

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Aqueduct Primary School at 7.00pm

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**PRESENT:** Cllr. B Wennington (Chair)  
Cllrs. Z Hannington, S Heighway, R Mehta, L Parker, I Preece, M Rogers  
(arrived 7.02pm) and S Wennington

**Also Present:** Richard Ware – Aqueduct Primary School Governor  
One member of the public  
K Ewence (Clerk)

**23/78 Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**23/79 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. K Barnes

**23/80 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Hannington – GDTC, L&OPC, Borough Cllr. Lawley

Cllr. Heighway – GDTC, Madeley TC

Cllr. Mehta - GDTC, L&OPC, T&W Interfaith Council, Borough Cllr for Horsehay & Lightmoor

Cllr. Parker – GDTC, Aqueduct Primary School, Borough Cllr. Dawley & Aqueduct

Cllr. Preece - GDTC, Borough Cllr for Horsehay & Lightmoor

Cllr Rogers – Idverde UK Ltd

Cllr. B Wennington – DHLNR

**23/81 Public Session**

One member of the public said she believed that the speed calming measures introduced recently on Castlefields Way were having no effect. The Chair said that the data from a recent traffic survey conducted by West Mercia police demonstrated that the new measures were having a positive impact. It was **RESOLVED** to pass these concerns onto West Mercia police and ask if a further survey could be conducted. Mr Ware, Aqueduct Primary School Governor, reported that PC Bertie had met with the Headteacher to discuss limiting children's access between the school and Castlefields Way and that accident prevention signage and publicity had also been discussed.

One member of the public asked for advice regarding how to comment on the Telford & Wrekin community governance review and was advised to follow guidance on the T&WC website.

**23/82 Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 as a true record.

**23/83 Councillors Reports**

The Chair and Cllr. S Wennington's reports were circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting and the contents were noted.

**Cllr. Mehta:**

- Conducted a ward walk with Cllr. Preece at the weekend, various concerns that came to their attention have been passed back to T&WC for resolution

**Cllr. Hannington:**

- Despite several requests for Idverde to tidy up the roundabout by Horsehay Methodist Church this work remains outstanding. Cllr. Hannington is especially concerned about this matter in light of the recent near misses reported on social media. It was agreed that the T&WC environmental locality officer would be contacted to seek an urgent solution

**Cllr. Parker:**

- Regular public meetings are now taking place to discuss ASB at Stonebridge Close and the surrounding areas and police patrols have been increased
- A residents meeting is being arranged to discuss road safety concerns on Finger Road which borders the Parish

**Cllr. Preece:**

- Organising road signage in Horsehay
- The multisport youth club in Lightmoor and Horsehay is proving very popular and is receiving Pride Fund funding
- Potholes reported on Castlefields Way

**Cllr. Heighway:**

- Tesco Express Dawley, the shop sign is up and the shop is due to open in two weeks

**Chair:**

- Attended a recent Dawley Community Allotments meeting, reassurance was given regarding some concerns about the new community orchard
- Attended the CAT 'Day of Action' along with Cllrs. M Rogers and S Wennington. During a tour of key areas in the Parish a number of issues, such as graffiti, were noted as requiring action. It was also suggested that if the seats were removed from the MUGA at Southall Corner it would deter the ASB which was occurring.
- All arrangements are in place for the memorial service at Little Dawley on November 12<sup>th</sup> and the Chair will fund refreshments afterwards at the Unicorn Inn, Little Dawley, from his Chairs allowance
- Asked for thanks to be passed on to Mr Shinton for delivering the Council A/W23 newsletter

**23/84 Community Action Team (CAT) Scheme**

The updated action plan for September and a new action plan for October were circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting and the contents were noted.

**23/85 Updates From Local Nature Reserve Friends Groups in the Parish**

**There were no representatives from the Horsehay Pool & Simpsons Pool LNR** present at the meeting. The Chairs DHLNR report was circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting and the contents were noted. The Chair reported that two new throwlines were now in place at the Little Dawley Pools.

