

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 5th March 2001
at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.45 p.m.

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

01/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Bob King and Pete Clerk. Members heard that it had been the intention of Pete Clerk to attend the meeting but he had been prevented from doing so by the current Foot and Mouth restrictions. Bob was unable to substitute for Pete due to other arrangements.

01/13 STROWP

There were no STROWP officers. Apologies had been received and recorded.

01/14 Minutes of the meeting held in February

Members were informed that the February meeting had, after being postponed from 8th to the 12th, been inquorate. The Chairman informed Members that on the 12th, two members of the public had attended and made a request for the provision of a street sign at Bridgnorth Road. This request was approved by Members at this meeting. It was resolved to purchase a street sign for Bridgnorth Road.

01/15 Items Pending

a) Litter bin

The Clerk reported that the litter bin ordered for the War Memorial site was now in the possession of the council.

b) Rose Beds Horsehay

Members discussed the rose beds at Horsehay which had now been fully turfed. It was resolved to apply for a licence to maintain the verges.

01/16 Street Signs Horsehay and Aqueduct

Members discussed the lack of appropriate signage to clearly indicate various locations in Spring Village and Horsehay.

It was resolved to purchase three signs:

One to state "Spring Village leading to Horsehay Common".

Two to state "Horsehay Common". Such signs to be installed in the appropriate places.

Cllr. Swain reported that the Bridge Road sign had been damaged in a road accident some time ago and was still awaiting repair. Clerk to report to T&WC.

01/17 Provision of bollards at Horsehay and War Memorial site

Members discussed the problems of vehicles parking inappropriately in areas of Horsehay (newly turfed areas) and at the War Memorial Site.

It was resolved that the areas at horsehay should be considered when the licence to maintain had been granted.

Members went on to discuss the War Memorial site. Cllr. Jeffs suggested that rows of bollards were placed adjacent to the gate to prevent vehicles being parked. Cllr. Woodvine stated that the council should be cautious not to reduce access for disabled users. Members agreed that the council should avoid causing a hazard on what is already a potentially dangerous corner.

Cllr. Gibson gave guidance on the needs of the disabled and expressed concern over the possibility that further difficulties could be created whilst trying to solve the problem. Following further discussion, it was resolved that Cllr. Gibson and the Clerk should meet with the appropriate T&WC officers to obtain the necessary guidance and report back to this committee.

01/18 Correspondence

- a) Ramblers Association Magazine - Cllr. Jeffs
- b) STROWP - minutes and agenda - noted

01/19 Planning Applications

Members gave retrospective consideration to the applications which would have been presented to the February meeting as follows:

W2001/0013 Proposed two storey side extension and entrance canopy
10 Sceptre Close Aqueduct.

W2001/0097 Proposed two storey side extension 19 Clydesdale Drive
Horsehay.

W2001/0083 Erection of a two storey rear extension
The Firs 3 St Lukes Road Doseley

E.P./PL/TF/04/01/01 Erection of residential development Plot B Pool Hill
Road Horsehay.

No objection were raised.

The meeting heard that in February, T&WC approved the following application.

W2001/1049 Erection of a conservatory to rear 42 Hafren Road Little
Dawley.

The meeting then went on to review applications and permissions for March.
The following permissions were received:

W2001/0013 Two storey side extension and entrance canopy. 10
Sceptre Close Aqueduct.

W2001/1071 Erection of new pharmacy adjoining existing surgery.
Land adjoining Aqueduct Surgery, Majestic Way,
Aqueduct.

W2001/1038 Erection of 1.5m high fence. 20 Foresters Close,
Horsehay.

Consideration was given to the following application:

W2001/0151 Erection of conservatory to rear of 16 Stonebridge
Close, Aqueduct. No objections were raised.

EP/PL/TF/04/01/04 Infrastructure works, Lightmoor.

Members heard that a public exhibition was scheduled to take place on this
application at Horsehay Village Hall on Friday 9th March.

Cllr. Jeffs gave Members a full outline of the proposals. Following discussion,
it was resolved that the following observations be brought to the attention of
English Partnerships:

That the Parish Council has no overall objection to the scheme. This is a 7(i)
application and has long been anticipated.

The Council makes the assumption that a car park large enough to cater for
200 cars can only be because it is anticipated that there will be that number of
employees. Does this mean expansion of operations and employment ?

If this site is to substantially replace working on the Doseley site, will the
original Doseley entrance be closed ? Will this mean that there will no longer be
a need for Johnston's heavy goods traffic to pass through Doseley and Doseley
Bank ?

How long will the building work take (impact on local residents) ?

Will Johnston's now have no need of, and therefore close, the old Armaflow
factory?

The Council notes that the architects are keen to reduce visual impact, can
Johnston's reduce the height of their stockpiled pipes now that they have the
space ?

Whilst the building work is taking place, could provision be made to build an
access road at the rear of local domestic properties (Woodhouse Lane). There
are continual problems with parked vehicles on Woodhouse Lane and perhaps
this is the opportunity to solve a problem.

The Council, having raised a number of issues and concerns which it feels need
to be answered, would like to suggest a working group consisting of Members
of this Council, officers of E.P and representatives of Johnston's Pipes. This, it
is felt, would be beneficial as a liaison body and would, possibly, avoid any ill
feelings in the community.

01/20 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 nothing to report.

01/21 Other Items of Information

Cllr. Onions asked if the proposed privatisation of T&WC services would have any direct impact on services.

Members were informed that the day to day operation should remain the same and T&WC were still responsible for the levels of service.

01/22 Date of next meeting 2nd April 2001 at Aqueduct Community Centre
7.45 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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