerk to request clearance.

01/42 Date of next meeting 4th June 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre
7.45 p.m.

The Chairman reminded Members that there was to be a meeting of a working group to discuss the Community Centre at 7pm on Monday 21st May.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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