

DAVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
26/03/2012 at
Davenham Methodist Church Hall
Public Open Forum 7.15pm
Council Meeting 7.30pm**

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

Parish Clerk Phil Sanders
PCSO Kat Stock

Absent None

Public Session

PCSO Kat Stock gave a brief Crime Report covering the period since the last Parish Council Meeting. There have been 9 Incidents – 6 thefts from Garages along Mount Pleasant Road, the theft of Lead from the front of The Bulls Vaults, the theft of Ladders from Davenham Locks and a case of shoplifting from the Spar Store. The need to report Thefts via the 101 Line, however small, was highlighted.

120326.1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

- a. Apologies were received from CWAC Cllr. Watson.
- b. No Declarations of Interest were made.

120326.2 Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes of Parish Council Meeting 27/2/2012 were approved and signed as a true record.
- b. All issues not covered during this Meeting have been followed through.

120326.3 Finance and Administration

- a. Financial Report dated 26 March 2012 (copy attached) was approved. Payments confirmed – Clerks Salary for April 2012 £558.31; Clerks Expenses £107.42; Groundwork and Leisure Services Ltd - £1,248.00; Mid Cheshire Footpath Society - £8.00; LJ Price - £1,001.80; G Steele - £50.00; Playdale - £5,582.00; CWAC - £1,221.60.

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In the continued absence of a Cheque Book it was agreed that the Parish Clerk could, where appropriate, arrange BACS Payments to Creditors as a one-off exercise.

A/P PC

b. Cllr. Duff confirmed that the new Web Site pages are ready for launch and demonstrated the layout to Members. It was requested that Members Contact Details be added to the site. Parish Council Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes will also be included.

A/P AD

Cllr. Duff also advised that a Draft Newsletter has been created and a copy will be forwarded on to Members for their perusal/feedback. Chairmans' Annual Report will be included. Once the format has been finalised quotes for printing will be sought. The Newsletter will also be accessible via the Web Site. Distribution method for the Newsletter to be agreed, together with a briefing guide to the function and content.

A/P AD SW AW

c. The Parish Clerk confirmed that no Parishioners have come forward to fill the current Council vacancy by co-option. It was agreed to include a feature on the new Web Site and Newsletter.

A/P AD SW

d. The Parish Clerk outlined a Training Programme designed to enable completion of the CiLCA Qualification. Total cost £272.50. It was agreed to cover 50% of these costs subject to a similar arrangement being agreed by Moulton PC.

120326.4 Planning and Highways Matters

a. 12/00574/FUL – Erection of detached garage/car port/store – Gate Lodge, Manor Lane, Davenham. No objections.

12/00657/FUL – Removal of existing garage and replacement with double garage – 38 Green Avenue, Davenham. No objections.

12/01236/CAT – Pruning of 1 holly tree and removal of 1 conifer – 511a London Road, Davenham. No objections.

A/P PC

12/00787/TPO – Crown lift and crown reduce to 2 oak and 1 sycamore and felling of 1 sycamore – land at rear of 612 London Road, Davenham. No objections.

b. Decisions by CWAC. 11/05672/NMA – 3 Davenham Meadows, Hartford Road, Davenham – amendment to APP/2003/1906 for erection of 3 two storey houses.

Amendment granted, subject to conditions.

12/00132/LBC – 1 The Stables, Whatcroft Lane, Davenham – Installation of flue and new boiler. Consent given, subject to conditions.

12/00131/FUL – 1 The Stables, Whatcroft Lane, Davenham – Installation of flue for new boiler. Permission Granted.

c. Following the Presentation to Members present at the meeting with Jeremy Owens, Strategic Manager – Spatial Planning at CWAC, on Monday 5 March 2012, an outline of Neighbourhood Plans and their significance was given to Members. It was agreed to establish a Working Group comprising Cllrs. Wood, Sellers, McDonald and Armstrong to look at the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan. A special Joint Meeting with Moulton PC had been agreed (23.7.12 at Moulton) to consider any common ground in preparing Neighbourhood Plans for the villages.

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d. None.

e. CWAC Cllr. Watson has re-approached CWAC Highways for a new quotation for the tarmacing of Laburnum Road. Quotation is awaited.

120326.5 Playing Fields and Gardens

a. Order has now been placed with Playdale for the Adventure Play Area in the sum of £11,164. 50% Deposit has to be paid and work on installation is scheduled to

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commence during week commencing 23 April 2012. CWAC Cllrs. Watson, Sinar and Weltman have pledged £8,800 in total from their Ward Budget towards the cost of the Project. A Jubilee Oak Tree has been planted. It was agreed to look to plant further Trees in the Autumn. A suitably worded liability sign is to be commissioned for the new Play Equipment. A suitably worded plaque is to be commissioned for the Jubilee Tree.

