

**DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Horsehay Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

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**PRESENT** Cllr. A. Burford (Chairman)  
Cllrs. B. Cooke, D. Hopkins, Beryl Onions, A. Scott and B.  
Wennington.

**Also Present:** Mr. M. Goldstraw (Clerk).  
Three members of the public.  
Borough Councillor Jayne Greenaway.

**16/130 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

**16/131 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Cathy Salter, Jane Pinter and C. Tranter.

Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Raj Mehta.

**16/132 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

There were no declarations.

**16/133 Public Session**

The Council received concerns over the supervision of the erection of 13 dwellings on land adjacent Windermere House, Farm Lane, Horsehay, in particular, the effect that the development was having on neighboring properties. Members heard that, despite numerous complaints, the Borough Council did not appear to be enforcing planning stipulations.

Following discussion, it was agreed to invite officers of the Borough Council to the Annual Parish Meeting (and to place the matter on the Parish Council agenda) to see if the concerns of the residents could be properly addressed.

Borough Cllr. Jayne Greenaway provided some background on the original application conditions and stated that she had spoken to the Borough Monitoring and Drainage Officers on the matter. The Chairman thanked all for their reports and reminded everyone that the Parish Council was not the Planning Authority.

**16/134 Police Session**

No officers were present.

**16/135 Councillors Reports**

Cllr. Jayne Greenaway provided an update on the drains at Bridge Road (awaiting the Engineer's report).

**7:22 p.m. Borough Cllr. Jayne Greenaway left the meeting.**

Cllr. Cooke reported that he had been made aware of sewage seepage behind the car ark of the Lightmoor scrap yard. Members discussed noise from the site and rubbish dumping in the car park.

The Chairman asked if the Clerk could ascertain when the operators were scheduled to move to their new site.

Cllr. Wennington reported that he had spoken to the publican of the Britannia Inn at aqueduct who had agreed that a notice board could be sited on his premises. It was agreed to place the purchase of a suitable notice board on the next agenda.

The Chairman provided a report on the traffic on Wellington Road on behalf of borough Cllr. Raj Mehta; Cllr. Mrs. Beryl Onions confirmed that SIDS speed equipment was currently in place on Wellington Road.

**16/136 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**16/137 Parish Questionnaire**

Cllr. Hopkins tabled a report with details and examples of Parish Questionnaires along with a discussion document.

The Clerk agreed to contact other Parish Clerks in the County to see if there were any local examples.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Members would use the documents provided by Cllr. Hopkins to do their own research and it was agreed that the project should be moved forward with a view to adoption. Cllr. Hopkins was thanked for his report.

**16/138 Parish Matters**

**a) Local Initiatives**

**i) Aqueduct Village Parking Provision**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Borough Highways Engineer who had agreed to look at costing options and viability of designs. The Chairman stated that he would eventually discuss the matter with residents but would prefer to await the cost of the project first.

Cllr. Scott asked if anything could be done about the condition of the footpath from Chapel Lane to the Aqueduct (used to be the original A442) which used to be tarmacked but was now just a muddy path. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to ascertain if there could be anything done to reinstate the surface.

### **ii) Old Road at Horsehay Pool**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the responsible officer at the Borough Council, Mr. Steve Hollins, who had stated that there were no present plans to carry out any work on the wall however, he would arrange for a survey to be carried out to identify any issues and would be pleased to meet with members on site to discuss concerns raised about the path. Mr. Hollins also provided a report on the investigation into foul water seepage into the Pool and stated that he would follow up on it.

Members arranged to have a site meeting with officers of the Borough Council to ascertain what was feasible.

### **b) Newsletter and Summer Event**

Members confirmed that they were content to employ T&WC Caterers; Clerk to contact the Caterers.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had booked Mr. Dave South as entertainer for the Summer Picnic at a total cost of £60.

The Clerk tabled a draft copy of the Newsletter which was approved for printing and distribution.

### **c) Local Nature Reserves**

The Clerk stated that he had contacted Mr. John Box via his work email but had received no response. There was nothing therefore to report.

### **d) Footpath Bridge Road to the Travelers Joy**

Cllr. Hopkins gave a report along with a summary of action taken to date.

The Chairman stated that it was time to bring matters to a head and that he would await the outcome of the gate planning application then consider the involvement of the Borough's Cabinet member.

### **e) Purchase of Parish Map**

Following discussion, it was agreed to purchase a large map of the Parish from the Borough Council.

