

NEWSLETTER

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Produced by Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

Improving Your Neighbourhood by Cllr. Andy Burford



On Friday 4th March Members of the Parish Council met with Borough Council Officers on a cold, wet and wintry afternoon to inspect the work partly financed by the Parish Council in a partnership initiative to improve Aqueduct estate.

Left to right: Cllr. Byron Cooke, Cllr. Andy Burford (Chairman of the Parish Council), Danny Chetwood (Borough Officer), Cllr. Jane Pinter and Tina Brasnell (Borough Officer)

The massive cuts in Government funding to our Borough Council (£80m since 2010 with a further £30m to come over the next 2 years) mean that we have to find new ways of working to preserve

at least some of our essential services. Local residents, voluntary organisations and Parish Councils all have to act in partnership. We are determined that Dawley Hamlets Parish Council will play its part.

We have already involved local residents on Aqueduct estate in deciding priorities for improving their neighbourhood. As a result, a number of issues have been addressed including play areas, flooding problems, tree pruning, damaged steps and walls, and we have jointly-funded a programme of footpath resurfacing (see picture). Funding is limited and we can't do everything but with resident involvement (e.g. as Street Champions – see overleaf) it's surprising what can be achieved. We want to tackle more parts of the Parish in this way over the next 12 months and beyond.

Get in touch with us by writing, emailing or via our Facebook page and let us know what you think we should be addressing

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

Senior Citizens Summer Picnic to celebrate the 90th birthday of H.M. the Queen

12pm for 12.30pm Friday June 17th 2016 – Entertainment by String of Pearls

The Parish Council will once again be holding a free Summer Picnic Buffet 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.....

Postcode

I am a senior resident in the Parish of Dawley Hamlets and I would like to be invited to the Parish Council free Summer Picnic. Please send the form to: M. Goldstraw, Parish Clerk, Regent Villa, London Road, St. George's, Telford, TF2 9LH

Street Champions by Tina Brasenell (Telford & Wrekin Council)

'Street Champions' is a volunteer scheme that is part of the Borough Council's Pride in Your Community programme to encourage residents to take a more active role in their community.

As a Street Champions you will provide a positive influence within your community, improving the local environment by informing the Borough Council of areas of concern. You will also be invited to events in your local area to make improvements, and provided with support if you wish to organise events yourself. You will be provided with a Toolkit for reporting an issue or defect within your street or neighbourhood. All Street Champions will receive an equipment request form. From this you will be able to order certain items to help you make a difference in your area. These things will include graffiti removal wipes and litter picking equipment.

In return for your help, the Borough Council promises to take appropriate action as quickly as they can and keep you informed of actions that they take. You can sign up to be a Street Champion using the Borough Council's online form:

<https://webforms.telford.gov.uk/form/52>.

Why become a Street Champion?

By becoming a Street Champion you can put something back into the community and help improve the environment you live in. It's simple and easy, all you have to do is tell the Borough Council about your concerns ranging from damaged street lights to graffiti and they will do the rest.

Street Champion aims

- Increase volunteering opportunities to participate in cleaning and community events such as bulb and tree planting
- Encourage public to play an active role in the local community
- Generate community spirit and involvement
- Build respect in local communities and improve the environment for everyone
- Encourage communities to monitor the cleanliness and maintenance of local streets and open spaces.

How do I become a Street Champion?

Apply to be a Street Champion <https://webforms.telford.gov.uk/form/52>

Another easy way to sign up is by using our mobile app. Visit the everyday telford page at http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20221/everyday_telford for more information or search for everydaytelford in your app store.

You can also email the Borough Council at get.involved@telford.gov.uk or call 01952 384384.

Improving your neighbourhood – Aqueduct Play Area

The Parish Council has recently co-operated with play area refurbishment at Aqueduct.

Improving your neighbourhood – Horsehay Pool

The Parish Council has recently contributed £4000 towards improvements to the amenity areas at Horsehay Pool "The Horsehay Pool Improvement Scheme" which included installing gabion baskets immediately adjacent to the outlet structure, providing (level) hard standing (sub base & tarmac) to the rear with an aesthetic surface dressing finish, golden 2 – 3mm aggregate – Flexi-pave surfacing under the canopies of the trees and three bollards along the edge of the carriageway to deter parking under the tree canopies .



DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Meets at Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except December when the meeting is on the first Monday. 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.

Local News

Improving Your Neighbourhood – Parish Environmental Team



Vehicle for illustrative purposes only.

From May of this year Dawley Hamlets will partly fund and be responsible for directing a Parish Environmental Team (PET) managed for us by the Borough Council. Based on the experience of other parishes across Telford and Wrekin, it will be worth every penny. The PET will consist of 2 employees with a vehicle and will respond to our requests for maintenance of open spaces in the Parish that are beyond what the Borough can manage to do on its limited budget. We will give the team a regular programme to follow and also ask for one-off jobs when these are flagged up. Areas covered will include: Cleansing; Landscape maintenance; Street furniture maintenance; Seasonal work; Reporting on issues and defects.

If you have any views on how we should be prioritising tasks for this team please let us know.

Are you keeping up to date with Parish Council business?

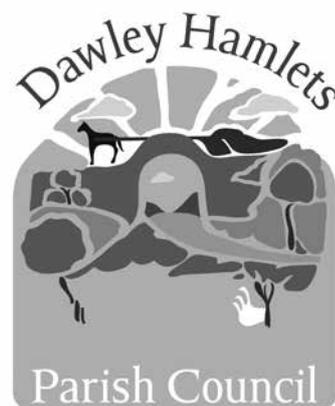
Dawley Hamlets Parish Council has its own web site where you can view its minutes which are a legally required record of its business. Minutes of all meetings going back to the year 2001 are archived on the web for all to see.

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>

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

Weblog

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council now has a weblog, or online journal, which can be found at <http://weblog.dawley-hamlets.org/>. Visitors to the weblog will find up to date information on the Parish Council's agendas and minutes along with policing matters, local group information and links to new planning applications which are to be considered by the Borough Council. If you have details of a local event you would like publicised on the weblog, please let the Clerk know.

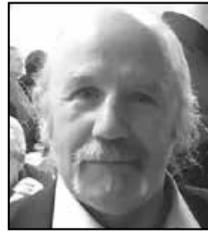
Visit our on-line photo gallery: <http://dawley-hamlets.org/gallery>

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Social Media by Cllr. Byron Cooke

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council is pleased and excited to announce that we are now embracing the social media.

We are inviting you to join us on Facebook by simply typing in Dawley Hamlets Parish Council.

The Parish Facebook page is a place where you can keep up to date with parish council and local matters, join in with discussions and share your views and communicate with your elected councillors.

There are a small number of rules which are:

Keep it clean; Keep it relevant; Keep it civil; Keep it about matters relevant to the Parish.

We look forward to seeing you there.

