**DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Darnhall Parish Council**

**Held in Darnhall Village Hall on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 7:30pm**

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

Cllr Sherry, Cllr Lee, Cllr Bownes & Cllr Strachan.

Members of the public present: PCSO Jo Parker

1. **Open Forum**

PCSO Jo Parker, beat Community Support Officer for the Swanlow Dene area came to introduce herself and gave an overview to Council of her role and responsibilities and how Policing is delivered in the Ward.

1. **Apologies for absence**

 None

1. **Disclosure of declaration of interest**

 None

1. **Chairman’s opening remarks**

The Chairman opened the meeting by commenting on the hall floor and how well it looked. He stated it should remain stable for many years and hoped Darnhall Dancers are pleased. Thanks were given to Prime Construction for producing the finished floor, to FCC Communities Foundation Ltd (formally WREN) for their generosity in funding the project and to Robin Wood for his dedication to the project.

The Chairman confirmed that the Calor gas tank was scheduled to be re-sited w/c 30th September 2019 and that the hall was open for business with specific reference to attracting more usage during the daytime.

Sadly, the Chairman reported to Council of the passing of two ladies, both wives of former Councillors of this Council, Edith Tomlinson and Jean Grant. Funeral representation by Darnhall Parish Council would be undertaken by the Chairman.

1. **Minutes - To confirm, approve and sign the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting held on 16/07/2019**

The venue was incorrectly put as Darnhall Village Hall. It should have been The Sailing Club.

The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

1. **Matters arising from the previous meeting dated 16/07/2019.**

Cllr Langley referred to the last meeting (16.07.2019) Agenda Item 18 on GDPR. Information had been sourced from Winsford Town Council.

Clerk to source additional suppliers due to the costs involved. Once received Councillors to compare suppliers in terms of product delivery and value for money.

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The Chairman informed Council that Cheshire West and Chester Council had signed off the demolition order of a building within the Parish.

1. **Clerks report**

Nothing to report

1. **Planning**

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| 19/01975/FUL | Ash House Farm CW7 4DQ | Extension to Existing Boarding Kennels | New Application Rc’d 11.07.2019 – Not Yet Determined |

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| 19/03128/FUL | Weaver Bungalow, New Lane, Darnhall, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 4EA | Single Story Extension to Front | Not Yet Determined |
| 19/03133/FUL | Pool Head Farm, Woodford Lane West, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 4EQ | Conversion of agricultural buildings to offices including link extension and associated development  | Not Yet Determined |
| 19/02198/FUL | Style Farm Swanlow Lane Darnhall Winsford Cheshire CW7 4BS | Equestrian outdoor arena | Not Yet Determined |

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| 19/00803/FUL | Knobs Farm CW7 4DB | Replacement Equine Building | Approval 10.9.2019 |
| 19/00815/FUL | Knobs Farm CW7 4DB | Extension to Manage and Erection of Flood Lights (Replace Existing) | Not Yet Determined |
| 19/00912/LDC | Weaver Hall Farm CW7 4EB | Continued Use of Garden & Parking Area | Not Yet Determined |
| 19/00718/FUL | Park Farm CW7 4BP | Creation of Two Ponds & Surrounding Marsh | Not Yet Determined |

Cllr Strachan to forward information to the Clerk for Pool Head Farm.

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1. **Finance**

Clerk to check if Scottish Power and Step In Trophies have been paid twice.

Clerk requested Council to sign letters to instruct Barclays to close the Business Savings Account and transfer monies to the Barclays Current Account.

The Nat West current account would now be used to assist the Clerk in reconciling the accounts. All statements to come to the Village Hall.

1. **Auditors Report 2019 (John Henry)**

It was agreed that Cllrs Strachan, Lee and Sherry would meet with the Clerk to formulate a Statutory Annual Budget in preparation of setting the Precept in November.

1. **To Receive an Update on Darnhall 200 Club**

The Chairman reported that there are 120 members this year with an income of £1,440. The draws for May, June, July and August will take place in September. The draws for September and October will take place in October.

1. **To Receive an Update On the Darnhall Village Hall Project**

Cllr Strachan updated Council on the hall floor. The floor is not currently signed off due to outstanding issues with the contractor yet to be resolved. A meeting is scheduled when Robin Wood returns from holiday. The floor is now two inches lower than the original floor. External drainage has been improved to channel the excess rainwater away from the building.

1. **To Receive Updates from Village Hall Fundraising, Darnhall Village Hall Advisory & Finance Committees**

Cllr Sherry reported of Cinema evening taking place on 2nd October and a Quiz night on 12th October. Dog walking took place on Saturday, 14th September.

The DVHA Committee were unable to meet on Thursday 5th September at 7pm due to hall renovations. The Committee will meet and refer to their back- up date of Thursday, 3rd October at 7pm.

1. **To Consider the Darnhall Show 2020 – Operations and Budget.**

This was deferred to the next meeting. The Finance Committee will have met and would have a greater understanding of Council Finances.

**18.** **To Consider Polling Station Payments**

It was resolved that Council would pay £50 per election when the village hall was used as a polling station. Council agreed that A Hancock would receive two payments following the two elections held in May 2019.

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**21. Items for Information and Discussion only**

Due to time restraints agenda items 15,16,17,19 and 20 would be deferred to the November or future meeting.

Cllr Davenport reported that she was meeting with CW&C Public Rights of way officer at 10am on 3rd October 2019.

Cllr Davenport reported that she was working on the next Parish newsletters.

Cllr Langley gave the Clerk pictures of the Agar notification on the noticeboard for audit purposes.

Cllr Langley reported that the village hall now had a post box and fixed at the front of the building. This would address some of the auditors/GDPR recommendations.

The Chairman asked Council if they would be willing to support a donation to St. Davids Church, Wettenhall for the use of the Church whilst the hall had been closed. It was agreed that £25 would be donated to St. Davids PCC.

PCSO Parker left the meeting at 8:15pm approx..

Meeting Closed at 10.20pm

Signed by the Chairman …………………………………………………………………………………………………

Dated …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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