**Minutes of the AGM of Darnhall Parish Council**

**Held in Darnhall Village Hall on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at 7.30pm**

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Strachan, CWAC Cllr S Burns & CWAC Cllr D Armstrong

1. **Chairman’s remarks**

The chairman thanked all the councillors for their support over the past 12 months. The council has seen some changes over the last 12 months, two councillors have retired and the clerk retired from her roll.

We now have a new clerk who will keep the councillors up to date.

2 new councillors were co-opted and they will bring new ideas to the council.

The chairman then went on to thank the following councillors: - Cllr Bownes for being the Vice-Chairman and allowing the use of his field for the Darnhall show. Cllr Davenport for her work on the footpaths in the parish. Cllr Langley for the fundraising for the Village Hall and for his work on the new parish website. Cllr Strachan for his work on the Darnhall Neighbourhood Plan.

The chairman also thanked CWAC councillors David Armstrong & Stephen Burns.

Final thanks was to John Hignett for being our internal auditor.

The chairman finished by saying that the councillors are the eyes and ears of Darnhall’s green and pleasant land.

1. **Appointment of officers**

Nominations were requested.

**21/16 Cllr Langley nominated Cllr Jinks to continue his role as Chairman** **and Cllr Bostock seconded it.** Cllr Jinks accepted.

**22/16 Cllr Sherry nominated Cllr Bownes to continue his role as Vice-Chairman and Cllr Davenport seconded it.** Cllr Bownes accepted.

**23/16 Cllr Jinks proposed that Sue Langley continues in her role as parish clerk and Cllr Bownes seconded it.** Sue Langley accepted.

1. **Declarations of office and declarations of interest.**

Declarations of office do not need to be filled in at this meeting.

Declarations of interest. The clerk doesn’t have copies of all the councillor’s declarations of interest at the moment (not yet transferred from previous clerk). These do need checking for any changes. When the clerk has them all together she will present them to the councillors to be checked.

1. **Election of officers to other groups.**

Chalc – Cheshire Association of Local Council **24/16 agreed that Cllr Jinks and Cllr Langley to be representatives.** Cllr Jinks and Cllr Langley accepted.

Neighbourhood Plan – **25/16** **agreed that Cllr Strachan continues with this role.**

Footpath - **26/16 agreed that Cllr Davenport continues with this role.** Cllr Davenport excepted.

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Village hall fundraising chairman - **27/16 agreed that Cllr Langley continues with this role.** Cllr Langley eccepted.

Police & Crime Commissioner – Cllr Davenport is our representative for this but Cllr Bostock expressed an interest in this role as he would like to be involved. **28/16 Cllr Davenport agreed to Cllr Bostock becoming the new representative.** Cllr Bostock eccepted the role.

1. **Accounts for the year.**

The accounts were agreed at the April meeting. These have since been sent to the external auditors.

1. **Internal auditor**

Our internal auditor is Mr John Hignet. **29/16 agreed he should continue with the role.**

1. **Update the risk assessments.**

The risk assessments will need updating. The clerk will present them to councillors at another meeting during the year.

1. **Financial regulations and standing orders.**

The clerk is aware that there are some changes that need to be made to the financial regulations and standing orders. The clerk will present them to councillors at another meeting during the year.

1. **List of dates for council meeting for the coming year.**

**30/16 dates agreed.** If there is a need for an extra meeting during the year this will be arranged at the time.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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

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