

DAVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 November 2012
at Davenham Methodist Church Hall.**

Public Open Forum 7.15pm

Council Meeting 7.30pm

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

Parish Clerk - Phil Sanders
CWAC Cllr. Watson
10 Members of the Public (names recorded)

Absent Nil.

Public Open Forum

Richard Evans, of Westerleigh Group Limited, gave an outline of the Crematorium the Company is looking to build at Shurlach Lane, Davenham. The state of the art facility would be on land adjacent to the south side of the A556. It would be sited in a secluded setting with visibility in and out limited. All traffic would be routed in and out via the A556, with a deceleration road off the westbound A556 planned. The intention is that no traffic would need to pass through Davenham or Whatcroft at any time. Average usage is calculated at 4 Funerals per day (Monday to Friday only). Westerleigh are an established Crematorium Operator with 18 other sites operating in the UK. At present the Company has no plans to arrange a Public Exhibition in Davenham – it was strongly suggested that this would be a prudent step to take to ensure that the local populace was fully aware of the planned development. A Planning Application is likely to be lodged with CWAC Planning in the near future. AP1

A number of residents raised issues linked to the planned Bloor Homes development off Green Lane. These primarily related to on-site drainage and how the Parish Council will respond to the Application (papers were received at 4pm today). The points on Drainage were noted – Parish Councillors will visit the site to assess the scale of the problem. As matters stand the Parish Council has until 12 December 2012 to respond to CWAC Planning. The Parish Council encourages feedback/comments from Residents via e-mail and letter, additional to that already widely received. It also strongly recommends that residents put across their views in writing to CWAC Planning as part of the Consultation Process. AP2

The recent heavy rain has highlighted drainage problems at the junction of London Road and Green Lane – this will be referred to CWAC Highways. AP3

Representatives from Davenham Bowling Club sought further dialogue with the Parish Council following recent exchanges of correspondence relating to vehicle parking on the Hard Standing Area at Laburnum Road Playing Fields. See 5e for further details.

121126.1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

- a. No Apologies were received.
- b. There were no Declarations of Interest made.

121126.2 Approval of Minutes

a. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 October 2012 were amended and subsequently approved and signed as a true record. AP4

b. The Parish Clerk's Report to Members was circulated prior to this Meeting and updated as appropriate. Points to note are as follows:-

Signage at Laburnum Road Playing Fields – A “Cars Parked at Own Risk” sign is now in place.

Playground Inspections – Phil Davies, of Play Inspection and Maintenance Services, is to commence Monthly Inspections from November 2012.

PCSO Agreement Renewal – Insp. Snasdell has confirmed that the annual cost remains at £11,800. This is now split 50:50 between Moulton and Davenham Parish Councils. The Police Commissioner will be in contact shortly to commence discussions for renewal of the current Service Agreement which expires on 31 March 2013.

London Road H-Bar Markings – CWAC Highways have been advised that the Parish Council has no objection to the placement of H-Bars on London Road as previously outlined.

CWAC Local Plan: Preferred Policy Directions – Consultation – Cllr. Wood confirmed that the Parish Councils' feedback was submitted to CWAC Spatial Planning and has since been acknowledged. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Wood for his work in compiling the feedback letter.

Death of Former Parish Councillor Jeffrey Smith – the Death of Mr Smith, a former Chairman of the Parish Council, was noted. Cllrs. Wood and Robinson will attend the Funeral Service at Davenham Church on Wednesday 28 November 2012. A minutes' silence was held in Mr Smith's memory and a Condolence Card will be forwarded on. AP5

121126.3 Finance and Administration

a. Financial Report dated 26 November 2012 was approved. Payments confirmed:- Clerks Salary for December 2012 - £558.31; Clerks Expenses - £76.15; Moulton PC – share of stationery costs - £76.05; Simply Signs – signage at Laburnum Road Playing Field - £124.80; Baldwin Landscaping – trees at Laburnum Road Playing Field - £1,060.80; Cllr A Wood – Travel and Subsistence Expenses - £50.89. AP6

The Finance Committee meets on Monday 3 December 2012. Agenda Items include 2012/13 review to date; 2013/14 Budget and Precept; Grant Applications. AP7

121126.4 Planning and Highways Matters

a. Applications received for Consultation – 12/04754/FUL – 476 London Road – Single storey rear extension. No objections.

09/04777/FUL – 459c London Road – Amendment to Application (erection of Dwelling House) consisting of additional dormer to front elevation and window to left side elevation. No objections.

12/04986/FUL – Land at rear of 16 Green Lane – Erection of 36 dwellings with associated access and landscaping. Currently under review by the Planning Committee.

12/05057/FUL – 28 Jack Lane – Two storey rear extension, together with replacement of existing flat roof with a pitched roof. No objections.

b. Decisions by CWAC - 12/03991/FUL – 18 Hartford Road – Single and two storey rear extension. Permission Granted.

