

PARISH OF DAWLEY HAMLETS
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.00 pm at Aqueduct Primary School

- In The Chair** Cllr. A Burford (Chair of the Parish Meeting)
- Present:** Cllrs. K Barnes (arrived 7.19pm), S Deakin, J Greenaway, D Hopkins, R Mehta and B Wennington
- Also Present:** Tammy Lockley – Headteacher of Aqueduct Primary School
Simon James – Chairman of the Horsehay Horticultural Society
Chris Whitehead – Director of the Telford Steam Railway
Four Members of the Public
K Ewence (Clerk)

1 Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the reason for and the format of the Annual Parish Meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. B Cooke and I Preece

3 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th April 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th April 2022 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

4 Chair and Parish Councillor Reports

The Chair gave a verbal report which began by talking about the tough times which continued to face residents and the small ways in which the Parish Council can make residents lives more tolerable. He went on to talk about the Parish Council using partnership working and match-funding borough councilor pride fund money to maximise the use of Parish Council funds and resources and said that initiatives such as the parish Christmas trees, newsletters and senior residents' events were well received by residents.

Several written reports submitted by Parish Councillors were circulated in advance of the meeting and Parish Councillors present at the meeting were invited to make any additional comments and statements.

A copy of the Chairs report and Parish Councillors written reports will be placed on the Parish Council website.

5 Reports from Local Organisations

The Chair welcomed Simon James, the Chairman of the Horsehay Horticultural Society, to the meeting. Mr James informed the meeting the first Horsehay Horticultural Society show held since the pandemic on Saturday 3rd September 2022 was very successful. Mr James thanked the Parish Council for their sponsorship and informed the meeting that this year's show will be held on Saturday 2nd September.

Tammy Lockley, Headteacher of Aqueduct Primary School, thanked the Parish Council for funding the school's Christmas pantomime.

Chris Whitehead Director of the Telford Steam Railway (TSR) provided an update on the plans for the TSR to start relaying the railway down to Doseley and that they had secured

funding for a footpath down to the recently demolished Cheshire Cheese public house.

Written reports from local organisations; the Friends of Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve, the Friends of Horsehay Pool & Environs, and the Telford Steam Railway were circulated in advance of the meeting and copies of these reports will be placed on the Parish Council website.

The Chair thanked all organisations for attending and for their contributions.

There being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 7.36pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairman