**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darnhall Parish Council**

**Held in Darnhall Village Hall on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 7.30pm**

Members of the public present: None

Members of the council present: Cllr Jinks (chair), Cllr Bostock, Cllr Bownes, Cllr Davenport, Cllr Langley, Cllr Sherry

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Strachan – at a school governors meeting

1. **Disclosure of declaration of interest**

Cllr Bownes item 7.2 letter from Weaver Hall

1. **Chairman’s opening remarks**

The chairman commented on how well the Village Hall looks now it has been repaired and painted. Letter/email to be sent to James Verdin to keep him informed of the work we have done, plus the extra work needed on the roof and the repairs needed to the floor.

The Chairman wished to congratulate Ann Hignet for her 40 years of service in the 1st Darnhall Brownies and for the award she received. There was a mention of this in the parish newsletter, a celebration took place of the Brownie meeting and there was also a mention in Wettenhall Church.

The Chairman raised the question “Why do the Darnhall Beavers meet in United Reform Church, Winsford and not in Darnhall” We believe they did start meeting in Darnhall School and moved to United Reform and this was possibly how they became called ‘Darnhall’ Beavers. Do they not meet in the Village Hall because there are no nights free for them?

The Chairman also wished to congratulate our neighbouring village Church Minshull on being awarded the Cheshire Community Spirit award.

Also noted that they too are doing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The 200 club is going well so far and the new way of paying direct into the bank has been taken up by 5 people so far.

2 Draws need to take place in December either at WI meeting or at the Turkey and Tinsel event on the 10th.

1. **Minutes**

**To approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2016 and the minutes from the extra meeting on the 15th November 2016. 42/16 resolved that the council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2016 and the extra meeting on the 15th November 2016.**

1. **Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Tuesday 27th September 2016.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

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1. **Clerks report and correspondence received**
	1. The Clerk has sent a letter to Christine Kirkham from Weaver Methodist Church regarding the entrance to the car park and speeding traffic. So far we have not had a reply.
	2. Tree Preservation Order. The Clerk has finally had a reply from the CWAC regarding the TPO on trees on hall lane. Requested that the clerk ask about other woodland areas in Darnhall and see if we can get a copy of the register for those areas, but there is a cost involved.
	3. Re- email from Ann Wright regarding Planning Protocol our comments have been sent in.
	4. Highways and water in the road by Village Hall. The Clerk has been in touch with the council again over this. The drains have been cleared out but there is still water in the road. Reported it again. Phone message back from the council. Later emails sent to explain the problem better. We now await a reply again. Chairman has offered to meet with highways at the Village Hall if it will help.
	5. Yasir Beg and the Raven Inn. Clerk has tried to contact him on a couple of occasions but no reply this time. Try to get an answer before our next meeting.
	6. Defibrillator funding and training. The Clerk has received a letter from both Cheshire Community Action and Ann Wright (Chalc) to say the defibrillators are available FOC, you need to apply on line for them and you can apply for as many as 5. We could put them in the following places – Village Hall, Post office, Star Inn, John Bownes Ltd and Weaver Chapel. Clerk to check if still available and see if the various places are interested in having one.
	7. Phone box. Suggestion made for it to be made into an information point. Map and info.
	8. Letter from Cheshire West and Chester council regarding the possibility of double taxation. The clerk will fill the form in.
2. **Planning, Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**
	1. Update from the Neighbourhood Plan meeting held on 15th November. Cllr Strachan could not attend this meeting. At the meeting on the 15th November it was agreed to form a steering group to consist of 8-12 people and include 3 councillors, one of the councillors was going to be our chairman. After the meeting the chairman now thinks it would be better if he was not on this steering group but would help out in other ways instead. Therefore, another councillor can take his place. **43/16 all agreed that the chairman could come off the steering group.** Local resident Robin Wood has a list of people who may be interested in being on the steering group. Councillors to help out and contact various people inviting them to come along to the first meeting which will be held on 10th January 2017 in the Village Hall 7.30pm.

Clerk to put a notice in the notice board to advertise the meeting as everyone is very welcome to come along.

* 1. Letter from Local resident regarding planning issues near Weaver Hall. The letter was read out at the meeting and a plan of the area was handed to the councillors. Clerk to contact CWAC planning enforcement officer to see what can be done.
1. **Finances**
	1. The bank balance at the end of September was £11,964.53. Four cheques have been made out totalling £1337.95, as listed below. This leaves a new balance in the account of £10,626.58.
	2. Reimburse the clerk for the bill for the newsletters, Neuro Muscular Centre £27

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* 1. Pay S Redmond for repairs etc. £271
	2. Reimburse the clerk for the TPO register £39.95
	3. Pay annual donation to Village Hall £1000
	4. Discuss the budget for next year. Most things in the budget will remain the same. This year we budgeted for Speed Limit Changes but we have not been able to sort this yet. Some of the money however has been spent on other things – mugs, gifts, hall survey and paint phone box.

We still have the money in the account from the housing bonus £2120, which is to go towards the cost of the Neighbourhood plan and website.

Possible review of clerks wages.

Councillors to be sent some budget figures by the clerk to view and discuss at the next meeting.

Our precept this year was £4000 taking a further £1810 out of funds to cover all our costs. **44/16 suggested that the precept be increased next year**

1. **Update on speeding traffic on the roads within our parish**

The clerk has sent a letter to Jerry Gibbs but no reply at yet. Will chase again.

1. **Update on any other meetings attended by Councillors.**

Cllr Sherry went to the Chalc Annual General Meeting. In the future our precept will only be allowed to be increased by 2%. Planning therefore for the future needs to be taken in consideration in our current budget.

Cllrs Jinks, Langley & Davenport along with the clerk attended the meeting at Outlon Park. We originally only had two tickets for this event but two more became available at late notice. The meeting was all about who lived and worked at the hall and what happened to it after the fire. At the end of the evening donations were made to the memorial fund.

Cllrs Jinks and Langley attended a meeting about fracking. At the moment there are no planning applications for any sites.

1. **Cllr Langley to update on Village Hall Fundraising.**

The Christmas Market made around £350 – figures still to be confirmed.

The turkey and tinsel party will be held on the 10th December.

The repairs to the hall have been paid for out of funds raised.

The floor is now in need of some repairs to make it safe. No plans yet to replace the floor.

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

Local Resident and ex-councillor Helen Walker has recently been taken into hospital.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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

Dated ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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