12/04443/FUL – 648 London Road – First floor extension to side/rear and extension to front dormer. Permission Granted.

c. Notice of Applications in pipeline – None.

d. Cllr. Wood advised that, in tandem with Cllr. Robinson, he attended the Hearing in respect of the Applicants Appeal against the decline of Planning Permission for Application Ref 11/03895/FUL (Caravans and Static Homes on land at the junction of Davenham By-Pass and London Road). This was held on 31 October/1 November 2012, firstly in Chester followed by a site visit on the second day. The Inspector hearing the Appeal noted objections/concerns relating to several issues including sewage provision; the lack of Reports (Tree Survey and Ecology Study) accompanying the original Application; woodland erosion; tree screening; access to and from the adjacent highway. A judgement is anticipated within 2/3 months max.

e. As noted above, Bloor Homes have now submitted an Application in respect of 36 new homes off Green Lane. All Parish Councillors will review the paperwork provided in support of the Application. Additional Planning Committee Sessions will be held over the next week to expedite matters. If thought necessary, an extension of the 12 December 2012 response deadline will be sought from CWAC Planning.

f. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is to arrange a further meeting during December. It is currently looking to arrange a Public Meeting in early 2013 to encourage broad public debate on the key topics for inclusion in the Plan. Cllr. Wood has commenced work on a Draft Plan.

AP8/9/10

g. The Parish Clerk advised that CWAC Highways have commented that the implementation of 20mph zones has been put on hold until the New Year, by which time new guidelines are expected from the Department of Transport. CWAC have undertaken to keep the Parish Council updated of developments.

It is understood that CWAC will shortly be liaising with Fulton Road residents prior to commencing the Consultation period relating to the revised plan for double yellow lines on London Road around the Spar/Filling Station.

121126.5 Playing Fields, Pathways and Gardens

a. Cllr. Robinson advised that Playdale have indicated that the Picnic Benches/Tables and Park Seats will be installed at Laburnum Road Playing Field on 27 November 2012. In time the perimeter pathway requires a full weed and re-set of edges.

b. It was noted that Baldwin Landscapes have planted 25 new trees at Laburnum Road Playing Fields. Additionally, they have weeded and bark mulched around the base of the more established trees. John Price has confirmed that he will replace the Jubilee Oak. AP11

c. The Pathways, Playing Fields and Gardens Working Group is currently reviewing the Tender Specifications for Grass Cutting and other General Maintenance Services throughout the village.

Revised Specifications will be forwarded on to the Parish Clerk, who will arrange Tender Invites from CWAC, Northwich Town Council, Baldwin Landscapes and John Price. AP12/13

The Parish Clerk will review the Terms of Reference for both The Special Projects group and The Pathways, Playing Fields and Gardens Group. This will assist in giving consideration to the merger of the two Groups. AP14

d. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Village Christmas Tree will be delivered at 1pm on Monday 3 December 2012. John Price and other Volunteers will assist staff from The Hollies Farm Shop in erecting the tree in its' permanent slot. Cllrs. Duff and Ravenscroft, in conjunction with Ian Johnson Electricals, have checked the existing lights, some of which were faulty, and purchased replacements. Local businesses have been advised of the Switch On Event – Thursday 6 December 2012 (6pm) – and have promised support, particularly the two Public Houses. Keith Carter of

Davenham Electrical Services will assist with all electrical aspects and issue a letter confirming that appropriate checks have been undertaken. Children from Davenham Primary School will sing Carols at the Event. Cllr. Sellers will switch on the Lights. Cllr. Duff is currently liaising with Northwich Rotary Club to see if "Santa" can pay a visit. AP15

e. The Parish Clerk advised that he has spoken with Thelma Ellis and confirmed that, in principle, the Parish Council is willing to pay its' share of the tarmacing costs (based on frontage share). This is subject to checking both the Quotation and Specification beforehand. The residents are due to meet again to discuss further, primarily in the light of the fact that Bargain Booze will not commit any funds to the project.

Cllr. Sellers thanked the Bowling Club, represented at this Meeting by Ray Sumner (RS) and Steve Nelson (SN), for providing projected visitor/vehicle numbers for 2013. The Parish Councils' concerns over use of the Hard Standing Area were outlined to RS and SN. It was agreed to meet with Bowling Club Representatives in the near future to agree a way forward. RS/SN will provide the Parish Clerk with a list of suggested dates for a December meeting. AP16

121126.6 Correspondence

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

- I. Note from ChALC/CWAC relating to Dispensations and Setting the Precept. The Parish Council resolved (5 votes for, 3 against) "To grant a Dispensation to Members and Co-Opted Members to participate in discussions and votes relating to the setting of the Precept. This Dispensation to be in place for 4 years". 5 Councillors also handed the Parish Clerk a letter asking for a personal Dispensation. The remaining 3 declined to complete the letter. The Parish Clerk was asked to write to CWAC/ChALC expressing dissatisfaction at the circumstances that have caused the need for the Dispensation to be required. AP17/18
- II. Consultation Document from CWAC relating to proposals to expand the size, change the age range and increase the published admission number of Kingsmead Primary School. Councillors will review the Document providing, if appropriate, feedback to CWAC by the 12 January 2013 closing date. The Chairman will co-ordinate. AP19
- III. E-mail dated 19 November 2012 from CWAC relating to Civil Parking enforcement in the former Vale Royal Area. No action required.
- IV. Letter dated November 2012 from Cheshire Community Action relating to Parish Plans. No action required.
- V. Letter dated 9 November 2012 from Cheshire Police Authority relating to the switchover of powers to the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner. No action required.
- VI. The Playing Field Journal dated Autumn 2012.

121126.7 To consider any other urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.
None.

121126.8 Confirmation of Date of Next Meeting – Monday 7 January 2013.

121029.9 The Part A meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Signed/ Dated
Chairman