A/P AW PC

It was noted that the hard surface area inside the gate at Laburnum Road is becoming used as a Car Park on a regular basis by Bowling Club Patrons. It was agreed to continue monitoring the situation with a view to writing to the Bowling Club, if necessary, after the next Parish Council Meeting.

A/P AW PC

b. The Cricket Club have been asked in writing to consult an Arboreculturalist to ascertain whether any trees within the Cricket Ground require attention. They have undertaken to do so and the Report will be scrutinised before any work is undertaken.
c. The Parish Clerk has consulted with Solicitors regarding who has responsibility for the fences at the rear of 30 Mount Pleasant Road and their view is that ownership is joint between the Parish Council and Weaver Vale Housing Trust. The earlier request from Weaver Vale Housing Trust to repair fencing to the rear of 30e/f has already been responded to in writing.

Furthermore, Solicitors have confirmed that there is a discrepancy in the Title Deeds held by the Parish Council and WVHT relating to the Driveway Entrance to Butchers Stile Playing Field. It was agreed to write to Solicitors suggesting that, in an effort to seek a practical compromise to the situation, the Driveway be offered to WVHT for a nominal £1 and full access right over it retained by DPC

A/P PC

The Parish Clerk outlined current uncertainty as regards keys for locks to both Laburnum Road and Butchers Stile Playing Fields. It was agreed to adopt the CWAC Universal Padlock and Key. Duplicate keys will be cut to ensure that all relevant parties are able to gain access to the respective areas.

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120326.6 Reports from Members and Working Groups

a. It was agreed to include a round up of known Jubilee Celebration Events on the new Web Site. It was also agreed to give consideration to helping fund the supply of a Jubilee Memento for all children at Davenham Primary School. Head Teacher to be asked to approach the Parish Council in writing. Olympic linked event not to be taken forward.

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b. TGF&P Working Group. No issues highlighted.

c. The Parish Clerk gave a Report on the Local Council Assembly held at Forrest Hills, Frodsham on 1 March 2012. Topics covered included the Queens Jubilee Celebrations within Cheshire; the Localism Act; Transforming Public Services; Future of Standards.

d. The Parish Clerk gave a Report on the Joint Parish Councils Meeting held at Moulton on 19 March 2012. Topics covered included Joint Village Walk; Neighbourhood Plans – the need to liaise regularly throughout the process; Parish Clerk Training/CiLCA costs; PCSO.

120326.7 Correspondence

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

- I. E-mail dated 2 March 2012 from Martyn Cripps, Rector of Davenham, seeking Parish Council support for a Service of Thanksgiving for the Queens Jubilee on Saturday 2 June 2012, at 10.30am. It was agreed that the Parish Council will be represented at the Service.

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- II. E-mails relating to condition of and parking on grass verges on Mount Pleasant Road. It was agreed to draw up a detailed list of hot spots that may benefit from the new style re-enforced verges. Once the scale of the problem has been identified CWAC and WVHT can each be contacted to discuss logistics and funding. A/P All
- III. Email dated 21 March 2012 from Davenham Cricket Club relating to the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Scheme. Further details of the Scheme are to be obtained for consideration at the next Parish Council Meeting. A/P PC
- IV. Email dated 20 March 2012 from Davenham Football Club relating to the use of both Butchers Stile and Laburnum Road Playing Fields during the Summer months. It was agreed that the Laburnum Road Playing Field can be trialled during the summer months, subject to efforts being made to ensure even wear of the surface and cars being parked off-site. A/P PC
- V. E-mail dated 19 March 2012 from CWAC relating to West Cheshire Together: LSP Network Event at Winsford Lifestyle Centre on Thursday 19 April 2012.
- VI. Winsford Police News Bulletin including details of a Community Meeting at Winsford Police Station on 29 March 2012 at 2pm.
- VII. Various e-mails from Mr R Pickthall of 30c Mount Pleasant Road relating to ownership/status of the Driveway Access to the Butchers Stile Playing Field. The Parish Clerk is to visit Mr Pickthall to discuss the matter. A/P PC


120326.8 To consider any other urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

None.

120326.9 Confirmation of Date of Next Meeting – Monday 30 April 2012.

a. It was noted that the next Joint Parish Council Meeting will be held at Moulton Village Hall on Monday 23 July 2012. This Meeting will focus solely on Neighbourhood Planning.

120326.10 The Part A meeting closed at 9.40pm.

 . 30. APRIL 2012

Signed/ Dated

Chairman