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DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON
Tuesday 30th March 2010*

Present Councillors L Jinks
M Davenport
S Gee
J Hignett
D Tomlinson
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Barbara Roberts

Apologies Councillor E Edwards who is recovering from major surgery.
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Andrew Needham

Absent Councillor Walker
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor John Grimshaw

At this point PC Jed Giggs arrived who is responsible for Policing in the Darnhall Area but his base is at Tattenhall. He talked about the difficulties of policing a large rural area and discussed local matters of concern. He pointed out that any unusual happening in rural area should be notified to the police since they often lead to resolving of other crimes. It is no use complaining that no action is taken if the police are not aware of what is happening. But emergency numbers should only be used for emergencies and not general enquires etc. PC Giggs will try to come along to another meeting later in the year.

Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending this meeting and wished Councillor Edwards a speedy recovery the clerk had sent a Get Well card and a thank you letter had been received. The Chairman talked about a Clay Pigeon Shoot that had been recently between Calveley Badgers and The Raven the proceeds of which would go to the Village Hall Funds. CW & C Councillor Roberts was congratulated on becoming Deputy Lord Mayor of Chester. The Chairman cut his opening remarks short due to the visit of PC Giggs

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 Gee

Appointment of New Councillor

Mrs Davenport returned her Acceptance on Office and will complete her Code of Conduct when a copy is received from CW&C Council. The clerk had contacted the help line for Parish Clerks yet again and still the form has not arrived.

Matter Arising

12/2007 The Village Hall Support Group

Councillor Gee gave an update on the hall. A number of events are planned for this year mainly a Darnhall Village Day in July and various evening events to include The Darnhall Quiz. No more Table Top/Car Boot Sales are planned at the moment.

27/2008 Formation of a Management Committee for Village Hall

Unfortunately Gail Ward has resigned from this and a replacement is being sought. Any offers of help or ideas are welcome. It was suggested that an editorial be put in the local papers and hopefully that will bring a response.

31/2008 Clerk's Comments

Financial Regulations.
Risk Assessment

Standing Orders

These had been read and passed by councillors and they will be submitted to the Audit Commission with the Year End Accounts. These documents will be reviewed regularly and at the next review the initials of CW&C will be shown in full on the last page to clarify matters. The acceptance of these was proposed and seconded.

Proposed Councillor Tomlinson
Seconded Councillor Davenport

Councillors requested that the minutes should record that the clerk had worked hard to sort this matter out.

06/2009 Clerk's Comments

The clerk spent 45 minutes in the bank one Saturday morning trying to get the Bank Mandate sorted out. The Mandate held at the bank was very out of date and a fresh start was the best way forward. The clerk has now obtained these forms and they will be completed in due course. Information from Councillor Tomlinson is still needed. Councillor Tomlinson agreed to take the forms to the bank and hopefully everything will now be sorted out.

33/2008 Residents Complaint

Mobile Library : lots of news. But if you want it back then

residents will have to use it. The councillors are confident they can find users. Following the previous meeting the clerk had contacted the Library service, CW& C Councillor and our MP.

Response from our MP, CW& C Executive and Clerk original email below. The clerk tried her best. We also had a response from CW&C Councillors Grimshaw and Needham.

Dear Mrs Sherry

Further to your e-mail of 8th March I attach an e-mail I have today received from the Chief Executive of Cheshire West and Chester Council in response to representations I made on your behalf. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you think I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Brien MP
Shadow Minister for Health & Social Care
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From: ROBINSON, Steve (Chief Executive)
[mailto:Steve.Robinson@Cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk]
Sent: 19 March 2010 13:57
To: O'BRIEN, Stephen
Cc: LAMMOND, Carol; CHALMERS, Iris (PA to Chief Executive)
Subject: Darnhall Parish Council Mobile Library Service

Dear Stephen

Thank you for your email of 12 March 2010 relating to Darnhall Parish Council and their request for the reinstatement of a mobile library stop.

When Local Government Re-organisation resulted in the creation of Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East, changes were made to the routes of the mobile libraries based in Nantwich (East) and Northwich (West). The Nantwich mobile had visited

Beauty Bank, Darnhall until re-organisation, and the two adults who used the library at that stop were consulted by Nantwich library staff about using a new stop in Wettehall nearby, which is in Cheshire East. They were offered home visits from the Books-on-wheels service if it was impossible for them to get to this stop.

Beauty Bank is 2.6 miles from Winsford Library, so people living there now have a choice of visiting a large well-stocked library in the nearby town, or travelling a similar distance to Wettehall to use the Cheshire East mobile.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to provide a mobile library service to everyone who would like it, mobile services are expensive and we prioritise communities who do not have reasonable access to a library. Our mobiles have to follow a limited number of routes, which cannot take them along every road and past every household.

We are currently undertaking a review of all our library services, and will consider the needs of residents of Darnhall along with other potential users of mobile library services, so if the Parish Council would like to make a case for the residents there to have a mobile service, their needs will be weighed against those of other communities.

I hope the above information is helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further assistance.

Regards

Steve Robinson

Chief Executive

Cheshire West and Chester Council



From: Marjorie Sherry [mailto:marjoriesherry@btinternet.com]

Sent: 08 March 2010 19:22

To: CW&CLibarires; O'BRIEN, Stephen; CW&CJohn Grimshaw; CCCAndrew Needham; CW&C B. Roberts; Tomlinson David; John Hignett; Liz Edwards; Simon Gee; 'maggiedavenport'

Subject: Darnhall Parish Council Mobile Library Service

Dear Sirs

On the 1st April 2009 the Mobile Library Service to Beauty Bank Darnhall ceased and the local residents were informed that they could use the Mobile Library Service at the Boot and

Slipper Car Park i.e. in East Cheshire (at this stop none of the residents of Wettenhall use the library) however the residents of Darnhall have continued to use this facilities now that the new year is starting will the Mobile Library Service resume to Darnhall?

The van still passes through Darnhall on its way from Church Minshull to Wettenhall **maybe this is a matter for Cheshire Shared Services or maybe the van for CW&C should come to Darnhall.** At least one resident using the service has young children who should be encourage to read. The government are trying to arrange library facilities for all WHAT ABOUT US. It would seems possible for the Library to visit on a Tuesday since it calls at Eaton twice and Little Budworth once.

We did contact you last year regarding this matter.

Please reply to this email prior to the 21st March 2010

Kind regards

Marjorie Sherry

Clerk to Darnhall Parish Council

08/2009 Ward Boundaries

Councillor Jinks reported that there is no more news on this matter.

13/2009 Telephone Kiosk

No more news on this matter.

18/2009 Smithy Bank

Councillor Hignett reported that after the last meeting C W & C Council carried out extensive works in Smithy Bank to find the source of the problem, and found that the problem lay outside the boundary of Five Oaks, Beauty Bank, in the form of tree roots growing into the drains. This matter was remedied and a manhole has been placed at the junction of Smithy Bank and Hall Lane. Hopefully this will resolve the matter, and residents and walkers will be able to use the land again.

Darnhall Knobbs

Councillor Jinks had met Peter Wain the agent for (R J Verdin Esq.) and the missing post etc will be replaced when the weather is suitable and the estate has the necessary time etc.

20/2009 Heavy Goods Vehicles using Hall Lane

Copy of email sent and response below. The clerk had replied and asked that the count should be done in school term time since the flow of traffic is much less then. Thanks to CW& C Councillors Roberts for all her help with this.

Dear Marjorie,

Thank you for your recent email regarding the possibility of having a weight limit on Hall Lane, Darnhall.

In order to assess the volume and type of traffic using Hall Lane, I have arranged for an automatic traffic count to be undertaken after the Easter school holidays. This will enable us to look at the request in more detail.

I will contact you again once we have assessed the results of the survey.

Regards

Jerry Gibbs
Senior Traffic Engineer
Cheshire West and Chester Council

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From: Marjorie Sherry [mailto:marjoriesherry@btinternet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2010 6:31 PM
To: GIBBS, Jerry
Cc: ROBERTS, Barbara (Councillor)
Subject: Darnhall Parish Council

Dear Mr Gibbs

I have been given your contact details by John Oakley

At our last parish council a local resident had asked about the possibility of have a HGV weight limit on Hall Lane Darnhall.

Late last year East Cheshire Council had temporary HGV limits placed on roads linked to Hall Lane Darnhall and the junction of Wettehall Road with the A51 at Poole/Reaseheath was closed completely this reduced the amount of HGV traffic on this rural road tremendously since Car Transplants, Nick Brookes and wagon going to and from North Western Farmers use this road has a short cut.

Could you please advise us the best way to proceed with this enquiry.

Kind regards

Marjorie Sherry

Clerk to Darnhall Parish Council

21/2009 Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

The chairman would have liked his name to go forward to attend this function on the 22nd June 2010, but unfortunately persons whom have previously attended are not eligible.

22/2009 Payments

	Amount	Cheque Number
Clerks' Payment	75.00	265
Clerks' Broadband	15.00	266
Rent due for 1 meetings in March	15.00	267
CHALC Training Councillor Davenport	30.00	268
Mellor Braggins	5.00	269

Mellor Braggins Invoice is for 01.01.2008 to 31/12/2012 £5.00 in total.

**Proposed Councillor Jinks
Seconded Councillor Hignett**

Clerks Comments

The clerk had no comments to make at this time, but thanked the council for the recognition of her work with the Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, Standing Orders.

Planning Application.

Proposal Erection of Prefabricated Building for Use as Offices –Retrospective

Location Weaver Cottage. Swanlow Lane. Darnhall. Winsford.
This as now been withdrawn.

Councillor Hignett stated that the application:-
09/01435/FUL

Proposal Single Storey rear extension and vehicular access
Location 6 Beauty Bank, Darnhall. Winsford Cheshire CW7 4DF
Had been started but was currently at a standstill.

23/2009 Village Hall sign in the field at Knobbs Corner.

Problem has arisen regarding the sign placed in the hedge at Knobbs Corner advertising Village Hall events. Since receiving the email

Councillor Jinks will have had it removed and the necessary forms have been passed to Councillor Gee to apply for planning permission. Councillor Jinks has also discussed the matter with Peter Wain the agent for (R J Verdin Esq.) who own the land the signs are placed on, and it would seem that in principle there would be no objection to the sign being replaced.

Dear Ms. Sherry,

I'm sorry to have to trouble you but I have been made aware of the several advertisements on Hall Lane jct. Darnhall School Lane, one which is a directional sign for Darnhall Village Hall.

Unfortunately all the signs (including your own) are in breach of the Town & Country

Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 and each requires advertising consent in its own right.

In the meantime I will be writing to the other advertisers asking them to remove their signs. Consequently it would be of great assistance if the Parish could remove its sign as soon as possible. If you need any further information my direct line is 01606 867749.

Many thanks,

Peter Faulkner

Peter Faulkner
Planning Enforcement Officer
Cheshire West and Chester Council

Tel: 01606 867749

Email:

Location: Development Management, Wyvern House, The Drumber, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 1AH

Reports on Meetings

Councillor Gee Cheshire Community Action

Councillor Gee reported that this had been a very useful meeting and he had made lots of contacts for issues relating to the Village Hall for funding and management.

He had also now got a link with a member of the management team at Jessie Hughes Institute at Eaton.

Councillor Jinks Tarporley Forum

This had proved interesting and forges more links with the rural area of Tarporley.

Councillor Jinks CHALC Vale Royal

Councillor Jinks and the clerk had attended this meeting, but unfortunately the speaker had not managed to attend. But various matters regarding the training venue for CHALC and the fact that lots of CW & C Council meetings which councillors are being asked to take part in are being held in Chester and/or during the day. So that although councillors are interested in training and CW & C issues they are unable to attend.

Councillor Davenport CHALC Training Course

Councillor Davenport report that one of the two courses she had been booked on was cancelled due to lack of uptake. However she had attended Roles & Responsibilities and had learned a lot about how the council should work. She expressed an interest in attending Law & Procedures later in the year.

Any Other Business

No other business had been brought to the council's attention.

Correspondence

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

Meeting Closed at 22.30 hours.