

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 at Aqueduct Primary School
at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr. B Wennington (Chair)
Cllrs. K Barnes (arrived 7.17pm), Z Hannington, L Parker, I Preece and
S Wennington

Also Present: Borough Councillor A Burford
12 Members of the Public
K Ewence (Clerk)

24/145 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/146 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. S Heighway, R Mehta and M Rogers

24/147 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Cllr. Hannington - GDTC, L&OPC, T&W Borough Cllr for Lawley, Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance & Customer Services

Cllr. Parker - GDTC, T&WC Borough Cllr for Dawley & Aqueduct

Cllr. Preece - GDTC, T&W Borough Cllr for Horsehay & Lightmoor, T&WC Mayor
Chair – DHLNR

24/148 Public Session

Members of the public speaking during the session all focused their concerns on planning application TWC/2025/0136 - Site of former Metal & Waste Recycling, The Old Smithy, Lightmoor Road. A representative from the Lightmoor New Community Limited listed the groups concerns and the Parish Council was asked to call the application in to be heard by the T&WC planning committee. Councillors agreed with the concerns raised and the Chair explained that the matter of whether to call the application in would be considered under item 13 on the agenda.

Six members of the public left the meeting at 7.20pm.

24/149 Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th February 2025 as a true record.

24/150 Councillors Reports

Cllr. S Wennington:

- Attended the Parish Council Community Governance Review Working Group Meeting on the 11th March
- Attended the Climate Emergency meeting with John Box (Member of the Climate Change & Environment Committee of The Gorge PC) on the 12th March
- Attended the Wrekin Area Review Community Governance Review Meeting on the 13th March

Cllr. Preece

- Attended the Big Spring Clean on Sunday 16th March, there was a great turnout.

Cllr. Parker

- Attended the Climate Emergency meeting with John Box on the 12th March
- Litter on Stonebridge Close, Aqueduct, continues to be a problem
- Inconsiderate and illegal parking on Majestic Way, Aqueduct. This area has been added to the Parish Council CAT patrol

Cllr. Barnes:

- Raised some questions on the T&WC play scheme survey which were discussed
- Pageant Drive play park needs cleaning, the Chair said he would ask the new maintenance operative

Chair:

- Has attended several meetings including the Parish Council Community Governance Review Working Group Meeting on the 11th March, the Climate Emergency meeting with John Box on the 12th March and the Wrekin Area Review Community Governance Review Meeting on the 13th March

Borough Councillor Andy Burford

- Reiterated Cllr. Parkers concerns, adding that some areas of Aqueduct were managed by a private management company but T&WC were still blamed for the current issues such as littering and that parking issues in Aqueduct continued to be a challenge.

24/151 Community Action Team (CAT)

The updated action plan for February 2025 and a new action plan for March 2025 were circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting and the contents were noted. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr. Parkers request for a parking patrol on Majestic Way had been added to the action plan.

24/152 Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) in the Parish

Cllr. Barnes reported that pupils from Madeley Academy had been completing work experience on Dawley Hamlets LNR and that there was an engagement day planned for Sunday 13th April to recruit more volunteers to the Friends Group. The Chair added that the Friends Group were currently discussing spending s106 funding set aside for DHLNR on the Furnace Pools and how to raise the additional funds which would be needed. Also, T&WC were currently installing way marker posts the sign the paths on the DHLR and producing some interactive maps.

There were no further reports.

24/153 Telford & Wrekin Council Community Governance Review 2025

The Chair explained that this review was originally carried out last year but then closed before it was completed with an outcome of no change. It has now been resurrected and the Parish Council has been asked to make a representation to the first part of the review by the 14th April (the original date was the 24th March). In response the Parish Council held a working group meeting on the 11th March, the minutes of the meeting were circulated to Councillors and the Chair explained the recommendations, which were primarily to retain the three parish wards of Aqueduct, Little Dawley and Horsehay. The recommendations were discussed.

RESOLVED: to put forward the recommendations as the Parish Councils response to the first phase of the review. Parish Councillors who declared an interest at the start of the meeting withdrew from the meeting and did not take part in the vote (Cllrs. Hannington, Parker and Preece).

