

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2014

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Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor

Democracy is one of the fundamental foundations of our society and it underpins our governance. Last October, due to the resignation of Cllr. Angela Jordan, a vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor for the Aqueduct Ward of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council occurred. When a vacancy of this nature occurs, the first stage is for the Parish Council to advertise the vacancy and make the residents of the Parish aware that any ten electors of the Ward have the right to call for an election. A time scale of 14 days is given (not counting certain special days such as weekends and bank holidays) for an election to be called and if no one chooses to exercise this right the Parish Council can then co-opt a suitable person to the Office.

Co-option

Sadly no election was called and despite further local advertising the Parish Council has not yet been successful in attracting any applications for co-option. By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. A community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride. If you would like to know more about being a Parish Councillor or think you might like to apply for co-option, please feel free to contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters, crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities. It's true to say that on their own, parish councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the borough council, health authorities, police etc).

In this respect parish councils are extremely powerful. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Senior Citizens Summer Picnic

12.30pm for 1pm Friday June 6th 2014

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Summer Picnic for senior citizens of the Parish. If you would like to be invited to attend please return the slip below. Admittance will be by ticket only and places are limited so applicants are advised to return their slips as soon as possible.

Name

Address

I am a senior resident of the Parish of Dawley Hamlets and I would like to be invited to the Parish Council's free Summer Picnic for senior citizens.

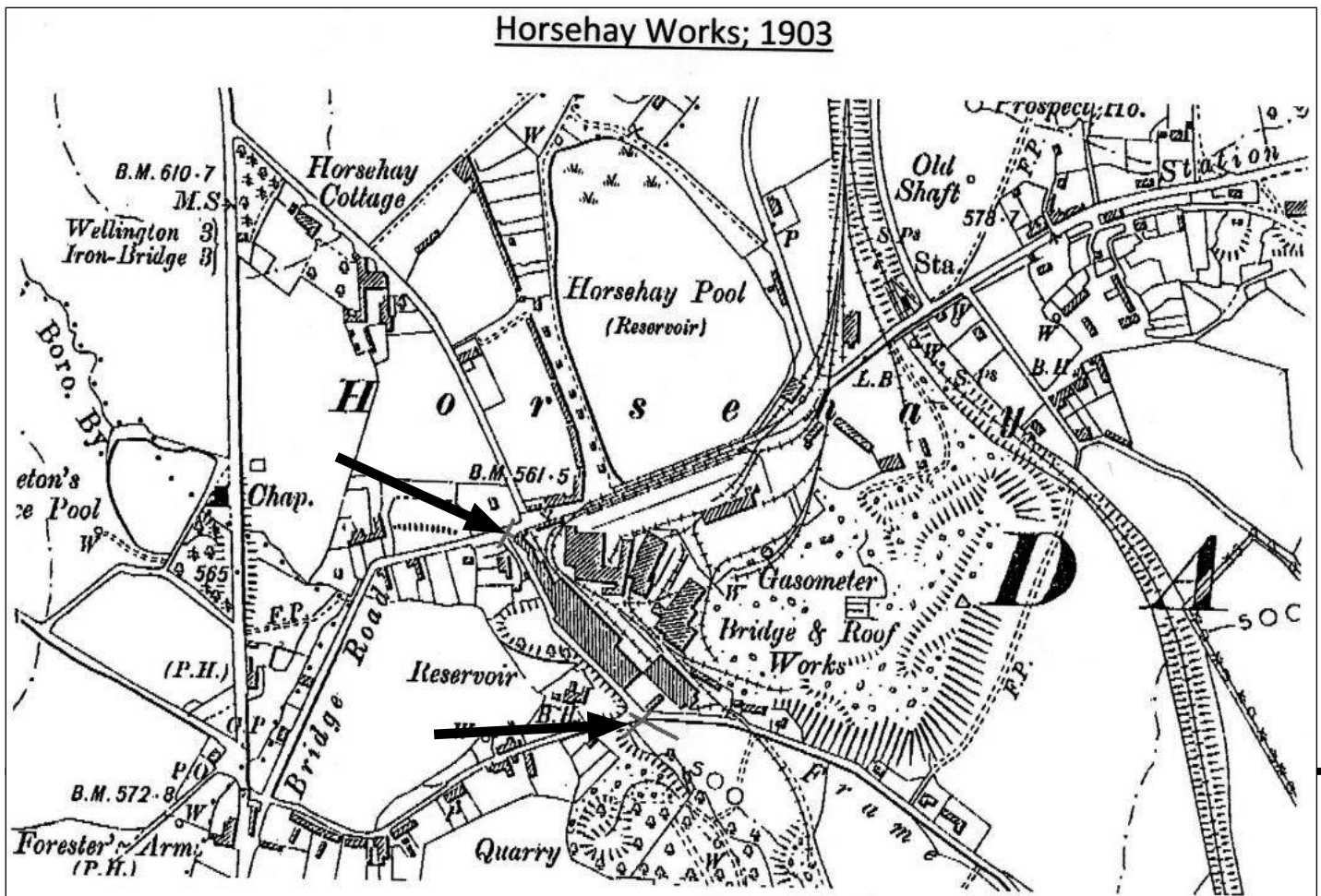
Please send the form to: M. Goldstraw, Parish Clerk, Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford, TF2 9LH

