

DAVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th November 2014
Held at Davenham Methodist Church Hall.
Public Open Forum 7.15pm, Council Meeting 7.30pm**

Present	Cllr. Carter	Cllr. Ravenscroft
	Cllr. Duff (Chairman)	Cllr. Robinson
	Cllr. Mattinson (Vice Chairman)	Cllr. Wilson
	Cllr. Peel	Cllr. Wood

Parish Clerk Vicky Stock
Gaynor Sinar (CWAC)
Gina Bebbington (Northwich Guardian)

Apologies: Cllr. Salt.

1. Public Session

The Public Session of the meeting was attended by twenty-one members of the public who wished to voice their objections to the proposed planning application of 52 dwellings at Green Lane. Cllr. Duff welcomed the group and explained that Davenham Parish Council received the documentation last week and this is the first time we have been able to look at the plans as a group. Cllr. Wood has looked over the planning documents and has already made a draft six-page letter of objections to the application. Cllr. Wood also displayed the plans for members of the public to look at. Cllr Duff explained that we have access to the same information as the rest of the public via the CWAC website.

Cllr Duff clarified that we have also objected to development on Jack Lane and Fountain Lane. Both were refused by CWAC which is a positive step. The developers have taken their applications to the Secretary of State and the decision now sits with central government.

Cllr Duff urged all members of the public to write or email their objections immediately if they have not done so already. The Parish Council are strongly objecting to this development but we count as one voice. Cllr. Wood also asked everyone to make sure they write individual letters and not a petition. Petitions act as one objection. Davenham Parish Council will send our objections to the whole of the planning committee. CWAC's five-year plan we hope should work in our favour and is one of the strongest issues for refusing further development and especially on protected green land.

Members of the public stated concerns for public safety over current Green Lane construction vehicles turning in the road and using traveling the wrong way up a one way road. The Parish Council urged members of the public to take photographs as evidence and in the past we have sent information off to them and it has been reported but ignored.

Another concern raised was over the Phase one 20mph speed limit not being adhered to and not enough street markings or signs. Cllr. Duff and Cllr. Wood explained there is a Phase two to be extended further throughout the village to cover Hartford Road and Mount Pleasant Road funded by CWAC with further signs and road markings.

The public meeting ended at 7.53pm.

2. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllr. Salt. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

The amendments to the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th October 2014 were as follows

- Item 6a. 'comp0leted' to be changed to 'completed'.
'grid' to be changed to 'grit'.
Item 8. last paragraph - 'has' to be amended to 'has'.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Duff, seconded by Cllr. Carter. All Councillors approved.

4. Finance and Administration

The Financial Report dated 24th November 2014 was approved. Payments were proposed by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Wilson. Cllrs approved of the payments as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>CHQ No</u>	<u>NET £</u>	<u>VAT £</u>	<u>GROSS £</u>
24/11/2014	Northwich Town Council	August Field grass cutting and work	100036	585.00	117.00	702.00
24/11/2014	Northwich Town Council	Sept Field grass cutting and work	100037	235.00	47.00	282.00
24/11/2014	County Landscape Development	Path resurfacing	100038	1936.00	387.20	2323.20
24/11/2014	The Hollies (invoice to be received)	Xmas Tree	100039	275.00	55.00	330.00
24/11/2014	Northwich Town Council	Grass cutting both parks October	100040	235.00	47.00	282.00

NB. The Christmas tree price may be slightly different depending on size on the day. If the tree is more expensive Cllr. Duff will pay the remainder and expense back. Similarly if the tree is less expensive than stated, Cllr. Duff will tear up currently cheque, write a personal cheque and claim back. Cllr. Duff asked for everyone to give him authority to do this. All Councillors agreed.

Cllr. Wilson asked the Clerk to look out for a cheque from Memorials Trust for the refurbishment of the village war memorial. Cllr. Wilson has submitted a report and photographs to the Memorial Trust for work recently carried out by Quadriga.

As at 31st October 2014, the reconciled Bank Balance was £58,374.48 in credit.

No payments received in October.

No charges received in October.

It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Finance committee on Monday 8th December 2014. The Clerk will book the Hayhurst Room.

5. Planning and Highways Matters

a) Applications received for consultation:

**1. APPLICATION NUMBER: 14/04447/FUL
2014**

COMMENTS BY: 26th November

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: 598 London Road Davenham, Northwich Cheshire

**2. APPLICATION NUMBER: 14/04524/FUL
2014**

COMMENTS BY: 28th November

Proposal: Erection of 52 dwellings and a 2m high acoustic fence together with the provision of associated landscaping and public open space.

