

**DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY
OF DARNHALL**

**HELD IN DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON
Tuesday 18TH May 2010**

Present Councillors: L Jinks

M Davenport

S Gee

J Hignett

D Tomlinson

H Walker

CW & C B Roberts

Mrs B Barker

Mrs A Hignett

Apologies Councillors E Edwards

Absent CW&C J Grimshaw

CW & C A Needham

Chairman's opening remarks

The chairman spoke about the events of the Parish over the last twelve months.

The Village Hall Opening event in August 2009 had some last minutes snags, but with feet paddling under water and appearing calm above, the event went off successfully, and was enjoyed by both residents and friends.

James Verdin had come along to open the event and unveil a plaque, whilst the Mayor of Winsford came along in his regalia with our representatives on CW & C Council. Sir and Lady Barlow (Lady Barlow had grown up in Darnhall and still takes an interest in the Parish) had also come together with

representatives of the Funding Agencies. Robin Wood spoke about the highs and lows of the refurbishment of the Hall and thanks the Funding agencies for their help and grants. A 21 gun salute finished the opening and everyone enjoyed a BBQ and chatting well into the evening. Councillor Robin Wood having resigned from the Parish Council, two residents applied to be co-opted to the council and we now have Councillor Maggie Davenport on the council.

Much action has taken place at the Knobs with the placing of the official directions signs for the Village Hall and the sign showing events at the hall.

Unfortunately the events sign was removed early this year due to a breach in planning regulations. One side on The Knobs has been vandalised, but the Verdin Estate will rebuild it in due course. Our local police officer PC Giggs came to the March Parish council meeting and told the councillors that only 11 incidents had been reported in the parish in 6 months but encouraged residents to report any incidents in order that information is acted on.

At the Bi-monthly Parish Council meetings over the last twelve months matters concerning the Mobile Library, Boundary Commission, Road Repairs and a HGV limit had been major topics plus the compilation of a Risk Assessment and

Standing Orders.

During the last twelve months various meetings have been attended including Cheshire Association of Local Councils, Cheshire Police Authority, Cheshire West & Chester Council and Cheshire Community Action. The Village has this year entered a team in the Cheshire Community Action Village Halls) Quiz - the team came sixth.

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were read by the Parish Clerk and agreed by Councillor Jinks as a correct record.

Report on Village Hall Fund Raising Group

Councillor Gee reported that in 2009 nine events had taken place including Table Top/Car Boots, Discos, plus a Turkey and Tinsel evening. This year one large and three small events are taking place. On the 17th July a Darnhall Village Day is planned - this will be an afternoon and evening event which will be widely publicised. The Women's Institute were thanked for their help at all the events.

Report on Village Hall Management Committee

Councillor Gee reported that most of the internal work is complete; however funds are still needed to finish both internal and external work. Regular users of the hall are the most important people and they were thanked for using the hall. The hall is now used on a more regular basis for Children's Parties, Dance Nights etc and a booking has now been taken for a week's usage in November. However increased usage means more costs in the form of Rates, and other standing charges. The grant from Cheshire West and Chester Council enabled the purchase of a number of small tables. Fund Raising enabled the purchase of a Chair Mover in order to facilitate cleaning and a Projector Screen was recently purchased to enhance the facilities. The Management Committee still need help with the Bookkeeping since Gail Ward retired from the committee, she had been a great help and is sorely missed. The 200 club is still one of the best sources of income.

Other Business

The Fishing Club will hold their annual event for Prostrate Cancer in August and the Prostrate Cancer Group are planning a Brass Band Concert in June.

Brownies and Guides still have full packs, with waiting lists and full itineraries

Darnhall Dancers are flourishing and will be dancing at various local shows over the Summer months, and are organising a show to be performed in the Village Hall on the 15th and 16th July and again at The Darnhall Village Day.

The Women's Institute are celebrating their 90th Birthday in both Darnhall and as a County Federation. More members are always welcome.

This meeting was followed by the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.