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

**Held in Darnhall Village Hall on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7.30pm**

Members of the public present: None

Members of the council present: Cllr Jinks (chair), Cllr Bostock, Cllr Bownes, Cllr Langley, & Cllr Strachan.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Davenport on holiday and Cllr Sherry also on holiday.

1. **Disclosure of declaration of interest**

None

1. **Chairman’s opening remark**

For remembrance Sunday a small wooden cross had been placed on the memorial plaque in the Village Hall. In future years maybe we should do something more. The plaque still didn’t get fully restored after the break in. Cllr Bostock had suggested the idea of looking into the history of all the names on the plaque and writing up a small booklet all about them. Richard Kaye, a local postman, is the grandson of one of the soldiers mentioned on the plaque and after the break in he painted a picture of the village hall with soldiers inside it.

On 30th October the police were called out to the telescope as men were seen in the area with binoculars. The telescope had to be turned off for a short while.

On 13th October there was a quiz in the village hall. Andy did the questions. It was well attended and a cup was presented to the winning team. Photos on web site.

Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, visited St. Lukes Hospice to help celebrate their 30th birthday on 19th November.

1. **Minutes**

**To approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Tuesday 18/09/18 124/18 resolved that the council approved the minutes.**

1. **Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Tuesday 18/09/18**

* Speaker for the parish assembly still not sorted yet. Cllr Strachan to chaise
* Hedge by bus stop still not cut back. Cllr Jinks to chaise.

1. **Clerks report**

Tried contacting owner of the Raven Inn regarding the future of this site. No reply.

1. **Planning, Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**
   1. Neighbourhood plan – still struggling with consultant. Need replacement for Richard Thresh. Regarding Cheshire Community Action, we have asked for our money back or a new service contract. Draft copy of N/P is being re-done as some items needed changing.
   2. Appeal reference APP/A665/W/3200516 land adjacent to the Bungalow, Weaver Hall Lane. Regarding application number 17/05332/ful. The appeal has been refused.

The building is now to be demolished. The original 3-month period to demolish the building has been extended to 6 months.

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7.3 Application 17/00774/ful for land at Weaver Wood, New Lane, Darnhall for the land to facilitate agricultural productivity has been approved.

1. **Finances**
   1. To receive the Natwest bank statement and agree the figures with the bank reconciliation. Balance at the end of September was £12,659.79 there are 3 cheques made out totalling £2,268.0 leaving a closing balance of £10,391.79.

Petty cash balance is still the same at £7.85.

* 1. Receive the invoice from PKF Littlejohn (our internal auditors) for £240.00. this invoice had to be paid before the meeting to save interest being charged.
  2. Pay NMC Design for the printing of the newsletter £28.00
  3. Pay the agreed donation of £2,000 to the Village Hall funds out of the budget.
  4. To receive the Barclays bank statement for the Village Hall and agree the figures with the bank reconciliation. The bank balance at the end of September was £4,555.23. We have received £1,120.92 during the last 2 months and spent £584.52 leaving a new balance of £5,091.63. This matches the bank reconciliation.

The deposit account had £15,865.70 in it and we have received interest of £8.16. Therefore, the new total is £15,873.86.

* 1. Pay the maintenance and monitoring cost of the alarm system in the hall to safe Security Ltd for £215.00.
  2. To receive the Barclays bank statement for the 200 club and agree the figures with the bank reconciliation. The balance in the account as at the end of September was £1838.00. over the past 2 months’ various prize money has been issued but not all cheques cashed. The clerk will need to obtain all bank statements, cheque book and pay in book to reconcile the account up properly for our next meeting.
  3. Discuss the budget and prepare the precept request. The clerk asked councillors is they had anything they wished to include in this year’s budget so she can prepare figures for the next meeting. Items suggested were - the loft in the village hall need cleaning out and storage boxes used to store items. The caretaker can have a £500 limit on spends for items for the village hall. The toilet to store room door needs a handle and lock.

1. **Update on the Darnhall Village Hall Project.**

There had been a question over the possibility of the estate insurance having insurance cover for underpinning.

The VAT needs checking into to see if we can claim it back and how.

We should hear if we have been successful or not around the 5th December.

1. **Allotment in Darnhall**

There have been two people make an enquiry for allotments. **125/18 suggest the clerk goes back to the estate to ask where a suitable plot of land might be for an allotment site.**

The old walled garden site had been suggested but this might not be suitable.

Also whilst mentioning the walled garden site it was suggested **126/18 the clerk requests a visit to the site of the old mill and gardens. The clerk will arrange this.**

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1. **200 Club**

The lottery licence still needs to be renewed and a promotors name put on it. It had been suggested at the last meeting to ask the fund raising group to put someone forward but they came back with the answer that as all the finances for the village hall are dealt with via the Parish Council the licence should be in a councillor’s name.

For now, it was suggested **126/18 that Cllr Jinks keeps his name on the licence and when the new council starts in May a councillor can be selected then.**

1. **New clerk plus discuss new chairman for next year and new Cllr for next year**

To invite Emma to our next meeting but at 7pm to allow councillors to interview her before the meeting for the role of clerk.

Regarding the new chairman. There is nothing we can do at the moment until the new council is elected next May. We will need to replace Cllr Jinks with a new councillor. We may co-opt someone on.

**127/18 suggest the clerk asks about the nomination papers and how it works and the waiting time.**

Discuss the above at our next meeting.

1. **Village hall car park used by hunt – re complaint**

The clerk had received an email from someone regarding the Village Hall carpark being used for parking horse boxes by members of the hunt and how she found this unacceptable. The person in question was not a local person.

After some discussion it was **128/18 agreed that we would not take this matter any further.**

1. **Banner on village hall to advertise the hall for hire**

Other village halls have had banners on them to advertise the hall for hire with contact name and number. After some discussion it was felt that something more permanent on the building would be better. **129/18 a suggestion was made for a sign to go on the building to actually say Darnhall Village Hall.** This will need looking into regarding designs and costs.

1. **War memorial – history of those named on the memorial**

As mentioned in the chairman’s opening remarks Cllr Bostock has started to put together the information regarding the soldier’s names on the memorial plaque. He has managed to find information on most of them. The missing names could be put on the website and face book to see if we can fill in the gaps.

Update at next meeting.

1. **Extra date for audit of accounts next year**

**129/18 clerk suggested an extra date to discuss the accounts. Councillors agreed to this.** The date is Tuesday 16th April.

1. **Meetings attended by councillors**

None.

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1. **Update on Village Hall Fundraising**

We have the Christmas fayre, a dog walk and the Turkey and Tinsel dinner all taking place over the next few weeks.

Several dates have been set for fundraising events for next year and they are as follows: -

19th January afternoon tea

9th March human race night

13th April jumble sale

A Sunday in June afternoon tea

7th July Darnhall Show

Plus various dates for dog walks.

1. **Darnhall Village Hall working group**

Nothing to report

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

No items

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm

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

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