Location: Land At Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich

b) CWAC Planning decisions:

1. APPLICATION NO. 14/02462/OUT

DATE: 29th October 2014

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of one dwelling (renewal of 11/02090/EXT).

Location: Land To Rear 10, Fairholme Road, Davenham, Northwich

PERMISSION

2. APPLICATION NO. 14/02759/FUL

DATE: 7th November 2014

Proposal: Change of use of an existing barn building to residential unit to include small extension and associated detached garage.

Location: Land Adjacent To Whatcroft Hall, Whatcroft Lane, Davenham,

PERMISSION

3. APPLICATION NO. 14/03979/TEL

DATE: 10th November 2014

Proposal: Proposed upgrade to existing base station installation

Location: Telecommunications Site 33111, Newhall Farm, London Road, Davenham

Prior Approval not required

4. APPLICATION NO. 14/02130/OUT

DATE: 7 November 2014

Proposal: Outline planning application for residential development of up to 70 dwellings with associated access

Location: Land Surrounding Fountain Lane Farm, Fountain Lane, Davenham, **APPEAL**

ACTION: Cllr Duff to confirm dates by which DPC need to comment for appeal.

5. APPLICATION NO. 14/01378/FUL

DATE: 20TH November 2014

Proposal: 53 dwellings including associated highways works (amendment to application 13/05408/FUL)

Location: Land At, Jack Lane, Davenham, Northwich,

INQUIRY/APPEAL

ACTION: Cllr Duff to confirm dates by which DPC need to comment for appeal.

Planning Applications advised but not yet received:

1. APPLICATION NUMBER: 14/04667/FUL COMMENTS BY: 12 December 2014

Proposal: Two storey side extension.

Location: 7 Prospect Drive Davenham, Northwich Cheshire

c) Report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Councillor Peel wanted to talk about the grant application we have received which has to be spent by the end of the 2014. We have received £3566 in the grant. We have committed £1620.00 to Cheshire Community Action. We also received within those funds £1000 for additional consultancy if required, £310.00 for the website and communications. We have £336 to spend. The main stipulation on the rules is that we cannot buy assets.

ACTION: To identify any costs we've already spent in order to reconcile what we have left. The Clerk will look through the financial records in the first instance.

6. Parish Council Managed Assets and Maintenance

Laburnum Road

Cllr. Robinson is happy with the work done on Laburnum Road. It was discussed that benches would be nice to fill in any gaps. Cllr Robinson asked if this was something we could get funding for.

Butchers Style

Cllr. Wilson was informed by a member of the public that youths have been gaining access to Butchers Style field by lifting the gate off and driving cars around the field. Cllr. Ravenscroft was surprised to hear this as he had recently looked at the field and no evidence of car tracks. Cllr. Ravenscroft confirmed that the gate can be lifted up to allow emergency vehicles on to the field.

Fields In Trust

Cllr. Wilson has a problem with the original deeds for Laburnum Field. The deeds are in under Cllr. Wood and Cllr. Ravenscroft's names as 'trustees to Davenham Parish Council'. Cllr. Wilson to speak to a solicitor to get the title deeds changed to 'Davenham Parish Council'.

7. Christmas Lights Event

Cllr. Duff asked if Cllr. Ravenscroft, Cllr. Carter could be available on Friday 28th November to help with the Christmas tree. Cllr. Peel also offered help if required in the afternoon.

Cllr. Mattinson provided an update on events for the Christmas tree lights switch on event on Thursday 4th December. The year 5 and 6 children from Davenham Primary School are doing a Lantern Walk through the village and will finish the walk at the Christmas tree at 6pm. The school choir will be there. The new reverend Rob Iveson will be there to switch the lights on and provide a welcome to everyone. In addition to the light switch on, there will be a Santa's grotto will be behind the Oddfellow's pub, Riverside Organics will be selling burgers and Leftwich High school band will be playing.

The Rotary club will be providing Santa at the Oddfellow's and doing a collection at the back of the Oddfellow's. Santa will not be going through the village.

An article has gone online from Northwich Guardian publishing the event.

ACTION. Cllr. Mattinson just needs to organise the coning off of the area outside the Bulls Head and Willow Green during Thursday day so the Organic farm can set up there.

Two PCSO's will be attending the event to provide a visible presence and assist with any traffic management issues that may arise.

ACTION. Cllr. Wilson will get refreshments for the choir and Leftwich High School children. Cllr. Wilson will also speak to the high School with regards to carols being played so we can provide a song sheet to attendees to sing-along.

