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**DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
*MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON  
TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30 pm*

<b>Present</b>	Councillors	L Jinks M Davenport E Edwards S Gee D Tomlinson H Walker Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Barbara Roberts
<b>Apologies</b>	Councillor J Hignett Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Andrew Needham	
<b>Absent</b>	Cheshire West And Chester Councillor John Grimshaw	
<b>Public</b>	Mrs Susan Langley	

Prior to the main business of the evening Mrs S Langley was introduced by the Chairman.

**Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Since the last meeting Bob Barton and Mike Worthington of Cheshire FM had been in contact with the chairman and a date had been agreed for five people linked to Darnhall in various ways to take part in a Sunday morning live broadcast on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

The Chairman spoke about the Parish in general and the work of the Parish Council. Then introduced the other speakers and provided link information.

Mr Richard Ward a former parish councillor who was born and bred at The Mill and still resides in the parish spoke about the history of Darnhall and the Mill.

Mrs Marjorie Sherry spoke about her up bringing in Lancashire and related it to her links with the Women's Institute. Darnhall and Wettenhall is one of the oldest WI's in the county.

Councillor Gee spoke about his links with the music industry and music development. His is now chairman of the Village Hall Management and Fund Raising and the way forward.

Mrs Angela Clarke who has lived most of her life in Darnhall spoke about growing up in the Parish. She is in charge of the 1<sup>st</sup> Darnhall Brownie Pack and also organises the Darnhall Dancers which encourages young people especially girls to practice dancing and they have appeared at various local village shows and Darnhall Village Day.

At this point time ran out and Mrs Clarke was asked back for the following Sunday when she and another former resident of Darnhall took part in the broadcast. Everyone who took part had enjoyed the experience.

The Darnhall Village Quiz team had won for the first time at Bickerton.

The National Census will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March and the Local Election on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. Since the boundary commission have deemed that Darnhall should now no longer be part of the Tarporley Ward we are to be joined with Winsford in spite of the case Darnhall put forward to remain with a rural area.

Councillor Barbara Roberts will no longer represent Darnhall and we await the results of the election. The Chairman thanked Councillor Roberts for help with obtaining grants for the Village Hall together with all the help she had given on general and planning matters. She was presented with a gift of her favourite chocolates.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors declared that there had been no changes to their interests

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010 have been circulated and therefore will not be read. But these will have to be approved.

**Proposed Councillor Davenport**

**Seconded Councillor Walker**

### **Matter Arising**

**01/2010      The Village Hall Support Group**

**02/2010      Management Committee of Village Hall**

#### **WREN Application for Village Hall Funding**

Councillor Gee informed the council that WREN had agreed to grant £6500.00 to the hall. This would be used to finish the work to the Storeroom and Loft, together with some outside repair work. and a soak away therefore the hall should not incur charges for surface water.

Two Disabled car parking spaces are to be provided with £2200.00 from the Village Hall Funds and £2000.00 that the Parish Council had earmarked in the precept for this. A grant from CW&C thanks to Councillor Roberts for crockery, cutlery etc. had also been received. Hopefully work will commence after Easter and take about one month. The Management Committee still need a book-keeper. The Human Race Night had raised £166.00 and was a good family fun night. The Darnhall Village Day is to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

The Fund Raising Committee are sometimes disappointed at the lack of people attending their functions in the hall and would be interested to know how residents would like to be updated on events i.e. e-mail, the website is updated on a regular basis. [www.darnhall.org.uk](http://www.darnhall.org.uk)

**06/2010      Speaker for Parish Assembly 2011**

The Chairman will contact Mike Worthington of Cheshire FM and ask him to come along and talk about the station. It was generally agreed that tea and cake will be served. Nice as Pie will provide the Cake and the clerk will make arrangements regarding the tea.

**07/2010      Parish Newsletter**

Having asked the Brownies, Guides, Dancers and WI about events, etc

at a meeting of the users of the hall in February nothing had been forthcoming.

