**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of**

**Darnhall Parish Council**

**Held in Darnhall Village Hall on**

**Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7pm**

Members of the public present: Cllr Malcolm Gaskill, Winsford Town Council

Members of the council present: Cllr Jinks (Chairman), Cllr Bownes, Cllr Davenport,

Cllr Langley, Cllr Sherry, Cllr Lee & Cllr Strachan.

1. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

1. **Disclosure of declaration of interest**

None.

1. **Chairman’s opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone in particular new Councillors, Cllr Rosie Lee and Cllr Gaskill. Cllr Lees’ appointment will hopefully bring more attention to the flashes. The Chairman stated how pleased he was that the Parish Assembly was so well attended and then briefly covered the works to be carried out next month on the village hall, to include preventative measures surrounding the trees to the side of the hall building. The recent tea party held here in the hall was another success. The Chairman then stated that he would like Council at the next Ordinary Meeting to consider proposing a preferred caterer should future hall bookings dictate this & to fall in with hygiene regulations. Darnhall Show is next month, 7th July, & the Chairman hoped for fine weather and a good turnout.

1. **To discuss the new Contractual lease on the village hall. To include a proposed extension of the lease and whether legal advice should be sought following concerns over the current name on the land registry.**

The Chairman explained to all in attendance that the WREN Grant for the new floor in the hall was dependant on a new village hall lease being signed. The Chairman stated that the new lease was no different from the current one but it was the second form relating to the land registry that gave cause for concern. Any lease over 7 years has to go through the land registry. The form stated ‘transfer from Parish Council Darnhall to J Verdin’. The Chairman went on to say that he had been in contact with Verdin Estates and they replied that because the Parish Council had surrendered part of the lease they would have to have a new lease. The Chairman then read out an email (08.06.2019) from Robin Wood (Robin Wood Associates).

Following discussion, it was agreed by Council that the Clerk, would contact Chalc for immediate advice. If the lease issue could not be dealt with at this level, then professional legal advice would be sought, through Robin Woods contact as per his email (08.06.2019). An agreed financial upper limit was put at £500 for legal fees. If any additional monies would be required, then Council would have to meet again, to discuss.

Council further discussed the length of the new extended lease as the number of years differed to the old lease. The end date for the lease is 10/7/2043 which is only 24 years. For a new 25 years lease the date needed to be 10/7/2044. If wren required 25 years minimum on the new lease then it would be an end year of 2045. It was agreed by Council to address the land registry issues first. The Chairman informed Council that he was meeting with the Contractor who is fixing the floor this coming Thursday with Robin Wood. Work is still on schedule to start 15.07.2019.

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1. **Items for Information and discussion only**

The Chairman confirmed that the 200 Club finished in April 2019. Forms had been sent out with parish newsletters. Cllr Sherry is to distribute new forms and the next draw will take place in July 2019. Cllr Langley updated everyone on Darnhall Show. Flyers and raffle tickets are now available and there is a Facebook page specifically for Darnhall Show.

Cllr Sherry thanked everyone for attending the afternoon tea event. A profit of £500 was raised. Cllr Gaskill stated he would be making a donation to Darnhall Show & Cllrs thanked him.

**The meeting closed at 8:05pm.**

Signed by the Chairman

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