8. Correspondence.

- We received an inspection report from Phil Davies with regards to Laburnum Road playing field. Phil pointed out the main points are with the gates and bark. Phil emailed to say the bark levels have dropped and may need topping up. Cllr. Robinson has spoken to Playdale and the area actually just needs loosening/forking up.

ACTION: The Clerk will speak to John Price to ask him to undertake this task.

- There was a note about the Davenham Parish Council Insurance. Cllr. Duff has put a copy of the Insurance Certificate on the village notice board.

Cllr. Salt had sent an email confirming she had spoken to residents regarding a problem they had had and confirming that she had put a copy of the Playing Fields Policy on the village notice board.

An email had been sent from CWAC back in October regarding tree T3 on a planning application 14/03503/TPO, 564 London Road, Davenham. Due to the poor state of the tree the decision was made by CWAC that the tree could be removed. This has now been removed.

Davenham Methodist Church had sent an email to the Parish Council with an update in the contract for hiring rooms at the Church including costs.

ACTION: The clerk will speak to the Methodist church with regards to booking the room for 2015. The dates to book are, 5th January, 26th January 2015, 23rd February 2015, 30th March 2015, and 27th April 2015 (provisional due to the Elections).

- An email was received from SP Energy Networks asking for us to complete a spreadsheet with our Unmetered Christmas light details.

ACTION: The Clerk will find the form from last year, complete the new one and send the information. The lights will be on from 4pm – 12pm.

- Cllr. Wilson had emailed the Clerk with information on the pathway between school/Charles Avenue/Firth Fields. This path has been cleared twice a year by Andy and Sally Turner (residents of Firth Fields) voluntarily. Cllr. Wilson will send them a letter of thanks for their hard work and a gift. The path gets covered in leaves and dog fouling is a problem. This is a popular route to school and it really needs to be cleared regularly. Davenham Primary School and parents have also complained about the state of this path.

It was discussed whether we should ask John Price the village gardener to add this to his list of duties. Cllr. Wood pointed out that it is a public walkway and therefore the responsibility of CWAC. Cllr. Wood said in general all the paths in the village need to be swept of leaves more regularly as a point of health and safety with paths becoming very slippery in the wet weather due to the leaves.

ACTION: Cllr Wilson to send a letter of thanks to Mr and Mrs Turner. Cllr Wilson to speak to CWAC to see if they can clear the path/paths more frequently.

- An email was received from Nick Lee from NJL Consulting asking to meet with Davenham Parish Council regarding submissions to the Council regarding the Green Avenue site. Cllr. Duff asked members of the Parish Council of their thoughts on the matter of meeting with Mr. Lee. Cllr. Mattinson said that NJL we did invite them to talk to us previously but they declined to meet. Views in the room were mixed over whether a new meeting should be arranged, mainly due to the fact if the planning applications for Green Lane are over turned by the Secretary of State then at least we would have a better idea of what the developers have in mind. It was decided to ask Mr Lee what he would like to discuss prior to us agreeing whether to meet him or not.

ACTION: The Clerk will email Mr. Lee asking him to give the parish council specific topics he would like to discuss with us and potential dates.

- Northwich Town Clerk sent an email to introduce some services that the own Council can provide. We currently use them for grass cutting.
- Resident Barbara Major sent an email registering protest with regards to the Green Lane development. The Clerk replied to Ms. Major asking her to register her protest directly with CWAC.
- We received an email regarding the delay to the publication of the electoral register which is normally published on 1st December each year. This should hopefully be published b 19th December.
- Cheshire Constabulary sent an email regarding Cold Call Warnings. Cllr. Wood requested that certain points be put on the notice boards to warn and advise residents.

ACTION: The Clerk will put together a notice and display on the village notice board.

- Bostock Parish Council emailed to keep Davenham Parish Council informed of information from the Planning Enforcement Officer with regards to Oaklands Park Traveller site. There are two extra caravans on the site which was not part of the planning permission. The site owner Mrs Charlotte confirmed that the reason for the two extra ones is that they are to replace old ones which will be removed within the next two weeks. The site will continue to be monitored.

10 Urgent Matters

Cllr. Carter has spoken to PCSO Kevin McShane regarding the lack of PCSO presence in the village during the time he has been on sick leave or any monthly reports. Kevin sent reports from August, September and October and explained that he had been assured there had been police presence during his absence and two of his colleagues will be attending the Christmas Light event on 4th December. Kevin McShane is now back in the office on restricted duties and

will be out in the villages again once he is fit and well. Any queries in the meantime he will be able to help with.

Confirmation of the Date of Next Meeting – Monday 5th January 2015.

Part A of the meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed/ Dated

Chairman