**15/2010**

**Cheshire FM**

The broadcast had been on the 20<sup>th</sup> March and the Chairman covered this matter in his opening remarks. Feedback had been positive.

**16/2010**

**Speeding on Rural Roads**

Nothing had been heard from CW&C Councillor Barton regarding either the SID's programme or HGV's using rural roads.

**27/2010**

**Darnhall Signage**

The Chairman asked CW&C Councillor Gaskill about the sighting of the signage for Darnhall on Swanlow Lane and he will look into this matter. But the Winsford sign is incorrectly positioned. However to date nothing has been heard from CW&C Councillor Gaskill

**17/2010**

**Deteriorating Building in Darnhall**

It is believed that people have been seen looking at the Raven Inn, but nothing has been heard from the planning department or the owners regarding this building. It had been noted that the work on Ivy Cottage had now been completed and that the building is let.

The parish council have not received any plans for work at Weaver Chapel. It is believed that possibly the changes made to the car park have been done without planning consent.

**4/2010**

**Residents Complaint (Mobile Library)**

Some residents have used the bookcase, but the hall is not open on a regular basis, but once residents know about it then hopefully it will be used more.

**28/2010**

**Payments**

	Amount	Cheque No.
Clerks' Payment	75.00	311
Rent due for 1 meetings in March	15.00	312

**Proposed Councillor Jinks  
Seconded Councillor Davenport**

**29/2010**

**Clerks Comments.**

The clerk had recently been email regarding the employment status of Parish Clerks from the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 **ALL** Parish Councils will have to be responsible for the payment of PAYE & NI to Parish Clerks however small the parish is. She had been contacted by a Bureau that would do this on behalf of the council, however they would charge about £144.00 per annum. It was agreed that she would contact the Customs and Revenue and see if due to the small amount involved it can be paid half yearly or annually. There have also been changes in how Planning Applications will be presented to Parish Councils in future, but since the clerk had received numerous emails from other larger Parishes who are making representation to CW&C., the clerk had

not commented on this matter. CW&C Councillor Roberts informed the council that a number town and parish councils have agreed to test the new arrangements, for a trial period. The clerk was thanked for arranging to take the nomination papers etc to Wyvern House on the Councillors behalf.

**30/2010**

**External Meetings.**

The Chairman had attended a Vale Royal CHALC meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Wyvern House. Chris Cook had reported back that Cheshire East felt they were unable to help provide Mobile Library Services at Darnhall. The plans for a Wind Farm at Oxheys Farm have been withdrawn. The speaker for the evening unfortunately did not arrive or send apologies. Therefore the meeting finished earlier than normal.

**Any other business.**

**31/2010**

**Telephone Kiosk**

The Chairman pointed out that one of the panes of glass was broken. Councillor Gee will contact BT.

**32/2010**

**Meetings**

Councillor Gee will attend two external meetings and Councillor Davenport will attend another in the near future.

**33/2010**

**Rural Crime**

Councillor Edwards reported that a boat and an engine had been stolen from a mooring on the Flashes near Weaver Hall. A number of strangers have been seen around building in the Weaver area of the parish at night. All this has been reported to Constable Giggs and the Rural Watch Team.

**34/2010**

**Councillor Tomlinson**

After much deliberation Councillor Tomlinson had decided not to stand for re-election in May. He feels that due to other commitments he is currently unable to give adequate time to the work involved. He will continue to help the council in any way possible and will continue to maintain the Centre of Cheshire etc.

**34/2010**

**CW&C Councillor Roberts**

Councillor Roberts thanked the Council for the card and gift she had received. She expressed her dismay that she would not be visiting us again in her current capacity. She had always felt welcome at Darnhall and said it had been a pleasure to come and help us.

**Correspondence**

This was passed round.

**Meeting Closed at 21.05 hours**

**Next Meeting: to be. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and will be the AGM and Ordinary Meeting.**  
THE PARISH ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.30 PM AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND HEAR WHAT TAKES PLACE IN 'THE HIDDEN PLACE'.