

DAVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
27/02/12 at
Davenham Methodist Church Hall
Public Open Forum 7.15pm
Council Meeting 7.30pm

Present Cllr. Wood (Chairman)
Cllr. Robinson
Cllr. Wilson
Cllr. Duff
Cllr. McDonald
Cllr. Ravenscroft

CWAC Cllr. Weltman
CWAC Cllr. Watson
Parish Clerk Phil Sanders
PCSO Kat Stock

Absent None

Public Session

PCSO Kat Stock gave a brief Crime Report covering the period 1 February 2012 to date. There were 8 incidents in total, including 5 Crimes – 2 stop checks relating to possession of Drugs and 3 Thefts. An incident occurred during w/c 20/2/12 when the gate at the end of the driveway to the Cricket Field was padlocked by a local resident. The padlock was then cut by representatives of the Cricket Club and the resident reported the matter to Winsford Police claiming criminal damage. It was confirmed by the Parish Clerk that the driveway is owned by the Parish Council who lease it on to the Cricket Club. A letter is to be sent to the Cricket Club advising that the Parish Council has been made aware of the recent activities. A/P PC

The PCSO continues to work in tandem with the Spar Store/Filling Station regarding crime prevention. The PCSO asked to be kept informed of any work that is scheduled for either Council Owned Playing Field. A/P PC

120227.1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

- a. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Sellers and Armstrong.
- b. No Declarations of Interest were made.

120227.2 Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes of Parish Council Meeting 06/2/12 were approved and signed as a true record after an insertion at the commencement of 120206.3c.
- b. All issues not covered during this Meeting have been followed through.

120227.3 Finance and Administration

- a. Financial Report dated 27 February 2012 (copy attached) was approved. Payments confirmed – Clerks Salary for March 2012 £558.31; Clerks Expenses £167.87; ChALC (CPRE Planning Booklets) £6.00.
- b. Cllr. Duff confirmed that further work has been completed on the proposed Village Newsletter. The aim is to have first edition ready for printing during March. Work is also continuing on the revamped Web Site and it is hoped to show Members the new layout at the March Parish Council Meeting.
- c. The revised Parish Clerks Contract was signed by both the Parish Clerk and the Chairman of the Parish Council.
- d. All Members were provided with an updated list of Members Contact Details. A copy has also been placed on the Notice Board.
- e. The Parish Clerk confirmed that CWAC have been made aware of Cllr. Grzonkowski's resignation. They have approved seeking a new Member by Co-Option. The relevant notice has been placed on the Notice Board. Additionally, a flyer outlining the role and how to register interest has also been placed on the Notice Board and will be included on the interim Web Site. A Press Release has been forwarded to the Northwich Guardian. A/P AD

120227.4 Planning and Highways Matters

- a. 12/00416/FUL and 12/00132/LBC – First Floor Side Extension – 24 Mere Bank, Davenham. No objections raised. A/P PC
- b. Decisions by CW&C:
11/05037/FUL – 612 London Road, Davenham. Permission Granted.
11/03555/FUL – Whatcroft Hall, Davenham. Permission Granted.
- c. The Parish Clerk confirmed that Jeremy Owens, Strategic Manager – Spatial Planning at CWAC is visiting Members on Monday 5 March 2012 to answer questions on Neighbourhood Planning and related issues. A number of Members from Moulton Parish Council will also be in attendance.
- d. CWAC has confirmed that there are no Tree Preservation Orders in place at either Butchers Stile Playing Fields or Laburnum Road Playing Fields. Solicitors, Dixon Rigby Keogh, have advised verbally that maintenance of Trees at the Cricket Ground is the responsibility of Davenham Cricket Club. Written confirmation is awaited.
- e. Planning application received from CWAC:
12/00574/FUL. Erection of Detached Garage/Car Port/Store. Gate Lodge, Manor Lane, Davenham. A/P PC
- f. Mr Cannon of 1 Laburnum Road has asked for sight of the quote provided by CWAC for the tarmacing of the road in its entirety. As this quote is now out of date CWAC Cllr. Watson agreed to re-approach CWAC Highways for a new quotation.