24/154 SS2025 Newsletter Distribution

Due to the constant challenge of finding someone to deliver the newsletter it was **RESOLVED** to continue the delivery to senior residents only and make the newsletters available in local shops and businesses and on the Parish Council website and Facebook page. Information regarding where a newsletter can be obtained will also be advertised on the noticeboards.

24/155 Easter Eggs for Aqueduct Primary School

Unfortunately, funds would be required too early in 2025/26 for Borough Councillors to contribute their Pride Fund towards providing Easter eggs for the children of Aqueduct Primary School, therefore, it was **RESOLVED** to allow the residual amount in the Chairs allowance, £369 which would move to reserves at the end of the year, to be used towards the cost of the easter eggs.

24/156 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

The arrangements for the APM were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that it would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 16th April 2025 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7pm and that local community groups would be invited to attend to update those present on their activities over the last twelve months.

24/157 Planning

a) The meeting considered the following applications:

Application or enforcement number	Appeal number	Site Address	Description of proposal	▲ Date consultation received	▲ Reply by date
TWC/2025/0182	N/A	7 Elvin Close, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3US	Erection of a front, side and rear first floor extension	18/03/2025	08/04/2025
TWC/2025/0136	N/A	Site of former Metal & Waste Recycling, The Old Smithy, Lightmoor Road, Lightmoor, Telford, Shropshire	Demolition of existing commercial buildings and redevelopment to provide 52no. affordable social rented dwellings with the associated details on access, drainage, levels, landscaping and infrastructure	27/02/2025	20/03/2025

It was **RESOLVED** to object and to call in application number TWC/2025/0136 to be heard at a planning meeting and Cllr. Barnes will represent the Parish Council at that meeting the date of which is yet to be decided.

b) The following permissions were noted:

Listed Building Granted:

Application number	TWC/2025/0017
Site address	1 Pool Side, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2NG
Description of proposal	Installation of a retractable awning to the front elevation

Reserved Matters Granted:

Application number	TWC/2024/0899
Site address	The Woodlands, Phase 3, Lightmoor Village, Telford, Shropshire
Description of proposal	Variation of condition 10 (deposited plans) for previously approved TWC/2020/0342 (Reserved matters application for the erection of 202no. dwellings with layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping in pursuant to outline permission W2007/0456) to allow amendments to the tenure, levels and drainage across Phases 3 to 6, including adjustments to Phase 3 house types off the back of the level changes and design development

Cllr. Preece left the meeting at 8.04pm

24/158 Finance & Administration:

a) Budget Monitoring Report & Bank Reconciliation Statement

The Parish Council was asked to consider the latest budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation statement which was circulated in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED – to approve the budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation statement.

b) List of Payments Presented for Approval:

The Council was asked to consider the following on-line payments presented for approval in advance of the meeting:

Payee/Reason	Payt Method	Date	Net	VAT	Total
Staff Costs - Mar 2025	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	1,432.76	0.00	1,432.76
HMRC Tax & NI - Mar 2025	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	275.48	0.00	275.48
SCC Pension Fund - Mar 2025	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	493.50	0.00	493.50
Staff Costs - Travelling Expenses	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	14.95	0.43	15.38
Office Expenses 1.9.24 - 31.3.25	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	319.00	0.00	319.00
Reimbursement Flowerfair - Flowers	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	29.17	5.83	35.00
G Bailey - Locum Clerk Feb 2025	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	75.55	0.00	75.55
Aqueduct Primary School Room Hire Jan and Mar 2025	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	70.00	0.00	70.00
T&WC - Christmas Party 2024 Catering	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	1,800.00	360.00	2,160.00
T&WC - Borough Councillor Match-funding	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	3,592.25	0.00	3,592.25
T&WC - Grit Bins Refills (32)	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	533.12	106.62	639.74
S Fletcher - L Dawley War Memorial Maint (final payt for Feb 2025)	Bank Transfer	19 March 2025	36.00	0.00	36.00
			8,671.78	472.88	9,144.66

RESOLVED - to approve these payments.

24/159 Correspondence

None

24/160 Items for the next agenda

T&W Local Plan
Grant awarding

24/161 Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 16th April 2025 at Horsehay Village Hall, following on from the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairman

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