

**PARISH OF DAWLEY HAMLETS**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
Held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at 7.00 pm virtually by Zoom

**In The Chair** Cllr. A Burford (Chairman of the Parish Meeting)

**Present:** Cllrs. C Cassar, K Barnes, B Cooke, D Hopkins, R Mehta, B Wennington

**Also Present:** Cllr. Allan Wilson - Vice Chair SALC (Telford & Wrekin)  
Paul Sanderson – Telford Steam Railway  
One Member of the Public  
K Ewence (Clerk)

**1 Introductions**

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

**2 Apologies for Absence**

Courtesy apologies from Borough Councillor J Greenaway.

**3 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic no meeting was held in 2020. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**4 Chairman and Parish Councillor Reports**

The Chairman gave a verbal report, he began by saying that it had been a difficult and atypical year for the Parish Council with the most upsetting aspect of the pandemic being the loss of Parish Councillor Beryl Onions who was a well-liked and very respected Parish Councillor who had worked hard for Horsehay. The Chairman summarised the work and achievements of the Parish Council over the last 12 months and said it strives to continue to engage and deliver on a wide range of projects and issues in 2021/22.

The Chairman acknowledged receipt of reports from Cllrs. Barnes, Hopkins and Wennington which were circulated in advance of the meeting. Copies will be placed on the Parish Council website.

The Chairman invited comments from Parish Councillors and a number of local issues were raised and discussed amongst which Cllr. Mehta said just one more volunteer was required for the Horsehay Speedwatch Group. Cllr. Hopkins highlighted his concern that the increase in housing stock in the Dawley Hamlets Ward over the last few years had left this ward underrepresented on the Parish Council, the Chairman informed the meeting that T&WC were currently carrying out a review of borough ward boundaries and this would be followed by a town and parish council boundary review.

**5 Shropshire Climate Action Partnership – Cllr. Allan Wilson, Vice Chair SALC (Telford & Wrekin)**

The Chairman introduced Cllr. Allan Wilson who delivered a presentation on climate change which was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Wilson for his presentation and informed the meeting that a copy of the presentation would be made available after the meeting.

**7.41pm Mr Wilson left the meeting and Mr Sanderson joined the meeting.**

**6 Reports from Local Organisations**

Reports from the Friends of Dawley Hamlets Local Nature and the Telford Steam Railway (TSR) were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Paul Sanderson from the TSR was present at the meeting and he thanked the Parish Council for the TSR's recent grant fund award towards the rebuilding of the Horsehay and Dawley signal box project.

Copies of these reports will be placed on the Parish Council website.

**7 Resolutions**

There were no resolutions.

There being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 7.56pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

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