



Darnhall Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 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

Apologies were received from Cllr R Lee.

4. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING – 17th NOVEMBER 2020

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record

5. MATTERS ARISING

The following items were raised by Members: -

- *Strategic Plan* – Cllr Strachan agreed to circulate the latest version of the Plan.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman raised the following points: -

- Paid tribute to the late Ray Brookes – a parish councillor for 40 years.
- Thanked all those who provided help to make sure everything has kept going during the latest lockdown

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial items.

7.1 Authorisation of Payments

£307.40	Clerk Pay (Interim – Dr M Bailey) (Nov 2020-Jan 2021)
£16.80	Shires Pay Services (M8 – 2020/21)
£190.00	Cheshire Community Action (NP work)
£5.00	Mellor Speakman (Licence VH – 1.1.21-31.12.25)
£198.00	Brazendale Plumbing (VH – Boiler Service)

£411.60	Ackerley Plant Hire (VH – fencing around gas tank)
£40.00	ICO (Data Protection Registration Fee)
£1,080.00	Jim Ashley (VH – grounds maintenance work Mar-Dec 2020)
£17.41	Cllr R Strachan (reimbursement – VH toilet repairs)

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

7.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation (1.4.20-31.12.20)

The ledger/bank reconciliation report for the period 1.4.20-30.12.20 was presented to Members who **APPROVED** the document.

7.3 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 3 2020/21 – April-December 2020)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary for the first three quarters of the 2020/21 financial year were presented to Members who **APPROVED** the documents.

7.4 Budget 2021-22

Having considered the budget for 2021/22 at the previous meeting of the Parish Council in November 2020, Members agreed the budget formally.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** the following: -

- a) That a budget of **£6,720.00** for 2021/22 be approved; and
- b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£7,000.00** from CWAC

The Parish Council also **AGREED** to an annual donation of £100 each to the 1st Darnhall Brownies and the Darnhall School of Dance.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 8th December 2020 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 7th December 2020 were presented to the Council and Members **APPROVED** the minutes.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

A number of planning matters were raised by Members: -

- Weaver Wood Farm – cattle shed now built
- Weaver Hall Farm – mobile home is in place on the property and is a large size. The planning application was refused by CWAC on 16th December 2020.

10.1 Darnhall Neighbourhood Plan

An update was provided to the meeting on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The independent examiner has accepted the document and will move towards a referendum, possibly to be held in May 2021.

10.2 Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been received by the Parish Council

20/04795/LBC

Darnhall Bridge, Hall Lane, Darnhall

Repair and improvement works to Darnhall Bridge

Members noted the application and expressed concerns regarding the impact of the closure of the bridge on the community and the Village Hall. It was agreed to write to CWAC to ask for clarity on the process including how long the work will take. It was also agreed to submit a formal response to the planning application, co-ordinated by Cllr Strachan.

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.

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

- Loss of income due to the pandemic and the bridge closure
- Applications for business rates relief
- Will look at assessments of maintenance work needing to be done
- CCTV – to get system linked to caretaker's phone

13. 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
- Precept request to CWAC needs to be made by 31st January 2021
- Website has been updated, but need to chase up new website

14. SHARED INFORMATION

The following items were shared by Members: -

- Cllr Gaskill – asked about the Darnhall Show and whether it will go ahead
- Cllr Jinks – asked to purchase signs for the defibrillator
- Cllr Davenport – asked about advertising the Census – Council will ask for posters
- Cllr Sherry – said that the Village Hall looked good at Christmas
- Cllr Strachan – raised the issue of litter picking. Cllr Gaskill said he would get hold of equipment and Council will advertise the Winsford Litter Project on social media

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed to the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.30pm.

16. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed that, due to the confidential nature of the following items, to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Reports relating to these items have been withheld from public circulation and deposit.

17. STAFFING MATTERS

Members decided to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to increase the Village Hall Caretaker salary to £2,500 per annum and also agreed contract for the post.

Meeting closed at 9:21pm