



# Darnhall Parish Council



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 7:30PM

**PRESENT:** Cllr L Jinks (Chairman)  
Cllrs M Davenport, R Langley, M Sherry, R Strachan, and C Williams  
Dr M Bailey (Interim Clerk)  
Cllr M Gaskill (Cheshire West and Chester Council)

### 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were noted

### 3. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

### 4. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record. One amendment was made – should read Reg Brookes.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING

The following items were raised by Members: -

- *Defibrillator* – it was agreed that signs need to be ordered
- *Litter* - thanks were offered to those who had undertaken litter picking in the parish (including Angela and Simon Hancock and Maggie Davenport)
- *CWAC* – complaint to be made to CWAC about litter in hedges on Swanlow Lane

### 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman raised the following points: -

- Pleased by the generous donation made by the Parish Council to the Brownies and also the donation from the Darnhall Exhibition Foundation following an application by Cllr Strachan.
- Paid tribute to sister-in-law Angela Jinks and for the great support shown from Darnhall following her passing.

### 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial items.

## 7.1 Authorisation of Payments

£307.40	Clerk Pay (Interim – Dr M Bailey) (Jan -March 2021)
£18.60	Shires Pay Services (M10 – 2020/21)
£513.00	Cheshire Community Action (Neighbourhood Plan)
£171.00	Cheshire Community Action (Neighbourhood Plan)
£9.00	Shires Pay Services (M9 – 2020/21)
£198.00	Brazendale Plumbing (Boiler Service – VH)

*The following payments were made since the last Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

£100.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Darnhall Brownies (s.137 donation)
£100.00	Darnhall School of Dance (s.137 donation)
£10.00	Cheshire Community Action – Membership (2020-21)

**RESOLVED:** The above payments were **APPROVED** by the Council

## 7.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation (1.4.20-31.1.21)

The ledger/bank reconciliation report for the period 1.4.20-31.1.21 was presented to Members who **APPROVED** the document.

## 7.3 Budgets 2021-22

The budgets for 2021-22 were noted and **APPROVED** by the Parish Council.

## 8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were presented to the Council and Members **APPROVED** the minutes.

## 9. DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Darnhall Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 were presented to the Council and Members **APPROVED** the minutes. Members also noted the following matters.

- Cleaning Equipment – it was noted that an offer had been made to provide cleaning equipment for the Village Hall
- Painting and Decorating – it was noted that a supplier is still being sought for this work. It was agreed to contact Verdin Estates and/or ChALC/CCA for supplier information. Will check the lease to see if other materials could be used for the fascias.

## 10. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

### 10.1 Darnhall Neighbourhood Plan

An update was provided to the meeting on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan had been signed off by CWAC and will go forward for a referendum on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. CWAC will issue an information letter on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and Plan will be posted on the CWAC website. Cllr Strachan to submit the End of

Grant Report to Groundwork and will go to NMC to collect the final version of the Plan.

## **10.2 Planning Applications**

An update was provided on the Darnhall Bridge works. Cllr Langley said that he had spoken to local residents and they asked for the lights to be moved to provide better sight over the bridge (the permanent lights need to be the same). Cllr Strachan said that a single point of contact with the engineers would be useful.

## **11. COVID-19 UPDATES/GUIDANCE**

The Parish Council considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the parish.

### **11.1 Darnhall Village Hall – Updates**

It was reported that the Village Hall is closed. The Caretaker is communicating with ACRE about re-opening. It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting (Annual Meeting) will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in the Hall.

### **11.2 Updates on COVID-19 in the Parish**

It was agreed to pass on details of anyone in the parish who needs help.

## **12. DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL**

Members considered items in relation to the Village Hall

- Meeting request for 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – the Council refused this request, but were prepared to offer the car park for a meeting.
- Waste Management – getting quotes from companies.

## **13. PARISH DELIVERY PLAN**

Cllr Strachan introduced the item and said that this is part of the Neighbourhood Plan development. It was agreed that 4.2 needs to be amended to include reference to the Local Plan.

## **14. WEBSITE**

The new website was shown to Members and all were happy with its ongoing development.

## **15. CLERK'S REPORT**

The interim Clerk's report was noted. The following items were raised: -

- Census 2021 – need to get the message out to the parish about help with filling in forms

## **16. SHARED INFORMATION**

The following items were shared by Members: -

- Cllr Sherry – residents informed about changes in the parish

- Cllr Langley – Darnhall Show is unlikely to go ahead
- Cllr Gaskill – has raised bins issue with CWAC and working on getting a new bin. Site meeting to take place and MG has said he will pay for a new bin from his CWAC Members Allowance.
- Cllr Gaskill – attended meeting on flooding at Church Minshull PC
- Cllr Strachan – said that an oak tree had been cut down in the parish and that a scheme should be put in place to replace such trees.

#### **17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members agreed to the date of the next Parish Council meeting (Annual Meeting) as Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm.

**Meeting closed at 9:12pm**