## **16/139 Planning Applications**

### **The following application was considered:**

TWC/2017/0132 Land adjacent 41 Pool Hill Road, Horsehay. Re-pollarding to previous pollarding points on 2 Horse Chestnut trees. There were no comments.

### **The following permissions were noted:**

TWC/2017/0050 14 Sovereign Close, Aqueduct. Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

TWC/2016/1134 20 Frame Lane, Doseley. Erection of a two storey side extension.

TWC/2016/0998 17 Sceptre Close, Aqueduct. Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey front extension.

TWC/2016/1128 Coniston House, Farm Lane, Horsehay. Erection of a single storey rear conservatory.

#### **16/140 Accounts**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS** - It was **RESOLVED** that these be approved and paid as tabled.

**STATEMENTS 92 Royal Bank of Scotland and 9 to 11 Unity Trust** along with reconciliation were tabled and approved.

#### **GRANTS**

The Clerk tabled details of grant expenditure to date along with the amount budgeted for the year. It was agreed to make a virement of funds from the Council's reserves to deal with additional grant funding.

The following grant applications were considered:

#### **Dawley Baptist Church Tuesday Fellowship**

It was proposed by Cllr. Alan Scott that a grant of £50 be made; seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Beryl Onions it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £50 be made.

#### **Keep Our Shropshire History Alive (KOSHA)**

It was proposed by Cllr. Scott that a grant of £100.00 be made; seconded by Cllr. Wennington it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £100 be made.

#### **STABLE**

It was proposed by Cllr. Burford that a grant of £50 be made; seconded by Cllr. Wennington it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £50 be made.

#### **Centric Youth & Voluntary Group**

It was agreed that no award would be made due to a lack of information as to how the group served the Parish – future applications would be considered if the Meeting could be satisfied that group provided support for residents of the Parish.

#### **Telford Chin Woo**

The application was declined as the group had already received a grant in the same financial year.

#### **16/141 Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held immediately prior to the April meeting of the Parish Council.

#### **16/142 Correspondence**

GDTC

Confirmation that arrangements for the recruitment of gardening staff was in hand.

Walkabout Wrekin

Thanks for the grant and a report on how the funds had been used.

**16/143 Matters for the next agenda.**

Footpath Bridge Road, Local Initiatives, Nature Reserves, Questionnaires, Farm Lane Development.

**16/144 Date of the next Meeting of Council**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Horsehay Village Hall immediately following the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which commences at 7:00 p.m.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:52 p.m.**

**Signed.....  
Chairman**

**Date.....**

**PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS  
FOR CONSIDERATION COUNCIL MEETING  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**PAYMENTS MADE – FEBRUARY**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Chq. No.</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
M. Goldstraw – Stationery 50%	7.08	000929	1.42	8.50
H'hay Village Hall – Rent	642.00	000930	----	642.00
Staff Costs	678.08	000931	----	678.08
	98.40	000932	----	98.40
	256.15	000933	----	256.15
M.G. – Travel	21.06	000934	0.76	21.82
M.G. – P&PC	6.60	000935	----	6.60
	<u>1709.37</u>		<u>2.18</u>	<u>1711.55</u>

**ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID – MARCH**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Chq. No.</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
M.G. – Office Exp	319.00	000936	----	319.00
T&WC – PET Fee	12500.00	000937	----	12500.00
M.G. – stationery 50%	7.08	000938	1.41	8.49
Staff Costs	678.28	000939	----	678.28
	98.20	000940	----	98.20
	256.15	000941	----	256.15
M.G. – P&PC	6.60	000942	----	6.60
M.G. – Travel	14.52	000943	0.51	15.03
	<u>13879.83</u>		<u>1.92</u>	<u>13881.75</u>

**RECEIPTS**

Opening Balance	£52'764.44
Precept	£70'000.00
Bank Interest/Dividend	£32.13
Misc. Receipts	£6875.00
Customs VAT	<u>£385.79</u>
	<u>£130'057.36</u>

Bank Balance	£87'782.87	Receipts	£130'057.36
Less u/p chqs	£1'800.05	less p'mts	£44'074.54
Less a/c to be pd	<u>£13'881.75</u>		<u>£13'881.75</u>
	<u>£72'101.07</u>		<u>£72'101.07</u>

**Signed**  
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**Responsible Financial Officer**

**Signed**  
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**Chairman**