

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the above committee held on Monday 3rd September 2001
at Aqueduct Community Centre at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: Mrs. M. Weston (Public)

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman asked if there was any particular issue Mrs. Weston wished to raise. Mrs. Weston stated that she had attended to see if there had been any further developments on the Bournville plans. The Chairman stated that the council had heard further, from BVT following its last letter. The Clerk read the letter to the meeting. Mrs. Weston stated that she could not understand any of the reasons why the proposed development was being handled in the way it was. she felt that E.P. was a QUANGO and as such belonged to the public and yet the public had no say.

Cllr. Jeffs explained that BVT were acting in effect as managing agents for the site. Mrs. Weston continued to express concern, stating that she would challenge matters at the public meeting.

Cllr. Jeffs stated that his main concern was that this project has taken so long to get off the ground, someone may say "forget it". If BVT pull out, he warned, matters would be much worse with everything being left to T&WC and private developers.

The Chairman raised concerns over the way in which the new roll BVT had adopted as merely acting as agents, would fit in with their mandate as a registered charity. The Clerk agreed to write to BVT to clarify this issue.

The Chairman raised the concerns expressed in recent press reports over possible damage to the health of children living within 2 miles of land fill sites and asked if the reports had any relevance to the parish and in particular, the Stoney Hill site.

Cllr. Jeffs reminded the meeting that the site had a clay seal and the fact that it lay on a fault line had always given him cause for concern. The Clerk agreed to contact the Shropshire Star to ask for the source of the report.

Bringing the meeting back to consider the letter from BVT, the Chairman asked if Members were minded to accept the invitation to visit similar sites. It was agreed that a small delegation (to be decided) would view the sites and report back to the council.

01/74 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Chetwood, Gibson, and Hickie.

8.15 p.m. Cllr. Swain tendered her apologies and left the meeting to attend a charity function.

01/75 STROWP

Apologies were received from Bob King.

01/76 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2001

Members agreed that minute 01/72 should be amended to state that it was Cllr. Onions who had raised the matter of dropped curbs, not Cllr. Jeffs. Subject to this, The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2001 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

01/77 Items Pending

a) Pelican Crossing Castlefields Road

Owing to the busy schedule of the Chairman, the Clerk asked members to consider another member as a stand in for the publicity photograph at the hand over of the funding cheque. Members agreed that it would be proper to ask Cllr. Gibson, as vice Chairman, to attend on behalf of the Chairman. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Cllr. Gibson (subject to his agreement) and T&WC and to produce a Press Release to make it clear that the crossing had come to fruition solely due to pressure from the parish council.

b) War Memorial Site

The Clerk reported that the gravel surface of the war memorial was becoming more and more overgrown as the weeks went by. In view of the fast approaching date of Remembrance Day and the inevitable need to use the site, the Clerk requested members to consider either funding the labour to weed the site (a task which was considered to be vast), or to consider a more permanent solution to solve what should have been done from day one, namely to have a weed proof membrane placed under the gravel.

Cllr. Jeffs stated that the site needed to be done properly and suggested obtaining the services of a local contractor to “pull back” the gravel and put a liner down. The Chairman supported this view and asked for the gravel to be removed, weed killer put down, a membrane put in place and the gravel to be replaced.

The Clerk reminded members that they had set aside, within the budget, the income from the Halifax share issues to deal with costs on this site.

Members agreed that the work should be undertaken as discussed, urgently, in order that the site be respectable for November.

The Clerk was asked to see if it would be possible to co-ordinate the work due on the curbs outside the site with the surfacing work.

Members also agreed that the Chapel committee should be approached with an

offer to grant funding for refreshments on the day of the service of remembrance.

01/78 Lightmoor development
Dealt with in the Public Session

01/79 Aqueduct Community Centre
The Clerk reported that T&WC Policy & Resources Cttee were considering correspondence from the parish council. No dilapidation report had been received despite repeated requests. The Chairman pointed out several new areas of vandalism on the site and reiterated her concerns.

01/80 Correspondence
a) Ramblers Association Newsletter - Cllr. Jeffs
b) BVT visit to sites - discussed in Public session.

01/81 Planning Applications
The following applications were received:
W01/0748 Erection of 2 storey front & side extension etc. Apple Cottage 31 Holly Road Little Dawley.

W01/0725 Change of use to waste oil reception and processing centre. Units 1 - 3 Lower Works, Horsehay.

W01/0652 Erection of a shelter for sheep and ponys. Land off Wellington Road Lawley.

Public Bridleway creation Order (Horsehay No. 7)
No objections were raised.

The following permissions were noted:
W01/0622 Erection of a conservatory to rear of 61 Suffolk Way Horsehay.

W01/0268 Two storey and single storey extensions to side of 10, Sovereign Close Aqueduct.

W01/0484 Extension to existing warehouse QA Ironbridge Ltd. Lightmoor Road, Lightmoor.

W01/0496 Proposed residential development (outline) 36 Lawley Gate.

The following refusal was noted:
W01/0514 Erection of 4 bay tyre depot land adjoining Crimond,

Doseley Road, Doseley.

01/82 Countryside Officers Report

Cllr. Jeffs had nothing to report.

01/83 Other Items of Information

Cllr. Pritchard informed the meeting that he had reported continuing foul smells emanating from the land fill site and was informed that they were doing all they could to monitor the situation and the problem should be resolved by mid November.

Cllr. Jeffs handed to the meeting a copy of a letter to T&WC Environmental Health, from a resident objecting to the planning application for the Candles site. Members agreed that as this application was not within the parish, the matter should be noted and a letter written to the resident out of courtesy.

Cllr. Onions asked the Clerk to write a letter of condolences to Great Dawley Parish Council for the death of Cllr. Athersmith. Members agreed to this course of action.

01/84 Date of next meeting 1st October 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