120227.5 Playing Fields and Gardens

- a. LJ Price has now completed the fence around the Pool at Laburnum Road Playing Fields. Additionally, he has been asked to treat the footpath edges with weedkiller and this work will be undertaken once the ground is drier.
- b. For general information CWAC no longer undertake Tree Management on private land. It was agreed to write to the Cricket Club asking them to arrange for an Arboreculturalist to attend to tree cutting/lopping within the site. Cricket Club are to

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be asked, in line with the terms of the current Lease, to refer the Aboreculturalists recommendations to the Parish Council before any work is commenced. A/P PC
c. The Parish Clerk has consulted with Solicitors to ascertain who has responsibility for maintaining fences at the rear of Weaver Vale Housing Trust properties on Mount Pleasant Road which border onto the football field. Subsequent enquiries have revealed a discrepancy between the Deeds held by the Parish Council and those held by WVHT. Solicitors have contacted HM Land Registry for clarification. A/P PC
d. It was agreed to erect a Public Information Sign on the entrance to Butchers Stile Playing Fields. Wording and location was approved by Members. Quote from Simply Signs for £263 + VAT, covering supply and erection, was also approved. A/P PC
e. It was agreed to accept of Quotation of £110 from LJ Price Landscapes for the supply and planting of an Oak Tree at Laburnum Road Playing Field to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. At a later date a plaque will be sourced confirming that the tree was planted as a celebration of the Queens' Diamond Jubilee. Quotes are to be obtained for additional, smaller trees for planting within the Playing Fields.

A/P PC

It was agreed to obtain costings for the provision of bench seats within the Playing Fields. A/P PC

120227.6 Reports from Members and Working Groups

a. The Parish Clerk suggested that contact be made with Local Community Groups to ascertain what events have been arranged for the Queens Diamond Jubilee Weekend. Events could then be included in the first edition of the restyled Newsletter. A/P AD
It was also agreed to look into the possibility of holding a small number of Olympics Linked Events for Children during the period of the London Games in late July/early August. A Working Group comprising Cllrs. Duff and Wilson, the Parish Clerk and PCSO Kat Stock will meet to discuss the idea further. A/P PC AD SW

b. It was noted that a number of new saplings have been sighted within Davenham Park. It is not known who arranging planting.

c. Cllr. Ravenscroft confirmed that he now has the Christmas Tree Lights in his possession and will arrange for repairs/new bulbs in readiness for Christmas 2012. The Parish Clerk confirmed that an Invoice is now awaited from Scottish Power for electric usage in 2011.

A list is to be drawn together outlining the actions required to ensure ordering and placement of the Christmas Tree, plus Lighting provision and arrangements for the official switch on event. A/P SW

120227.7 Correspondence

The following items were brought to the attention of Members:-

- I. E-mail dated 25 February 2012 from Mr R Pickthall of 30c Mount Pleasant Road, Davenham relating to public access from Mt Pleasant Road to Butchers Stile Playing Field. Written response agreed, along with an additional letter to Weaver Vale Housing Trust. A/P PC
- II. E-mails relating to Highways Fault Report 4737472 – Footway on Green Lane. No further action required.
- III. Email dated 17 February 2012 relating to a planned New Waste Collection Awareness Presentation for Moulton, Davenham and Kingsmead. No further action required.
- IV. Email dated 2 February 2012 from CWAC relating to Queens Diamond Jubilee Events, plus Toolkit Booklet. No action required.

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- V. CWAC Consultation document and Questionnaire relating to a Proposal to Standardise the School Year. No action required.
- VI. E-mail dated 27 February 2012 from CWAC relating to Community IT Training. No action required.


120227.8 To consider any other urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

Cllr. Ravenscroft advised that the Carnival Committee has earmarked Saturday 12 May 2012 for this years Carnival. It was agreed to write to Steve Grzonkowski of the Organising Committee to confirm the Parish Councils permission to use Butchers Stile Playing Fields for the Carnival. Letter to include a request to tidy up the site after use and to liaise with PCSO Kat Stock regarding probable traffic issues on Mount Pleasant Road. A/P PC

120227.9 Confirmation of Date of Next Meeting – Monday 26 March 2012.

a. It was noted that the next Joint Parish Council Meeting will be held at Moulton Village Hall on Monday 19 March 2012. Agenda items to be notified to the Clerk by Monday 12 March 2012 at the latest.

120206.10 The Part A meeting closed at 9.28pm.

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Signed/ Dated

Chairman

