

DAWLEY HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 7.00pm
Horsehay Village Hall

PRESENT:

Chair, Cllr Z Hannington, Cllr J Hudson, Cllr I Preece (arrived 7.19pm), Cllr M Rogers,
Cllr S Wennington.

Also Present: Borough Cllr A Burford, Chris Pearson (T&WC Team Leader – Traffic & Road Safety Engineering), 9 members of the public and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs K Barnes, R Mehta, L Parker.

26/23. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Councillors.
The Chair advised that Chris Redfern, Community Flooding Officer for Shropshire, had sent apologies due to an urgent personal matter and was unable to attend.

26/24. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Barnes, R Mehta and L Parker.

26/25. Declarations of Interest

- The Chair – Friends of Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve
- Cllr Hannington – Great Dawley Town Council and Lawley & Overdale Parish Council

26/26. Public Session

Several members of the public attended to raise concerns regarding St Luke's Road, including:

- Road safety issues
- Lack of footpath provision
- Ineffective traffic calming at the mini-island
- Non-enforcement of the new 20mph limit

Chris Pearson, T&WC Team Leader – Traffic & Road Safety Engineering, responded explaining that the T&WC road safety scheme had been partially implemented but was paused due to funding constraints. Raised tables had not been installed where existing calming measures were already in place. He agreed to arrange further data collection.

Councillors stressed that if the full scheme had been promised, it should be delivered as a priority.

RESOLVED: DHPC to write to T&WC emphasising the need for the full scheme to be completed.

The Chair encouraged residents to join local Speed watch groups and confirmed details would be added to the parish council website.

Five members of the public left the meeting at 7.30pm.

26/27. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on **20th May 2026** were approved and signed by the Chair.

26/28. Traffic Calming & Road Safety in the Parish

Chris Pearson provided updates on planned highways measures:

Lightmoor Road

A number of traffic-calming options are under consideration but no timescale has been provided. There is insufficient space for a full footpath.

RESOLVED: DHPC to write to T&WC expressing concern and requesting that appropriate safety measures be prioritised.

Castlefields Way Roundabout and Surrounding Roads

Actions underway include:

- Introduction of a 50mph limit from Cherry Tree Hill to Castlefields Roundabout
- New signage at Castlefields roundabout
- A new central hatch area between Lightmoor Road and Brick Kiln Bank
- Foliage cutback to improve visibility

Signalisation of the roundabout remains a management-level decision.

Chris Pearson left the meeting at 7.38pm.

26/29 – Councillors' Reports

Cllr Z Hannington (Written Report)

- Reported significant issues at Simpson's Pool, including ASB, littering and suspected drug-related activity. Carried out personal litter picking due to high waste levels during warm weather.
- Requested an additional waste bin near the water safety board and noted overflowing bins around the pool.
- Thanked Bill, the Parish Council maintenance operative, for cutting back the bridle path, which is well used by residents. Reported a broken gate along the route and is seeking clarification on ownership.
- Continued concerns regarding the right of way at Horsehay Court; ongoing engagement with officers.
- Raised speeding concerns on Bridge Road, including reports of vehicles racing late on Saturday evenings.
- Additional verbal update:

- No response yet from the owner of the former Aqueduct Doctors Surgery regarding future plans.
 - Residents have raised further speeding concerns in Horsehay Ward, including Station Road.
 - Some Horsehay Pool litter bins are overflowing; DHPC to enquire about emptying frequency.
 - Requested dog fouling signs on the footpath from Suffolk Way to Frame Lane; Clerk to enquire.
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Chair (Cllr Bob Wennington) (Written Report)

- Attended the quarterly Safer & Stronger meeting with West Mercia Police, T&WC and social housing representatives.
 - Attended the Senior Citizens Summer Picnic, noting excellent attendance and organisation.
 - Held the monthly meeting with the Clerk.
 - Contacted T&WC regarding delays to the bus stop sign on Castlefields Way and works to the Aqueduct Bridge.
 - Attended the monthly monitoring meeting with the Clerk and T&WC regarding the parish's maintenance contract and maintains daily communication with Bill, the maintenance operative.
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Cllr S Wennington (Written Report)

- Attended the Senior Citizens Summer Picnic at Horsehay Village Hall, with around 100 residents in attendance. Noted the excellent organisation, food and entertainment.
 - Joined a CAT team member on a site visit for the CAT Day of Action on the 17th June covering Aqueduct, Little Dawley and Nightingale Walk. Reported that the team are on top of most issues and the area is looking good ahead of the busy summer period.
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Cllr J Hudson (Verbal Report)

- Arranged a walk with Bournville Village Trust to clarify land ownership boundaries in Smallhill Road Ward, to help resolve issues such as paving slab repairs. Will report back at the next meeting.
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Cllr I Preece (Verbal Report)

- Raised concerns about a recent spate of vehicle accidents in the parish linked to speeding and is liaising with the police.
 - Highlighted water safety and ASB issues at Simpson's Pool, working with residents, T&WC Safer & Stronger team and West Mercia Police.
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Borough Cllr A Burford (Verbal Report)

- Reported ongoing ASB issues in Aqueduct.
- Continues, alongside the Chair, to pursue progress on Aqueduct Bridge repairs, noting that funding remains the main barrier.

