

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on **Wednesday 16th July 2025**
at **Aqueduct Primary School at 7.00pm**

Present

Cllr. B Wennington (Chair), Cllrs. Z Hannington and S Wennington

Also Present:

C Pearson and P Lorenz – T&WC Strategic Transport and Highways Network

F Curry – Friend of DHLNR

Two members of the public

K Ewence (Clerk)

25/40 – Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25/41 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. K Barnes, S Heighway, R Mehta, L Parker, I Preece and M Rogers.

25/42 – Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Chair – Friends of DHLNR

Cllr. Z Hannington – GDTC, L&OPC and Borough Councillor for Lawley

Cllr. S Wennington – None declared

25/43 – Public Session

A local resident raised concerns regarding the condition of the Doseley Industrial Estate, stating that the site appeared neglected, overgrown, and was encroaching onto his property. The resident enquired about the current ownership of the estate. The Clerk will investigate and report back with this information.

25/44 – Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025 as a true and accurate record.

25/45 – Traffic Calming & Road Safety

The Chair welcomed Chris Pearson and Phil Lorenz from T&WC's Strategic Transport and Highways Network team to the meeting and they provided the following updates on traffic and road safety measures across the parish.

Castlefields Way, Aqueduct, Speed Data

- Officers confirmed speed indicator device (SID) data is still unavailable due to an equipment fault which is being investigated by the manufacturer.
- However, the Team have been able to extract data from the column-mounted radar traffic counter on Castlefields Way near Majestic Way, it shows some high vehicle speeds.
- Mr Pearson said that due to limited accident data, the issue will now be referred to the policing team for enforcement.
- The Chair confirmed the data will be published on the Parish Council's website.

Bus Stops at Castlefields Way

- The Chair noted the Madeley-bound stop is awaiting a timetable.
- Mr Lorenz will follow this up with the Public Transport team.
- The stop on the opposite side is scheduled to be installed shortly.

Doseley Road Speed Cushions

- Speed cushions have been approved and are awaiting programming.

Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) by the Parish Council

- Highways team offered to supply and install the SID and manage data retrieval.
- Estimated cost: £2,500 + £800 for installation.
- It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the purchase; the Clerk will confirm this in writing to T&WC Highways.

Castlefields Way Roundabout Safety

- An on-site meeting attended by representatives from T&WC Highways and DHPC held on the 8th July assessed the future increase in traffic volumes resulting from the Ironbridge Power Station housing development.
- A pedestrian crossing was considered but may obstruct traffic flow.
- A subway was proposed as an alternative but raises cost and safety concerns.

T&WC Highways Parish Traffic & Road Safety Prioritisation Report 2025-2026

- The Parish Council discussed and agreed the 2025–2026 Parish Traffic & Road Safety Prioritisation Report which had been circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting.
- It was agreed that the Lightmoor Road traffic calming scheme will be added to the report.

- It was agreed that disabled parking bays near the Aqueduct Pharmacy will also be added to the scheme, as proposed by the Chair.
- The Clerk will complete the prioritisation form and return it to T&WC Highways Department.

Mr Pearson, Mr Lorenz and two members of the public left the meeting at 7.36pm. One member of the public re-entered the meeting at 7.41pm.

25/46 – Councillors Reports

- **Cllr. S Wennington:** Attended the Castlefields Way Roundabout Safety Meeting held on the 8th of July and the CAT Walkabout meeting held earlier today.
- **Cllr. Z Hannington:** Expressed concern about the volume of litter around Horsehay Pool. The Clerk will request Bill, the Parish Council's maintenance operative, to carry out a litter pick. Cllr. Hannington also noted the bin at Telford Steam Railway may not be emptied regularly; the Clerk will enquire with T&W Council about the planned frequency.
- **Chair:** Reported being fully occupied with ongoing efforts linked to the Community Governance Review.

25/47 – Community Action Team (CAT)

CAT Parish Walkabout

- A CAT Enforcement Team Parish Walkabout took place earlier today.
- In attendance were the Chair, Cllr. S Wennington, the Clerk, representatives from the Telford & Wrekin Enforcement Team, and Simon Hayden from the Safer & Stronger Communities Team.
- The Chair raised concerns regarding several damaged vehicles on Stonebridge Close. These had been checked and were registered as off the road. The Enforcement Team will investigate this matter and also examine fly-tipping reported behind the Unicorn Pub.

Neighbourhood Enforcement Action Plans

- The updated action plan for June and the newly issued plan for July were circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting.
- The contents were noted.
- A patrol of Simpson's Pool has been added to the July plan.

25/48 – Local Nature Reserves (LNRs)

- The Chair reported that a tree had fallen onto one of the pool bridges and had broken it, repairs are currently being awaited from Telford & Wrekin Council.
- Widewaters Pool had been temporarily closed to fishing a couple of weeks ago due to a drop in oxygen levels.

25/49 – Horsehay Horticultural Society Annual Show Sponsorship

The continued sponsorship of the Horsehay Horticultural Show was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to approve a contribution of £1,000 to support the Annual Show for the next two years, 2025 & 2026, contingent upon the event going ahead in each respective year.

25/50 – Planning Applications

- There were no applications to review.
 - It was **RESOLVED** to delegate planning authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, during the August recess.
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25/51 – Finance & Administration

- Monthly receipts and payments were presented and **RESOLVED** for approval.
 - The budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation were **RESOLVED** for approval.
 - It was **RESOLVED** that it is time to purchase a new printer, as the current machine is very old, slow, and leaking ink.
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25/52 – Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

25/53 – Items for the Next Agenda

- Invite the local policing team
 - Phoenix Triple Fields goal post purchase
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25/54 – Date & Close of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 7.00pm** at **Horsehay Village Hall**.

The meeting closed at **7.51pm**.
