

PARISH OF DAWLEY HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on **Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 7.00pm** at Horsehay Village Hall

Attendance

In the Chair: Cllr B Wennington, Chair of Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

Present:

- Cllrs K Barnes (arrived 7.24pm), Z Hannington, I Preece, R Mehta and S Wennington
 - Aqueduct Primary Academy – Jamie Pugh
 - Friends of Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve (DHLNR) – Bob Wennington and Kate Barnes
 - Friends of Horsehay Pool & Environs (FoHP&E) – Angela Porteous and Pat Davis
 - Horsehay Horticultural Society – Simon James
 - Telford Steam Railway – Richard Owen
 - James Taylor – T&WC Environment Locality Officer
 - Clerk and one member of the public
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1. Introductions

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Chair, Cllr B Wennington, welcomed all those present and formally opened the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Lyndsey Parker, Cllr Mark Rogers and Alan Payne – Chair of Horsehay Village Hall (written report submitted)
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3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th April 2025 as a true and accurate record.

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. Report from the Chair

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council Chair presented the Chairman's Report, which had been prepared in advance.

A copy of the report will be published on the Parish Council website.

5. Reports from Local Organisations

Representatives from the following organisations provided updates on their activities and plans for the forthcoming year:

- Aqueduct Primary Academy – Jamie Pugh
- Friends of Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve (DHLNR) – Bob Wennington and Kate Barnes
- Friends of Horsehay Pool & Environs (FoHP&E) – Angela Porteous and Pat Davis
- Horsehay Horticultural Society – Simon James
- Telford Steam Railway (TSR) – Richard Owen
- James Taylor, the new T&WC Environmental Locality Officer, also attended to introduce himself to everyone and to outline his role and some of his current projects within the parish.

All written reports submitted will be published on the Parish Council website.

6. Reports from Parish and Borough Councillors

Updates were presented regarding parish initiatives and community matters.

7. Additional Dates and Actions

• **Dead frogs at Horsehay Pool:**

Cllr Hannington raised concern about the number of dead frogs around Horsehay Pool. Angela Porteous reported that the Friends Group had already contacted Phil Lorenz, T&WC Traffic Engineer, requesting “Drive Carefully” signage. Cllrs Mehta and Preece offered to follow this up.

• **Horsehay Horticultural Show:**

Simon James confirmed that this year’s show will take place on **Saturday 5th September 2026**.

• **Lightmoor Youth Club:**

Cllr Preece reported that Lightmoor Youth Club relaunches this Friday.

Close of Meeting

The Parish Council Chair thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions. He remarked on the strength of the parish’s community groups and how pleasing it was to see so many represented at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was formally closed at **7.39pm**.