Help the Parish Council to save two Public Rights of Way

The help of the public is sought by the Parish Council to save two rights of way which are under threat of being lost.

S53 Bridge Road to Travellers Joy Public House

This foot path is presently under threat from the development of the former Horsehay Works. The Parish Council believes that this route has long been used by the public and evidence of its use was presented to the Borough Council over 15 years ago when the Parish Council, in partnership with the South Telford Rights of Way Project, sought to have all its rights of way preserved on the county's definitive map. The Parish Council is not sure why this one slipped through the net but there is evidence that this right of way has been in use since as long ago as 1903.



Map courtesy of IGMT

Lane from Coalmore Road to Wellington Road

This lane is presently under threat and private signs stating "Private Access Only" have appeared without any formal authority.

In order for these rights of way to be preserved, the Borough Council requires Evidence Statements from those who can state that they have long used them. We need your help in providing these statements. It is vital that these rights of way are preserved before they are lost. Copies of the Evidence Statement forms can be obtained upon request, by email or by post, to the Clerk to the Parish Council or from the Borough Council's Rights of Way Officer, Mr. Andrew Careless. Mr. Careless is aware of both of these cases.

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<http://dawley-hamlets.org/gallery>**

Chairman's Chunterings



Popularity. Well it is said that 'Familiarity breeds contempt'. Maybe it does and maybe it doesn't. Popularity certainly breeds something. According to the dictionary 'Popularity' means widely liked and accepted.

I have several penchants. The main one is motorcycling. In the seventies, motorcycling and motorcyclists were frowned upon by the majority of the population. This was probably attributable to the Mods and Rockers of the preceding decade and the negative press that was put out. The fact that many older people had used (motor)bikes as a means of commuter transport was widely forgotten.

By the time we had ensconced ourselves into the next decade attitudes had moved 180 degrees and motorcycling became popular amongst the mainstream. Even now thirty years on it is still a hobby for many, albeit an expensive one.

The reason it's expensive is because it can be. Because the thing is popular but still a relatively low key item the businesses that support motorcycling 'fleece' the enthusiasts by (in my opinion) inflating the prices.

I could go on and on about this but I have to see the Bank Manager about a loan to buy two new tyres for my motorbike.

Geoff Onions

At the January meeting of Council Members noted with some sadness that their former colleague Geoff Onions had passed away in the early hours of the morning of 8th January 2014 aged 69 years.

The Meeting noted that Geoff was co-opted on to the Council at its meeting of 24th January 1999 and served as an active member until his last meeting in April 2011; he chose not to stand for re-election at the local council elections of May that year. Geoff had not enjoyed good health in recent years but was fortunate to have the love and support of his wife Beryl who remains a valued member of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. The thoughts and condolences of the meeting were conveyed to Cllr. Mrs Beryl Onions and her family.

Are you keeping up to date with Parish Council business?

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has its own web site where you can view its minutes which are a legally required record of its business. Minutes of all meetings going back to the years 2001 are archived on the web for all to see.

Up to date minutes are usually placed on the web site within days of them being approved, by Council, as a true record of the proceedings.
<http://dawley-hamlets.org.uk>

If you help to organise a local group or event in the parish of Dawley Hamlets we will be only too happy to publish your meeting dates and times for you free of charge in our Newsletter. We aim to ensure that all households in the parish receive a copy.

All you have to do is contact either the Clerk or any of your Parish Councillors with the details and we will do the rest. Our only condition is that your organisation or event should benefit the parish and be non-profitable.

GET YOURSELVES SOME FREE PUBLICITY!!

Email the Clerk: clerk@dawley-hamlets.org

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BIRTHDAY COMING?

Are you struggling to provide a birthday cake for your child? Do you know a senior citizen who would love a birthday cake but has no one to make one?

We can help please contact "cakesmile" part of Telford Support.



www.telfordsupport.org.uk/cake-smile
thecakesmile@gmail.com
07795262621

Malinslee and Dawley & Hamlets Safer Neighbourhood Team are now on



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DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Meets at Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
There are no meetings in August.

All residents of the parish are invited to attend and all meetings have a 15 minute public session where Council is able to receive comments and reports from residents of the Parish.

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