

DAWLEY HAMLETS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllr. A Burford (Chairman)
Cllrs D Hopkins and K Barnes
Also Present: The Clerk

19/142 Introductions

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and informed the meeting that all agenda items apart from correspondence would be deferred to allow the meeting to be expedited quickly due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

19/143 Correspondence

The immediate implications of the Coronavirus pandemic for the Parish Council were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to take the following actions:

- a) To note that it is lawful for the Clerk/Locum Clerk to spend against the following items in the Parish Council's budget: Clerk's salary and related expenses, subscriptions, equipment and stationery, insurance, audit fees and newsletter production and distribution, all of which having been identified in the budget when setting the precept, any such payments to be reported to the Council at the next ordinary meeting.
- b) To delegate powers to the Clerk/Locum Clerk and the Chairman (or other Councillor if not available) to respond to planning applications. The Clerk/Locum Clerk will e-mail a monthly update to all Councillors for their information and Councillors will still be able to submit their own personal comments to the local planning authority.
- c) To receive and act upon Government advice in relation to the holding of the Annual Meeting of the Parish scheduled to meet on Wednesday 15th April 2020 (noting such meetings must be held before 1 June) and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday 20th May April 2020 (noting such a meeting must be held in May), thereby giving delegated power to the Clerk/Locum Clerk to make necessary re-arrangements for these meetings in consultation with the Chair.
- d) To cancel the older residents Summer Picnic arranged for 5th June 2020.

19/144 Date of the next meeting

The Chairman informed the meeting that it would be unlikely that the Parish Council would be able to meet again for some time due to the anticipated introduction of government legislation on social distancing relating to the Coronavirus pandemic.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.13pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairman