

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON
Tuesday 18th May 2010**

Present Councillors L Jinks
M Davenport
S Gee

J Hignett
D Tomlinson
H Walker

Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Barbara Roberts

Apologies Councillor E Edwards Who is recovering
from major surgery.

Absent Cheshire West and Chester Councillor John Grimshaw
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Andrew Needham

Member of the Public

Mrs B Barker
Mrs A Hignett

Chairman's opening remarks

These had been covered mainly in the preceding meeting i.e. The Parish Assembly and the Annual General Meeting The Chairman thanked the members of the public for staying following the Tea and Biscuits served by the clerk.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors declared that there had been no changes to their interests

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th March 2010 will have been read and approved at the A.G.M.

Appointment of New Councillor

Mrs Davenport had returned her Acceptance on Office and complete her Code of Conduct which the clerk will forward to CW&C Council.

Matter Arising

12/2007 The Village Hall Support Group

Councillor Gee had given an update on the Funding Group at the Parish Assembly.

27/2008 Formation of a Management Committee for Village Hall

Councillor Gee had given an update on the Management Committee at the Parish Assembly.

06/2009 Clerk's Comments

Changing the Bank Account, Councillor Tomlinson took the forms to the bank, and we have more to complete - hopefully this will bring the matter to a close.

33/2008 Residents Complaint (Mobile Library)

CW&C Councillor Roberts assured everyone that the matter was still on going.

13/2009 Telephone Kiosk

No more news.

20/2009 Heavy Goods Vehicles using Hall Lane

The response to the survey is below.

We have now received the results of the automatic traffic count which was recently undertaken on Hall Lane, Darnhall. I will have to send a copy of the classification survey separately as the email system would not allow me to attach it.

Looking at the results, the average of the eastbound and westbound HGVs (bins 3 and 4) equates to 7.7% of the total number of vehicles. This figure includes refuse and fire appliance vehicles and as such is not considered to be excessive.

When assessing weight limits, it is important to try to maintain a consistent approach across the Cheshire West area and assess both the needs of the freight transport industry and the impact of lorries on the community. An objective assessment must always be made of requests for lorry controls and there are a number of issues which need to be considered before deciding whether to proceed with a Traffic Regulation Order.

The wider effects of all schemes need to be assessed to ensure that localised problems have been alleviated and not merely displaced elsewhere. Consultation with various outside bodies, notably the police is vital, as regular enforcement is required to ensure effectiveness.

If a weight restriction was made it would have to be an area wide restriction and include all of the roads leading to Darnhall. The restriction would have to extend from the junction of Darnhall School Lane to Hickhurst Lane, to enable HGV drivers to find an alternative route. The alternative route would be lengthy and would run through Eaton and Little Budworth via C and A classified roads, which would generate objections and further complaints from these Parishes.

The order would have to include an exemption or 'except for access' to allow vehicles to make deliveries and gain access to properties. To enable the police to enforce the order, they would have to follow vehicles along the full length of the restriction which would make it difficult to enforce.

For the above reasons, we would not be able to support the introduction of a weight limit on this road at the present time, although we will keep the

situation under review.

Regards

Jerry Gibbs

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The Clerk was asked to inform the resident of the response received following the meeting.

21/2009 Payments

The clerk would like to request that the Broadband Payment is paid Annually, this would save writing cheques for small amounts.

It has also been requested that the Parish Council pay rent Quarterly rather than bi-monthly for the same reason.

	Amount	Cheque Number
Clerks' Payment	75.00	270
Clerks' Annual Expenses	100.00	271
Cheshire Community Action	20.00	272
CHALC	52.79	273
Insurance	295.45	274

Proposed Councillor Tomlinson

Seconded Councillor Walker

Clerks Comments

Should start looking for a speaker for next year's Parish Assembly **NOW.**

Councillor Edwards has a contact in the environmental agency.

22/2009 Verdin/Woodford Lodge Schools

Following the last meeting a resident of Winsford had contact the clerk regarding the above and asked how the council had reacted to the merger into an Academy. The Chairman contacted councillors regarding this and the clerk sent the following email to CW & C Council

I have been asked to contact you on behalf of Darnhall Parish Council.

They understand that the merger would bring better facilities and teachers to the area; this in turn would hopefully encourage parents to educate their children in Winsford. This would also help with reductions in travelling etc. The council trust that should a new building be built to replace the two existing sites that the building will be built to a standard that will include solar power, heat exchange units etc. Maybe some of the materials from the existing buildings can be reused. It would be expected that the two existing sites which will become brown field sites will be used for community projects i.e. low cost housing, cinema etc.

Therefore the council would be in favour of the merger.

Planning Application.

Village Hall sign in the field at Knobbs Corner.

Councillor Jinks will have this removed by now and the necessary forms should have been received to apply for planning permission.

This will need the consent of the landowner and a fee of £47.50.

It was suggested that maybe the would be better placed at another location.

Reports on Meetings etc.

Both Councillor Gee and Councillor Jinks had attending meetings organised by CCA and had felt that the matters raised at these meetings had been very informative.

Councillor Davenport had attended at Training Evening at CHALC headquarters at Burleydam and had found it very useful.

Any Other Business

It was thought that the Council should produce a newsletter this year.

Correspondence

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

Meeting Closed at 21.45 hours

Next Meeting: to be. 27th July 2010