Cllr. Burford left the meeting at 8.07pm.

Written reports were circulated in advance of the meeting.

26/30. Community Action Team (CAT)

a) Neighbourhood Enforcement

The updated June and new July action plans had been circulated and were noted.
A report was received from the Clerk regarding the CAT Day of Action held earlier that day.

b) Environmental Maintenance

The Chair and Clerk attended a monitoring meeting with Aaron England, Grounds and Cleansing Team Leader, and James Taylor, Environment Locality Officer, on 9 Jun. Bill continues to do an excellent job.

26/31. Local Nature Reserves (LNRs)

The Chair provided a brief update on the Friends of Dawley Hamlets LNR, noting that the reserve was looking particularly picturesque at this time of year.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 8.10pm.

26/32. Great Dawley Breakfast Club

The Council considered continued funding. An update from the GDTC Clerk reported in 2025/26:

- 787 engagements at Dawley Town Hall
- 476 engagements at Old Park Primary School
- Families attending included some from Aqueduct, Little Dawley and Horsehay

RESOLVED: To contribute **£1,500** for 2026/27.

Cllrs Hannington and Preece abstained from voting.

26/33. Horsehay Scarecrow Festival

A request was received from Angela Porteous, Secretary of the Friends of Horsehay Pool & Environs, for £200–£250 towards banners, children's face painting and sundries for the event on Sunday 6th September.

Cllr Mehta had pledged £100 Borough Councillor Pride Fund, which DHPC will automatically match-fund.

26/34. Goal Posts – Phoenix Triple Fields

An update from Aaron England, T&WC Grounds and Cleansing Team Leader, confirmed that new goal posts would be manufactured and installed before the school summer holidays.
No funding was required from DHPC. T&WC will take ownership of the equipment.

26/35. Planning Applications

a) The following planning applications and permissions were considered and noted:

Application or enforcement number	Appeal number	Site Address	Description of proposal	▲ Date consultation received	▲ Reply by date
TWC/2026/0368	N/A	6 Stainburn Road, Lawley Village, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2FS	Replacement of 12no. windows and 2no. rear doors	01/06/2026	22/06/2026
TWC/2026/0357	N/A	1 Garbett Road, Aqueduct, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3RX	Erection of a two storey side extension	27/05/2026	17/06/2026

b) The following decisions were noted:

Full Granted:

Application number	TWC/2026/0252
Site address	The Flowerpots, 16A Frame Lane, Doseley, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3BQ
Description of proposal	Erection of front porch, a part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension and installation of 3no. dormer windows (Part Retrospective)
Application number	TWC/2026/0131
Site address	Access, Bridgnorth Road, Telford, Shropshire
Description of proposal	Retention and resurfacing of existing access point **AMENDED RED LINE RECEIVED**
Application number	TWC/2026/0263
Site address	2 William Ball Drive, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2SQ
Description of proposal	Installation of 2no. roof lights and 1no. door into existing garage (to facilitate the formation of first floor office space)
Application number	TWC/2026/0241
Site address	39 Eleanors Close, Aqueduct, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3RR
Description of proposal	Erection of a first floor side extension over existing bedroom and erection of a single storey rear extension

26/36. Finance & Administration

a) Monthly Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation Statement

This report and reconciliation statement 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	17 June 2026	1,607.69	0.00	1,607.69
HMRC Tax & NI	Bank Transfer	17 June 2026	436.54	0.00	436.54
SCC Pension Fund	Bank Transfer	17 June 2026	561.42	0.00	561.42
Reimbursement Refereshments and Raffle Prizes	Bank Transfer	17 June 2026	224.72	42.42	267.14
SKE Direct - Cllr Hudson ID badge	Bank Transfer	17 June 2026	4.60	0.59	5.19
MW Medics Ltd - party first aid cover	Bank Transfer	17 June 2026	120.00	0.00	120.00
			2,954.97	43.01	2,997.98

RESOLVED: To approve the list of payments.

26/37. Correspondence and Other Matters

The Chair expressed concern regarding the length of time taken to address the Doseley Road public right of way. **RESOLVED:** That the Council write to the Public Rights of Way Officer regarding the extended closure of PROW 244, Doseley.

26/38. Items for the Next Agenda

Items to include:

- Telford & Wrekin Local Plan – Main Modifications Consultation Response
- Invitation to the Police to attend

26/39. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.00pm** at **Aqueduct Primary Academy**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: _____