

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 3rd March 2008
at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr. R. Haire - Chairman
Cllrs. A. Chetwood, Geraldine King, Mrs. B. Onions,
G. Onions and Tansy Swain.

Mr M. Goldstraw (Clerk)

07/65 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

07/66 Minutes

The **Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2008** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

07/67 Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

07/68 Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

W08/0102 Erection of a two storey side extension – 6 Mendip Close, Little Dawley. There were no objections.

W08/0082 Alteration to existing garden retaining wall and erection of railing fence – 5 Pool View Horsehay. There were no objections.

W08/0079 Erection of single storey side extension – 39 Eleanors Close Aqueduct. There were no objections.

W08/0107 erection of four detached dwelling houses with associated works – 14 Bridge Road Horsehay. The meeting expressed concern over the difficult access to this site – the level of the site was such that those entering had a steep drop from the road down to the site and the access route was by a single carriageway which could not be made wider.

W08/0071 Erection of a two storey extension – 42 Lawley Gate. There were no objections.

W08/0097 Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of five two storey dwelling houses and associated works – Sundorn Holly Road Little Dawley. Members expressed concerns over the access

and egress to this site. The meeting felt that the access to the site was on a blind bend in the road and questioned whether it wouldn't have been better to have the site accessed from Corbett Close. Access to and from the site was difficult for even a single vehicle; the proposed development could mean an increase of ten vehicles using the site.

W08/0176 Tree works to remove seventeen trees and shrubs from the boundary between 9 and 11 Spring Village, Horsehay. There were no objections.

No permissions or refusals were received.

07/69 The Aqueduct – Maintenance and Upkeep.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a very brief report from the Borough Engineer which stated that the clay lining to the aqueduct may not be still intact, but there are large electrical cables that are carried over the top of the aqueduct, and these are apparently enclosed in a concrete box. The Engineer could not see that much water could permeate through the surfacing and concrete (which were both repaired in 2001) and she thought that it was much more likely, in her opinion, that the water was originating from the embankments either side of the aqueduct. This engineer stated that this was born out by the fact that the green growth is not greatest at the top of the arch, but to the sides of the top.

The engineer confirmed the view of the Parish Council that the stonework wasn't in very good condition and it is wet but stated that the record photographs date back to 1998, and these showed that the situation had not changed much since that time. Members heard that the Borough would like to repair the stonework, and it was on their list of structures requiring maintenance. Unfortunately the list was a long one and their budget did not extend too far, and so they have to assess each of the structures in turn to decide where that year's budget will be spent - on a priority basis. The engineer confirmed that the Borough did regularly monitor the structures that are awaiting repairs, including the aqueduct and had stated that if funding was available, and could be earmarked for this historic structure, then they would "love to carry out the work".

The Clerk informed the meeting that the engineer had hinted that some parishes had been able to obtain outside funding to ensure repairs of historic structures were undertaken. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had asked the engineer for an approximate price but this was still awaited.

The engineer had also confirmed that in 2001 some work was carried out, including the replacement of the railings and that although they are in need of a coat of paint, they were still structurally sound.

07/70 Dog Fouling

The Clerk reported that he had received feedback from the Borough on the success of the additional waste bins. The Borough officer had stated that the bins had been a great success and that more people have phoned in asking for bins in their area's once they have seen all these other bins installed. The Officer had further stated that he had just installed another bin outside the chip shop at Horsehay because the one there is always full and that this bin had only been installed on Thursday the previous week and was full a few days later. The Officer had said "You must ask yourself where did all this litter go before? Also dog owners are using them in great numbers".

07/71 Village Improvements

a) General Grounds Maintenance

The status of the footpath from the bottom of the pools to Majestic Way was questioned and Cllr. Chetwood agreed to raise the matter when he met with Jaswant Sidhu, ROW Officer, later in the month. Cllr. Chetwood stated that he would be meeting Mr. Sidhu to discuss the possibility (and cost) of metaling a portion of footpath at the back of the Unicorn and also to discuss the requirements for the RADAR gates.

Members discussed the possibility of part funding the surfacing of the path behind the Unicorn in and it was agreed in principle to support such a project (subject to satisfactory costs being agreed).

07/72 Countryside Officers Report

There was no report.

07/73 Correspondence

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| T&WC | Strategic Land Assessment Report – Cllr. Chetwood |
| T&WC | Street naming – Council received the thanks of the officer for the suggestions put forward. Two however were not practical and the officer asked if Council could provide more – members agreed to give the matter some thought. |
| T&WC | Design for Community Safety – noted. |
| Ramblers Association | Annual Report – noted. |
| T&WC | Wrekin Walk maps – circulated. |

07/74 Date of next meeting

Members were asked to note that the next Planning Meeting would be Monday 7th April 2008 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

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