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

**Held in Darnhall Village Hall on Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 7.30pm**

Members of the public present: None

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Strachan – holiday and Cllr Bownes Working.

1. **Disclosure of declaration of interest**

None

1. **Chairman’s opening remarks**

The 3rd Darnhall Show was held on 9th July at Court House Farm. It took 12 months to get it all ready. Volunteers helped to get it ready. Marquee funded mostly by CWAC. Unfortunately, the horse section had to be cancelled again, this was due to a sick horse.

There were all the usual stalls, fair, farmers market, vintage tractor, wagons and cars. There was main ring entertainment and fun dog show. Darnhall Guides did the teas for the first time and did an excellent job.

The chairman thanks Richard and Sue Langley for all their hard work. Plans are already underway for next year.

The courts in London will be hopefully making a decision regarding the 184 houses planning application for Mr James Verdin. Robin Wood will be attending the hearing.

It is believed that changes to the plans to include 30-40 affordable homes and there will be some self-build plots which it is hoped will encourage local builders.

John Brookes passed away aged 87. Born in Darnhall and farmed at Fields farm for many years before moving to Fields Farm, Wettenhall.

1. **Minutes**

**To approve the minutes of the AGM and ordinary parish council meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017. 68/17 resolved that the council approved the minutes of the AGM and ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017.**

1. **Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Tuesday 16th May 2017.**

There has been no update regarding the Weaver Wood Farm planning application for a tip. Clerk will look into this.

The Knobbs junction still needs sorting.

1. **Clerks report and correspondence received.**

Cllr Davenport has drafted a letter regarding footpaths in the parish and requested the clerk forwarded the letter the CWAC for their response. Nothing has come back as yet.

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The defibrillator is still being stored in the clerk’s house. This need installing in the phone box asap. Also ask the guides is they would like to take on the training and care of the defibrillator.

Queen’s birthday mugs are also still being stored at the clerk’s house and something needs to be done with them. Suggestion to pass them onto Viv Gee who runs tombola’s as fundraising events and use them for that some how.

1. **Planning, Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**

Cllr Bostock updated the councillors on the NP. It is all going forward well. Draft policies have been done. A survey was done at Darnhall Show and they had 50 responses, 20 residents from Darnhall. Another meeting end of August is planned. In all good progress is being made.

Planning notification for the oak tree 17/02225/TPO. The council’s comments have been sent in regarding this application but as yet we have no updates.

Proposed speed limit on Swanlow Lane. Letters have been sent out but still not heard anything. Clerk will chase Highways to see what’s happening.

1. **Finances**
   1. The bank balance at the end of July was £16,336.20. Only one cheque made out this month for £49.99 which leaves £16,286.21 in the account. There is still money in the account from the housing bonus (£2090) and Ground work (£3979) which will be going towards the expenses for the Neighbourhood Plan.

8.2 Pay the invoice for Mcafee update on PC laptop for £49.99.

8.3 The Expenses for the NP should have been presented at this meeting but Cllr Strachan was unable to make this meeting due to being on holiday. **69/17 agreed that if the invoices need paying before our next meeting to allow this to happen.** Clerk will inform all councillors of any invoices that she is presented with and the values and they will appear on the next parish council agenda.

1. **Website update**

Cllr Langley kept the website up to date for the Darnhall Show.

The accounts for the Parish Council are now on the website to comply with transparency code.

Still waiting for information from Weaver Chapel to go on the website.

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

No other meetings attended.

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

The Village Hall fundraising committee have had a BBQ and disco which raised £179

The Darnhall show raised approx. £2000.

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

Cllr Jinks reported on the road that had collapsed at Middlewich/Nantwich and how this piece of road is now closed and will be for a while. There is still some kind of water leak/seepage outside the village hall which we have still not got to the bottom off. Clerk to contact highways again for update on what’s happening and see if an onsite meeting can be arranged.

Fingerpost sign at Darnhall Knobbs is in need of a coat of paint. Find out who is responsible for this. Sign at Smithy Bank also needs painting.

Car park at Village Hall – weeds are coming through. Clerk to contact Mr S Redmond who looks after the grounds and arrange for this to be done.

Water lying on Ashbrook Bridge again from the Cheshire East Side. The drains appear to be blocked. On the Cheshire West Side, the grids are also blocked. Clerk to contact highways.

Footpaths – a working party may be needed to help clear the pathways and styles.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

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

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