

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 13th May 2002  
at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

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

There were two members of the public present.

02/46 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Miss S. Woodvine and Cllr. Mrs. T. Swain

02/47 STROWP

the Clerk informed the meeting that T&WC had made no further progress in the replacement of the bridge(s) at Spring Village. However, the STROWP officer had received assurances that any replacements would be of a suitable type and material.

02/48 The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2002 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

02/49 Items Pending

Illegal Signs Doseley

Members were concerned that T&WC had taken no action over the illegal signs at Doseley. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been raised.

Traffic Calming Doseley

The Clerk reported to the meeting that Mrs. Fitzwalter had contacted the Parish Council to apologise for not attending to matters, explaining that she had firstly been on sick leave and then had taken study leave. She had promised to attend to the parish proposals as soon as time allowed.

Dangerous Tree Aqueduct

Cllr. Hickie reported that Siobhan Reedy had been made aware of an extremely dangerous tree in Aqueduct.

Street Signs - Horsehay Common

The Clerk reported that the requested street signs were unlikely to be funded by T&WC as they were "additions" to the minimum. Following discussion, it was resolved to fund the signs out of the Village Improvement budget.

The Clerk was asked to put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting and Cllr. Gibson was asked to report on the required signs.

### Chapel Lane Garages

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by the police beat manager about residents concerns over the traffic/parking problems which are likely to be caused by the proposed development of the garages on Chapel Lane Aqueduct. The officer had been informed that the Parish council had also been concerned over the proposals and had made these concerns known to T&WC. The Chairman briefly suspended Standing Orders to allow the two members of the public who had attended (to present similar concerns) to comment. Members heard that the residents of Chapel lane were as a whole opposed to the development of the site and were most concerned that the consequences of such development would be detrimental to all who live in and use Chapel Lane.

### Car Park - Snooker Club

The clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Semple (T&WC) who had indicated that the problem may be resolved satisfactorily but could not at this stage comment further.

### 02/50 Lightmoor Development

The Chairman stated that from the very beginning the PC had been against any development on the site and had even actively supported the Lightmoor Action Group in open opposition. He felt however, that time had moved on and as the present composition of the council was very different, it would be appropriate to debate the issue with an open mind and review this position. He stated that it was important that the feelings of the present council were ascertained - years ago, it was something on paper for the distant future, now it is a reality and must be debated fully.

Members debated the proposal at length, the general feeling of the meeting being that their instinct and emotion was to reject any such application outright. However it was felt that the reality of the situation was that there is a housing need in Telford and this proposal had been well researched and met many of the needs for specialist and lifetime homes. It was also felt that although the discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting had been reasonably well attended by (mostly) those who objected, there was a vast silent majority as yet unheard who had not objected to the proposals. Some of the residents most likely to be affected who had attended the APM had come around to the idea that development was inevitable and as such, it was better that BVT be in control rather than spurious developers.

The Chairman suggested that the committee make a recommendation to the main council meeting that the Parish Council accept the present planning application (as an outline application) as it stands and then form a steering group to negotiate with BVT and EP in an attempt to influence the development.

Members were of the opinion that by rejecting the application outright at this stage, when it may have a high chance of success, would mean that the PC would not be in such a favourable position to influence any development.

Following further (lengthy) discussion, it was agreed to recommend to full council that the application not be opposed at this stage and then a steering group be formed with the aim of working with BVT and EP to influence suitable changes as the parish sees appropriate.

#### 02/51 Bus Shelters

The Clerk reminded Members that the replacement of the dilapidated bus shelter on Southall Road, Aqueduct had been put into abeyance as it had been thought that it may have been replaced under a “priority bus route” scheme by T&WC. As it had now been determined that the route was not to be a priority route and therefore the shelter not replaced by T&WC, the Clerk requested that Members now consider the provision of a replacement.

Resolved to provide a replacement brick built bus shelter at Southall Road, Aqueduct.

#### 02/52 Village Improvements

a) Grounds maintenance within the parish

Members agreed that the bank at the top of Frame Lane should be strimmed off and that all saplings (with the exception of silver birch) be removed.

b) Wild Flower Meadow

Members agreed that the work to remove the top soil from the site should be progressed with.

#### 02/53 Traffic Matters

Previously reported upon.

#### 02/54 Correspondence

a) STROWP minutes - noted.

b) CPRE - Annual Report - Cllr. Jeffs

c) Env. Agency - Focus magazine - noted.

d) Lord Lieutenant - Thanksgiving service Golden Jubilee - noted.

e) T&WC - Extra ordinary meeting, change of name to The Borough of Telford & Wrekin.

#### 02/55 Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

W02/0392 Proposed Village development Lightmoor.

Members had discussed the matter previously. The application was circulated to all Members for proper perusal prior to the main PC meeting.

W02/0420 Erection of 3 detached dwellings with double garage. Land adjacent to Crimond, Doseley Road. There were no objections.

W02/0391 Proposed single storey rear extension. 11 Mallory Drive, Aqueduct. There were no objections.

W02/0414 Proposed 1st floor extension to side and conservatory to rear.  
11 Farm Lane, Horsehay. There were no objections.

W02/0449 erection of brick retaining wall to rear and installation of new  
French doors to replace rear door. 9 New Row, Aqueduct.  
There were no objections.

W02/0348 Proposed 2 storey side extension. 61 Fellows Close, Little  
Dawley. There were no objections.

W02/0390 Erection of conservatory to rear and retrospective existing shed.  
11 Blakemore Court, Horsehay. There were no objections.

The following permissions were noted:

W02/0217 Proposed 2 storey side extension and single storey rear ext. 2  
Walnut Close, Aqueduct.

W02/0015 Importation of excavation waste for recycling with concrete  
processing waste material in production of sub base material.  
Johnstones Pipes Ltd.

The following refusal was noted:

W02/0216 Residential development (outline) Telford Motor Spares  
Lightmoor Road.

02/56 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs requested the STROWP officer be asked to provide surface grit at  
the gate in St. Luke's Road.

02/57 Other Items of Information

Cllr. Onions reported that the area had been inundated with small flies (for  
some unknown reason) on the previous day. Other Members confirmed the  
report.

Members expressed concern over the increasingly dilapidated condition of  
Upper Colemore Farm. It was acknowledged that the farm was not within the  
parish but the eyesore most affected DHPC parishioners.

The Clerk thanked Cllr. Hickie for voluntarily repairing the locks on two of the  
council's notice boards.

02/58 Date of next meeting 10th June 2002 at Aqueduct Community  
Centre 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9. 12 p.m.

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