



Darnhall Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE DARNHALL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 20th MAY 2025 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs M Sherry, R Strachan, R Lee, G Higgs, R Johnson, and
C Williams
Dr M Bailey (Clerk)
Members of the public

Cllr M Sherry was in the chair for the meeting.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr Sherry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. TALK FROM GEORGIE LEE, BEESTON YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

GL attended to talk about the work of Beeston Young Farmers.

Beeston YFC covers a wide area including Darnhall and was established in 1944.

GL went through the list of activities undertaken by the YFC – these include sports, debates and entertainment.

GL talked about the positive impact of YFC on herself and also as part of her career development – skills enhanced included public speaking, networking and friendships. Other opportunities include attending Parliament and national conferences.

GL asked that younger people are directed to YFC as they are keen to increase the size of their membership.

It was announced that a party is to take place on 4th July 2025 and will be building floats at the Cheshire Show this year, with a Disney theme.

3. REPORT ON THE LAST 12 MONTHS

Cllr Sherry presented the report on the past 12 months: -

- Thanked everyone who has helped with the position of Chair.
- Announced that Rob Johnson had been co-opted onto the Council, but the Council is still one short in terms of Members
- Thanked the WI and announced their 105th anniversary and also mentioned the organisations that use the Hall, including Darnhall Dancers
- The Parish Council has planted a tree in the parish and has requested a change in the speed limit in the area

- The Parish Council has also applied for a s215 notice on the Raven.
- Waiting for an update on the solar farm.
- DVH has several events planned including Christmas Fayre, quiz nights and turkey and tinsel.

4. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Cllr Strachan provided an update.

- Darnhall PC has a limited budget but spends the majority on the Village Hall.
- Have a fundraising committee in place but it is difficult to apply for grants as DPC does not own the Hall.
- Had a full condition survey undertaken and have gone out to tender for the Hall.
- Had a lot of disruption in terms of activities due to closures on the bridge on a number of occasions.
- New sound system has been installed thanks to funds raised by the Fundraising Committee.

5. DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024/25

The Parish Clerk went through the finances of the Parish Council – position is relatively healthy thanks to income for the DVH and due to fundraising efforts.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were ten members of the public present.

Meeting closed at 7.13pm