**23/86 Grant Awarding**

Two applications had been submitted and were circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to award the following grants:

- The Friends of Telford Town Park £200 for publicity and recruitment literature
- The Dawley Community Allotments Group £300 for orchard trees and planting equipment

**23/87 Grit Bin Review**

A list of 44 grit bins located in the Parish and the costs of new bins and refills was circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. It was noted that if residents requested new grit bins that the T&WC website now directed these enquires to the Parish Council. It was felt that the grit bin provision for new housing should be funded from s106 money. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors would keep the provision in their wards under review and any additional requirements would be brought to a future meeting to discuss funding.

**23/88 Telford & Wrekin Community Governance Review 2023/24**

Details of the review were circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting and the matter was discussed. The Chair informed the meeting that the initial consultation ends on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillors would give further consideration to the matter and it would be discussed again and a response agreed at the next Council meeting.

**23/89 Planning Applications:**

**The meeting considered the following applications:**

<b>TWC/2023/0776</b>	N/A	Lilygrace, Farm Lane, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2NE	Installation of 3no. roof lights	18/10/2023	08/11/2023
<b>TWC/2023/0754</b>	N/A	113 Holly Road, Little Dawley, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3JB	Erection of a two storey front and side extension, and a first floor extension above existing garage (Part-Retrospective)	09/10/2023	30/10/2023
<b>TWC/2023/0737</b>	N/A	Nissen Hut, Dawley Road, Lawley, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2PD	Demolition of corrugated cement sheeting Nissen hut and erection of light industrial unit comprising of office and store accommodation	03/10/2023	24/10/2023
<b>TWC/2023/0714</b>	N/A	Land off, Buildwas Bank (North of Silvertrees, Jiggers Bank), Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire	Erection of a battery energy storage system including access track, CCTV and light poles, car parking spaces, perimeter fencing and gates, and associated infrastructure	25/09/2023	16/10/2023

**a) The following permissions were noted:**

**FULL GRANTED:**

TWC/2023/0609 - 11 Pool Hill Road, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire. Erection of a garage.

**23/90 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 together with the latest bank statements which were circulated to all Councillors in advance of the meeting.

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

**b) List of Payments Presented for Approval:**

The Parish Council was asked to consider the following on-line payments presented for approval and payment:

Payee/Reason	Payt Method	Date	Net	VAT	Total
Staff Costs	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	1,332.67	0.00	1,332.67
HMRC Tax & NI	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	239.10	0.00	239.10
SCC Pension Fund	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	388.05	0.00	388.05
SJF Design & Print - A/W 2023 newsletter design and print	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	498.00	0.00	498.00
D Shinton - Delivery of A/W 2023 Newsletter	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	450.00	0.00	450.00
T&WC Contribution to Castlefields Way Traffic Calming Scheme	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Mark Seabury - DHLNR Maintenance	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00
Mark Seabury - Pasmore Close, Aqueduct, Bench Repair	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	299.50	0.00	299.50
T&WC - Little Dawley Pools Throwlines Contribution	Bank Transfer	17 October 2023	340.00	0.00	340.00
			<b>6,447.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,447.32</b>

**RESOLVED** - to approve these payments.

**c) Change of Bank Account**

The Clerk informed the meeting that although changing signatories after the elections had been quite straight forward on two of the Councils bank accounts, the deposit account, which was a closed issue treasurers account with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) was proving problematic, several attempts by the Clerk and Councillors to add the new signatories had failed. The Clerk said that the Council opened the account many years ago and the interest rate it now attracts was no longer as competitive as it once was. It was **RESOLVED** to close the RBS account and open a new account with a more competitive interest rate which could be fixed for one year. Some other T&PC's which the Clerk had approached had opened a one-year fixed rate deposit account with the Nationwide and it was agreed that this would be a suitable option.

**23/91 Correspondence**

A polling station review was currently being undertaken by T&WC and details were circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. Councillors discussed the matter and agreed that they were satisfied with the current arrangements.

**23/92 Items for the next agenda**

Telford & Wrekin Community Governance Review 2023/24  
West Mercia Police Castlefields Way, Aqueduct, road safety

**23/93 Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Horsehay Village Hall**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.54pm.

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

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

**Chairman**