

DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON
Tuesday 29th September 2009

Present Councillors L Jinks
S Gee
J Hignett
D Tomlinson
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Andrew Needham

Apologies Councillor E Edwards
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Barbara Roberts

Absent Councillor H Walker
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor John Grimshaw

Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone who had helped in any way to make the Grand Opening of the Village Hall the success it was. The weather had been good enabling people to stay outside and take advantage of the Barbeque and Bar into the early evening and the Darnhall Dancers had done a demonstration of their dancing skills and singing. A number of people had donated items for the day and they were thanked together with the displays by the users of the hall, it had been a memorable event. It was good that James Verdin had not only unveiled the plaque but had also stayed and talked to residents about the hall and the area. The local press had given good coverage to the event and the possibility of a Darnhall Day was mentioned. Robin Wood was thanked for helping with organisation of the day. Mr Jim Bradley of the Cheshire Community Action group has used the hall for an evening meeting in early September, some attendees at the meeting had visited the hall prior to any of the refurbishment, and they were very impressed with the result. The Telephone Box has now has been painted by British Telecom and now looks smart and in keeping with the outside of the hall.

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 Gee
Seconded Councillor Hignett

Matter Arising

- 12/2007** **The Village Hall Support Group**
Councillor Gee gave an update on the hall and most of the necessary items have now been sorted out. He is still looking into the issue of grants for the hedging/fencing, it maybe that the hedging plants are purchased and a working party formed to plant them. The Racing Night profit was £146.50 and the 5 events held have made £955.00 in total, another 3 events are planned for this year, and it is hoped that the word will spread about the events.
- 23/2008** **Signs for Village Hall**
These are now in place and the invoice is awaited.
- 27/2008** **Formation of a Management Committee for Village Hall**
Councillor Gee will talk to Robin Wood and this will be discussed further.
- 31/2008** **Clerk's Comments**
Financial Regulations.
Risk Assessment
Standing Orders
We must have these since the last Audit Report asked for them.
The clerk has been sent some information by the Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils, and these are enclosed. However since this is such a lot to sort out a sub committee will be formed of Councillor Jinks and Tomlinson together with the clerk.
This group have been unable to meet to date due to other meetings and Bank Holidays etc.
- 06/2009** **Clerk's Comments**
Following the resignation of Councillor Wood it was agreed that the clerk should obtain 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**
Are you all happy with what I am sending you? Are there item you do not want. Everyone was happy with current procedure.

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 anyone who is a library member can choose and return books anywhere in England.

05/2009

Condition of the Road Surface of Hall Lane

Some patching has been done and some areas have been marked out for further attention.

12/2009

Payments

Clerks' payment	£75.00
<i>Cheque Number 245</i>	
Clerks' Broadband	£15.00
<i>Cheque Number 246</i>	
Rent Due for Meeting in August	£15.00
<i>Cheque Number 247</i>	
Rent Due for Meeting in September	£15.00
<i>Cheque Number 248</i>	
CCA Village Hall Section	£35.00
<i>Cheque Number 249</i>	

Proposed Councillor Jinks**Seconded Councillor Tomlinson**

08/2009

Ward Boundaries

Councillor Jinks gave a report on this and read extracts from a report by Cheshire West and Chester Council submitted to the Boundaries Commission. The Chairman had been involved in discussions following the last meeting regarding this matter. A letter had been received directly from the Boundaries Commission noticing the Parish Council Interests in this matter.

09/2009

Resignation of Councillor R H D Wood

The matter of a formal thanks to Councillor Wood was discussed and a date etc will be discussed at a later meeting.

Two residents have written and applied for the post of Parish Council therefore the clerk will check when the hall will be available and that all councillors can attend.

10/2009 **Cheshire West and Chester Council**

The meeting with above regarding services previously provided by VRBC and CCC had taken place in August and further comments/actions are awaited. The issue of the Mobile Library/Gritting and Road Maintenance had been brought to the attention of **Nicola McKeand** the representative. Of CW&CC who took the meeting. She had been amazed to find such a lovely spot as the Village Hall with the sun setting beyond the car park.

11/2009 **Diamond Jubilee**

Councillor Hignett brought it to the council's attention that 2012 would be the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and maybe an event could be planned, the clerk noted that it would also be the year that the Olympics will be staged in London. Councillor Edwards had contacted the clerk and suggested that maybe games i.e. egg & spoon race could be organised.

External Meetings

Meeting of the Gowy and Eddisbury Community Forum on **28th July 2009** at Tarvin Community Centre. Councillors Jinks gave a short report on this meeting.

Police Authority Meetings 2009/2010 on **1st September 2009** Lifestyle Centre Winsford Unfortunately Councillor Jinks had been unable to attend.

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

After discussions with local councillors the Chairman had advised the clerk to inform the planning office that the parish council had no objections to these plans.

Any other Business

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 to of kiosk for the cost of £1.00 this means that the Council will then become responsible for the Kiosk ie Outside and Inside but the telephone will be removed by British Telecom. Fortunately the Outside of the Kiosk has recently been painted. Councillor Gee will obtain the relevant documents and the Chairman and Clerk will sign them.

Proposed Councillor Gee

Seconded Councillor Jinks

14//2009

Raven Inn

The Chairman had received verbal complaints regarding the condition of the Raven Inn both the building and the surrounding area are becoming a blot in the landscape. This was proposed that the Chairman should contact the owner (whom he as spoken to previously) on behalf of the council

Proposed Councillor Gee

Seconded Councillor Tomlinson

Correspondence

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

Meeting Closed at 21.35 hours

Next Meeting: to be 24th |Nobember 2009.