

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 7:45pm**
at **Horsehay Village Hall**

Present: Chair, Cllrs K Barnes, Z Hannington, R Mehta, I Preece, S Wennington

Also Present: Clerk; one member of the public

25/156. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He reminded members that the Council is currently in the pre-election period and that all discussions and decisions must remain politically neutral and focused solely on council business.

25/157. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rogers and Cllr Parker.

25/158. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

The following declarations were made:

- Chair – Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve Friends Group
 - Cllr Barnes – Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve Friends Group
 - Cllr Preece – Great Dawley Town Council
 - Cllr Mehta – Great Dawley Town Council
 - Cllr Hannington – Great Dawley Town Council; Lawley & Overdale Parish Council
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25/159. Public Session

No matters were raised.

25/160. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on **18th March 2026** were approved and signed by the Chair.

25/161. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Barnes

Raised concerns regarding the findings in the recent T&WC RoSPA play inspection reports.

It was agreed that she would discuss these concerns directly with Richard Foden, T&WC Play and Recreation Infrastructure Officer (who attended the March Council meeting).

She will report back to the Council if any matters require a decision; otherwise, an update will be provided under Councillors' Reports.

Cllr Preece

Reported that a resident had raised concerns about the use of glyphosate at Horsehay Pool. He has contacted T&WC officers to request clarification on whether its use aligns with the agreed approach for Local Nature Reserves and will update the resident once a response is received.

He also reported:

- Increased ASB at Simpsons Pool linked to the warmer weather; he is working with T&WC and local residents.
- Motorbike speeding continues to be an issue borough-wide.
- Fly-tipping is being placed next to bins rather than inside them; further public education may be needed.

Cllr Mehta

Reported that the Wellington Road planning application continues to cause concern among residents.

Cllr Hannington

Reported that a litter bin in Horsehay requires relocating to ensure it is used effectively.

25/162. Community Action Team (CAT)

The CAT plans circulated on 9th April were noted.

Updates included:

- Anti-social behaviour along the bridleway from Bridge Road to the Traveller's Joy has been added to the patrol plan.
 - A caravan off Stonebridge Close has been reported for ASB; T&WC Enforcement and the Police are aware. The location has been added to the CAT patrol plan, and T&WC Planning is progressing removal.
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25/163. Local Nature Reserves (LNRs)

Dawley Hamlets LNR Friends Group

The Chair reported that he and Dave Jackson had recently completed another action day, and that work is now paused due to the bird breeding season.

Cllr Barnes confirmed that a summer pond dipping event will take place, a Halloween event will be held, and that there will be no Christmas event this year.

25/164. Grant Awarding

No grant applications were received.

25/165. Planning Applications

a) The Council considered the following planning applications:

Application or enforcement number	Appeal number	Site Address	Description of proposal	▲ Date consultation received	▲ Reply by date
TWC/2026/0263	N/A	2 William Ball Drive, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2SQ	Formation of a first floor office space in existing garage and installation of 2no. roof lights and 1no. door	10/04/2026	01/05/2026
TWC/2026/0252	N/A	The Flowerpots, 16A Frame Lane, Doseley, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3BQ	Erection of front porch, a part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension and installation of 3no. dormer windows (Part Retrospective)	08/04/2026	29/04/2026
TWC/2026/0241	N/A	39 Eleanors Close, Aqueduct, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3RR	Erection of a first floor side extension over existing bedroom and erection of a single storey rear extension	07/04/2026	28/04/2026
TWC/2026/0235	N/A	4 Horsehay Farm, Farm Lane, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2NE	Erection of a first floor side extension above garage, a single storey rear extension and conversion of an existing garage to habitable room	02/04/2026	25/04/2026

The Chair asked the Clerk to enquire with T&WC Planning Department why there is an overlap between application TWC/2026/0252 and another recent application for the same property.

b) The following decisions were noted:

None received.

25/166. Finance & Administration

a) Monthly Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly budget report and bank reconciliation.

b) List of Payments Presented for Approval:

Payee/Reason	Payt Method	Date	Net	VAT	Total
Staff Costs	Bank Transfer	15 April 2026	1,607.69	0.00	1,607.69
HMRC Tax & NI	Bank Transfer	15 April 2026	436.54	0.00	436.54
SCC Pension Fund	Bank Transfer	15 April 2026	561.42	0.00	561.42
Reimbursement Cllr B Wennington for Easter Eggs	Bank Transfer	15 April 2026	206.25	41.25	247.50
Zurich Municipal - Annual Insurance	Bank Transfer	15 April 2026	738.08	0.00	738.08
SALC - Affiliation Fees	Bank Transfer	15 April 2026	2,623.44	0.00	2,623.44
SJF Design & Print - S/S 2026 Newsletter design and print	Bank Transfer	15 April 2026	308.00	0.00	308.00
			6,481.42	41.25	6,522.67

RESOLVED: To approve the list of payments.

25/167. Correspondence and AOB

The Clerk confirmed that councillors have been issued new .gov.uk email addresses. Both old and new addresses will run in parallel for one month. Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk with any questions.

25/168. Items for the Next Agenda

Councillors were asked to notify the Clerk of any items for inclusion.

25/169. Date and Location of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**, to be held on **Wednesday 20th May 2026** at **Aqueduct Primary Academy**.

Meeting closed at **8.09 pm**.

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: _____