

DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON
Tuesday 24th November 2009

Present	Councillors	L Jinks E Edwards S Gee J Hignett D Tomlinson H Walker M Davenport
Apologies	Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Barbara Roberts due to ill health	
Absent	Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Andrew Needham Cheshire West and Chester Councillor John Grimshaw Due to a meeting elsewhere.	

Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending this meeting and the previously held short meeting to interview Mrs Davenport and Mr Wilson for the position of Parish Councillor. Mrs Davenport was welcomed to her first meeting and he hope she would find the content interesting. Some wild mushrooms had been found in one of the local fields, and that is a sign of mild weather to date and maybe of climate change. Letters had been received from both Jackie Weaver CHALC and Barbara Roberts CW&C Councillor thanking the council for their Get Well wishes, both ladies are progressing well. It had been noted that one of the Darnhall Knobs at the corner of Hall Lane had been taken and the post shattered. Recently a CW & C Council meeting that normally takes place at Cheshire Police HQ had been held in the Village Hall and favourable comments had been made regarding the Disabled Toilets and access.

Declaration of Interests.

Councillors declared that there had been no changes to their interests.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and these were passed as correct.

Proposed Councillor Tomlinson
Seconded Councillor Hignett

Appointment of New Councillor

Mrs Margaret E Davenport was co-opted to the council to replace Councillor Robin Wood

**Proposed Councillor Gee
Seconded Councillor Walker**

Mrs Davenport returned her Acceptance on Office and will complete her Code of Conduct when a copy is received from CW&C Council.

Matter Arising**12/2007****The Village Hall Support Group**

Councillor Gee gave an update on the hall.

Since the last meeting Councillor Barbara Roberts was able to obtain a grant for new tables for the Village Hall to replace the old card tables. Since she was due to have a prolonged time away from her position with CW & C Council, a number of councillors and the clerk discussed this. Only one quote was obtained since the small tables needed to be similar to those already in the hall.

The grant has been paid into the Parish Council bank account in the sum of £1000.00.

Hedging for the Car Park has been obtained from Cheshire Landscape Trust for a donation (see payments) Councillors Gee and Tomlinson will collect the plants and volunteers will plant them on Sunday morning. the clerk will supply tea and biscuits.

27/2008**Formation of a Management Committee for Village Hall**

Councillor Gee is in talks with Cheshire Community Action

31/2008**Clerk's Comments**

Financial Regulations.

Risk Assessment

Standing Orders

The clerk had found via the Internet copies of the above relating to another Parish Council of a similar size and had altered them to be suitable for Darnhall Parish Council, however one or two items needed attention and she will look at them again. On the whole the council are happy with the project so far.

06/2009**Clerk's Comments**

Following the resignation of Councillor Wood it was agreed that the clerk should obtain a mandates form from the bank so that both the clerk (who will not sign cheques, but will then be able to have statements etc on demand) and Councillor Gee to be able to sign cheques. The clerk has now obtained these forms and they will be completed in due course.

32/2008

Broadband

Everyone was happy with current procedure and content. Councillor Davenport is willing to receive her documents by email.

33/2008

Residents Complaint

Have councillors been in contact with residents of Mill Cottages, Smithy and Beauty Bank regarding the Library service? There is now a new resident on Beauty Bank would they be interested? It is thought that the new residents are out of the area during the day. Councillor Andrew Needham will take this matter up, especially since the government have put in action a scheme whereby any one who is a library member can choose and return books anywhere in England. Councillor Needham has stated that it seems an Iron Curtain surrounds this issue, but he will look into it again in the next financial year.

05/2009

Condition of the Road Surface of Hall Lane

Some work is currently being done and some areas have been marked out for further attention, therefore it currently seems a matter of wait and see how much work is carried out.

15/2009

Payments

	Amount	Cheque No.
Clerks' Payment	75.00	252
Clerks' Broadband	15.00	253
Rent due for 2 meetings in November	25.00	254
Village Hall Project Group	1000.00	255
CW & C Council (Village Hall Signs)	488.58	250
Councillor S Gee (card payment) to Go Pak	998.65	251
for Small Tables for Village Hall		
CW & C Council grant of £1000.00 already received to cover this		

**Proposed Councillor Tomlinson
Seconded Councillor Walker**

	Amount	Cheque No.
Darnhall Brownies(S137)	50.00	257
Darnhall Guides (137)	50.00	256
Chairman's Award Darnhall Dancers Mrs A Clarke.	50.00	258

**Proposed Councillor Jinks
Seconded Councillor Tomlinson**

	Amount	Cheque No.
Cheshire Landscape Trust (provision of trees for Village Hall Car Park a term of the lease.	50.00	259

**Proposed Councillor Tomlinson
Seconded Councillor Gee**

Councillor Gee will contact Mellor Braggins regarding the rent of £10.00 per annum for the Village Hall.

08/2009

Ward Boundaries

Councillor Jinks had attended a meeting of the Vale Royal Area of CHALC and had found out that the Boundaries Commission is going to place Darnhall within Winsford. However he is going to take advice from a number of his contacts and together with Councillor Gee look into this matter since the council deem that they would be better served within a rural group.

13/2009

Telephone Kiosk

Councillor Gee had looked into the options regarding the Telephone Kiosk outside the Village Hall. and it was proposed that the Parish Council take up the option of ownership of the kiosk for the cost of £1.00 this means that the Council will then become responsible for the Kiosk i.e. Outside and Inside but the telephone will remove by British Telecom. Fortunately the Outside of the Kiosk has recently been painted. Councillor Gee had looked into the matter further and that whatever the Council decided there would still be yearly expense for providing lighting in the Kiosk. Councillor Gee will endeavour to find out if this kiosk is due to be removed shortly since British Telecom has repainted it would seem doubtful.

14//2009

Raven Inn

The Chairman had been in contact with the owners of the property but they had stated the problems are responsibility of the tenant. Since the last meeting both Trading Standards and the Police had been called to the property. It is rumoured that the premises may be converted into a Home for Older people, to date no formal plans been sent to the council.

External Meetings

Clerk had attended a CW & C Council meeting at the Lifestyle Centre.

Planning Applications

09/01184/FUL

Proposal Temporary permission for the siting of race and rescue control building
(renewal APP/2004/1157)

Location Winsford Flash Sailing Club Stocks Hill Winsford Cheshire CW7 4EE

09/01435/FUL

Proposal Single Storey rear extension and vehicular access

Location 6 Beauty Bank, Darnhall. Winsford Cheshire CW7 4DF

These have been passed by CW & C Council

Any other Business

16/2009

PRECEPT

It was now time to discuss the precept for 2010/2011

For 2009/2010 was set at £3000.00 and increase of £140.00 on the previous year.

A copy of the up to date budget comparison, and a proposed budget for 2010/2011 had been prepared by the clerk. It brought to the Councillor's attention that any payments expected to made MUST be in the budget and that no AD HOC payments can be made to the Village Hall.

Suggested items to be included in the budget.

Improvements to Website £500.00

Marking of Disabled Parking Space and hard surfacing £1000.00

A number of people have contacted the clerk via the website asking for information on various items,

Proposed Councillor Tomlinson

Seconded Councillor Gee

After much discussion it was agreed that the precept remain at £3000.00.

Proposed Councillor Tomlinson

Seconded Councillor Hignett

17/2009

Voting for APB Meeting representative.

Candidates	Nick Harris	Winsford Town Councillor
	Graham Stewart	Utkinton Parish Councillor
	Gill Clough	Tarporley Parish Councillor

The forms are to be completed and returned by the clerk.

18/2009

Smithy Bank

Councillor Hignett raised the matter regarding the surface water running down Smithy Bank from the track leading to Backside and Fields Farm and that this is causing problems on the highway, since the patching done between Beauty and Smithy Bank is now washed away, and when the water freezes the road and track will be like an ice rink. This track is also a public footpath. The clerk was instructed to write to Mellor Braggins regarding this issue and the matter of the Darnhall Knobs at the corner of Hall Lane since this is on land owned by the Verdin Estate.

Correspondence

This was passed round, but this is much reduced due to the fact that more is being sent via email.

Meeting Closed at 22.00 hours

Next Meeting: to be 26th January 2010.