

GREAT DAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting
held on Thursday 28th May 2009 at Dawley House at 19:30.

Cllr S Sahota; the outgoing chairman; took the chair and opened the meeting at 19:30.

PRESENT Cllrs: J Athersmith, S Davies, B Duce, T Downing, N Holmes, N Prosser, K Sahota, S Sekham & H Williams

In attendance Mr D Griffiths Clerk
Mrs L Wilkes Assistant to the Clerk

One Member of the Public

010/00 Election of Chair. It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Holmes that Cllr Sahota be elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2009/2010. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Cllr Sahota be elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2009/2010.

011/00 Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Information Only.

012/00 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by newly Elected Chair. Cllr Sahota made his declaration of acceptance of office as Chair.

013/00 Chair's Remarks. The new Chair thanked all the Councillors for their support for the previous year and hoped that the level of support would continue for the next year. The Chair commented that he would continue to keep an eye on future expenditure.

During the previous year the Council had set the Precept as low as possible with an increase of only 4.5%, which was to provide new services. The Precept was kept low by the use of General Reserves.

The Chair commented that in his Chair's Remarks last year he wanted to introduce grass cutting for the Parishes older persons, however due to budget and staff pressures this was not able to be introduced.

The Chair commented that over the coming twelve months he would do his best to provide the service, and would look to find £5,000, £10,000 or £20,000 to start it. If the service could not be started this year he hoped to have it in place for the following summer. The service would provide front line practical help and the Chair stated that he hoped to get the co-operation of all.

The Chair commented that the service could be provided every 2 weeks/ once a month, whatever could be provided by the budget. He stated that he was determined to introduce the scheme.

He then finished with welcoming the new Assistant to the Clerk, Lisa Wilkes.

014/00 Election of Vice-Chair. It was proposed by Cllr Downing and seconded by Cllr Duce that Cllr N Holmes be elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2009/2010. Six were in favour, there was one abstention and thus it was

RESOLVED that Cllr N Holmes be elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2009/2010.

015/00 Apologies for Absence.

Councillors: A Brothwood – Childcare
V Tonks – Compassionate
J Higginson – Work Commitments
P Wolfe – Holiday
C Williams

It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Duce that the apologies be accepted. Eight were in favour, there was one abstention and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies be recorded and accepted.

016/00 Declaration of Interests, Gifts and Hospitality. None.

017/00 Appointment of Committees and Members. Chair and Vice-chair are ex officio members of all committees and can attend as voting members. Each committee to elect a Chair and Vice-chair at the first meeting.

017/01 Policy & Finance committee. Total membership – 8. Quorum 3.

The below were nominated by Cllr Davies. Cllr Duce seconded the proposal and requested a show of hands. It was RESOLVED to elect the following members:

Cllrs J Athersmith, S Davies, B Duce, T Downing, J Higginson, P Wolfe & two vacancies.

**017/02 Personnel sub-committee. Total membership – 5. Quorum 3.
(Sub-committee of the Policy & Finance Committee)**

The below were nominated by Cllr Davies. Cllr Duce seconded the proposal and requested a show of hands. It was RESOLVED to elect the following members:

Cllrs J Athersmith, B Duce, T Downing & two vacancies.

**017/03 Entertainments sub-committee. Total membership – 9. Quorum 3.
(Sub-committee of the Policy & Finance Committee)**

The below were nominated by Cllr Davies. Cllr Duce seconded the proposal and requested a show of hands. It was RESOLVED to elect the following members:

Cllrs J Athersmith, B Duce, T Downing, J Higginson, N Prosser, S Sekham, C Williams and two vacancies.

017/04 Planning and Environment Committee. Total membership – 6. Quorum 3.

The below were nominated by Cllr S Davies. Cllr Prosser seconded the proposal and requested a show of hands. It was RESOLVED to elect the following members:

Cllrs B Duce, T Downing, J Higginson, N Prosser, P Wolfe and one vacancy.

017/05 Parish Plan and Editorial Working Group. It was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Duce and RESOLVED to continue with the 'Parish Plan and Editorial Working Group', however the meetings are to be held before or after scheduled meetings.

018/00 Dates for Parish Council and Committee Meetings 2009/2010. PROPOSED by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Duce and, by a show of hands, RESOLVED that the below dates be agreed for the year 2009/2010.

008/01 Parish Council. Last Thursday in the month, bi-monthly starting at 19:30.

2009

28th May (Annual Council Meeting followed by Ordinary Council Meeting)

18th June (To consider a return reference the Community Governance Review)

30th July

24th September

26th November

2010

28th January

25th March

(27th May)

018/02 Policy and Finance Committee. Third Thursday in month starting at 19:00.

2009

16th July

17th September

15th October

17th December

2010

18th February

15th April

018/03 Planning and Environmental Committee. Second Thursday – each month at 19:00.

2009

11th June (20:00 start)

9th July (19:30 start)

13th August (meeting during August may be cancelled due to holiday period)

10th September

8th October

12th November

10th December

2010

14th January

11th February

11th March

8th April

(13th May)

018/04 Entertainments Committee to be arranged as necessary.

Personnel sub committee to be arranged as necessary.

019/01 Appointment of Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

019/02 PROPOSED by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Athersmith and, by a show of hands, unanimously RESOLVED that the detailed list of Councillors be representatives to the Outside Bodies identified for 2009/2010.

019/03 Wrekin Area Committee (SALC)	Chair
Wrekin Sports Advisory Committee	Cllr J Higginson
Dawley Malinslee Partnership (DMP)	Chair
DMP Older Persons sub-group	Chair & Clerk
DMP Safety sub-group	Two vacancies
DMP Children and Young Peoples	Two vacancies
Dawley Regeneration Partnership	Cllr P Wolfe, Cllr A Brothwood & Cllr B Duce
Parishes Forum	Cllr S Davies
Telford & Wrekin Crime Prevention	Cllr A Brothwood
Castle Lodge	Cllr P Wolfe
Bus Users Group (it is requested that Bus users are nominated – two per parish council Rights of Way NTP3 (2 nominations)	Cllr P Wolfe and one vacancy Cllr J Higginson & Cllr C Williams
Police Community Consultative Group	Cllr A Brothwood and one vacancy
Friends of Dawley Park	Cllr P Wolfe
T&WC Snow Liaison	Cllr P Wolfe
National Association of Councillors (NAC)	Delegated Authority was given to the Chair and the Clerk to review notice of meetings and agenda items

The meeting closed at 20:00.

Signed: Dated: