

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on **Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7:00pm**
at **Horsehay Village Hall**

Present: Chair, Cllrs Barnes, Mehta, Rogers, S Wennington

Also Present: Mr Chris Pearson (Team Leader – Traffic & Road Safety Engineering),
Angela Porteous and Pat Davies (FoHP&E), Clerk

25/122. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25/123. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hannington, Preece and Parker.

25/124. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Councillors were reminded to declare any pecuniary interests not already included in their register of interests.

- Chair – DHLNR
- Cllr Barnes – DHLNR
- Cllr Mehta – GDTC

25/125. Public Session

No matters were raised.

25/126. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2026 were approved.

25/127. Traffic Calming & Road Safety in the Parish

The Chair introduced Chris Pearson, T&WC Team Leader – Traffic & Road Safety Engineering, who addressed the meeting.

- The Doseley and Horsehay traffic calming project is complete.
- Cllr Barnes raised concerns that drivers are not adhering to the new 20mph limits. Highways will install traffic counters in due course.

- The Castlefields roundabout to Cherry Tree Hill road safety scheme is scheduled for delivery during the 2026 summer holidays.
- Cllr Barnes asked whether traffic lights would be included; Mr Pearson was unsure.
- Cllr Barnes requested increased enforcement checks around Majestic Way. Clerk to notify the CAT Team.
- Mr Pearson advised that Finger Road will be closed for the whole of half-term.

Mr Pearson left the meeting at 7.14pm.

25/128. Community Action Team (CAT)

a) Update on Recent Activities

The updated Neighbourhood Enforcement January Action Plan and the new February Plan were circulated ahead of the meeting.

On 10th February, the Chair and Clerk attended the monthly CAT maintenance meeting with Aaron England (Grounds & Cleansing Team Leader) and James Taylor (Environmental Locality Officer). This meeting also marked Dave Ottley's final attendance before his retirement.

At the meeting we discussed that Bill has been providing excellent support during the recent bad weather, including helping with tree clearance and gritting.

The Chair raised a query regarding leave arrangements linked to Bill's previous employment, and Aaron England agreed to look into this.

b) Chemical Spraying Equipment

The Council considered the proposal to purchase a sprayer to enable additional weed-spraying by Bill, with training and consumables funded by Idverde.

One of the key concerns was the lack of suitable storage for the sprayer.

RESOLVED:

Not to purchase the equipment and not to undertake additional spraying beyond the T&WC contract.

25/129. Local Nature Reserves (LNRs)

FoHP&E

Angela Porteous, Secretary of FoHP&E reported:

- Reeds have been planted at the north end of the pool with protective fencing
- The Gateway scheme is complete
- 3,600 bluebells planted at Simpsons Pool
- 3,000 snowdrops planted at Horsehay Pool this week
- Owl, bat and bird boxes to be installed next week

Friends of DHLNR

Cllr Barnes reported:

- Successful 'Winter Walk' event
- Ongoing community action days with Richard Shaw; next event Saturday 8th March
- Tree clearance on Top Yard Mount to encourage heather growth
- T&WC-installed marker signage is falling off and requires repair; further signage being explored

Angela Porteous and Pat Davies left the meeting at 7.35pm.

25/130. Bridge Road / Horsehay Pool Project – T&WC Pride in the Community Grant

The Chair reported on a Teams meeting held on Tuesday, 17th February with the Chair, Clerk, Angela Porteous (Secretary of FoHP&E) and Karl Jones (T&WC Team Leader – Engineering, Project Delivery & Street Lighting).

Karl confirmed that £37,000 remains from the original £70,000 grant.

A site visit for councillors and FoHP&E will take place at 9.30am on Thursday 26th February.

A further site meeting with T&WC officers (including Adrian Corney and Karl Jones) will be arranged for March.

25/131. Shirefields Play Area Improvements

The Council considered the request from Richard Foden (T&WC Play & Recreation Infrastructure Officer) and Adrian Corney for support towards improvements at the Suffolk Way / Shirefields Play Area.

An extensive list of proposed works was circulated in advance.

RESOLVED:

To pledge £4,657.50 towards the project.

The Council also wishes to review the findings of the recent T&WC play area survey and will invite an officer to a future meeting.

25/132. 2025 Gardening Scheme

The Council considered continuing the scheme delivered by Great Dawley Town Council.

GDTC will continue to supply 25 spaces. Estimated cost for 2026: £4,000–£4,500.

RESOLVED:

To continue the scheme for a further year.

25/133. Planning Applications

a) The meeting considered the following applications:

Application or enforcement number	Appeal number	Site Address	Description of proposal	▲ Date consultation received	▲ Reply by date
TWC/2026/0070	N/A	The Woodlands, Phase 3, Lightmoor Village, Telford, Shropshire,	Variation of condition 6 (Deposited plans) on planning permission TWC/2025/0509 Variation of condition 10 (deposited plans) for previously approved TWC/2024/0899 (Reserved matters application for the erection of 202no. dwellings with layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping in pursuant to outline permission W2007/0456) to allow amendments to drainage details	09/02/2026	02/03/2026
TWC/2026/0031	N/A	13 Pool View, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2ND	Replacement of 3no. windows and 1no. door	22/01/2026	12/02/2026

b) The following decisions were noted: None

25/134. Finance & Administration

a). Monthly Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation Statement

This report was issued in advance of the meeting.

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

b). List of Payments Presented for Approval

Payee/Reason	Payt Method	Date	Net	VAT	Total
Staff Costs	Bank Transfer	18 February 2026	1,477.58	0.00	1,477.58
HMRC Tax & NI	Bank Transfer	18 February 2026	355.97	0.00	355.97
SCC Pension Fund	Bank Transfer	18 February 2026	510.49	0.00	510.49
The Web Orchard - website hosting	Bank Transfer	18 February 2026	283.50	56.70	340.20
BOCT - Christmas Trees	Bank Transfer	18 February 2026	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
			4,427.54	56.70	4,484.24

RESOLVED: To approve the list of payments.

c) IT Policy

The new IT Policy was issued in advance and following consideration it was **approved**.

25/135. Correspondence / Councillors' Reports

- The Clerk received a warm email from a resident who said she enjoys the senior residents' parties so much that she is looking to move — but only within the parish — so she remains eligible to attend.
- **Cllr Barnes:** numerous fallen tree reports; a resident struggling to exit their drive due to traffic—was encouraged to report via MyTelford; Chair will also take a look.
- **Cllr Mehta:** requests for more play resources at Spring Village; inconsiderate parking on Woodhouse Lane; police have been monitoring speeding on Bridge Road and Station Road.
- **Cllr Rogers:** pothole reports—residents encouraged to use MyTelford.
- **Chair:** attended the monthly CAT Public Realm meeting (10 Feb) and the D&A / Malinslee & Dawley Bank Crime Reduction Neighbourhood Partnership (11 Feb).

25/136. Items for the Next Agenda

Councillors to propose items for inclusion on the next agenda.

25/137. Date and Location of the Next Meeting

Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7:00pm,
Aqueduct Primary Academy.

25/138. Confidential Session

The Council entered private session to consider a confidential matter and agreed a resolution relating to staff.

Meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: _____
