



Darnhall Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE DARNHALL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 26th MAY 2026 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 KATHY FALLON, WINSFORD SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS

The focus of the talk was on 'Your Health and the Climate Crisis'.

KF spoke about the importance of non-violent protest, such as mass trespass and votes for women – can act as levers for social change.

The issue of investment in fossil fuels was raised alongside the impact of heatwaves on public health. The issue of excess heat-related deaths was reported.

KF talked about the impact on health of raising temperatures including heart attacks and impact on pregnancies of air pollution. Other issues including extreme weather and pandemics were also raised. The issues of mass migration and other risks were identified. KF set out evidence that global warming is caused by the burning of fossil fuels. It appears that global temperatures are likely to rise by about 3°C by the end of the century, with an even greater impact at the poles.

KF set out risks around the UK not being able to grow food in the future and also the impact on the economy. KF set out the message that climate change requires transformational change.

KF went on to talk about an action plan and focused on the health benefits of such work. Several actions included not banking with those banks which invest in fossil fuels. Other issues raised include voting and methods of transportation.

KF shared links with the 'National Emergency Briefing' and concluded with information on the Winsford Sustainability Partners.

The Peak Cluster pipeline issue was raised and KF said that we should be looking for other ways to produce cement.

3. REPORT ON THE LAST 12 MONTHS

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

- Residents – it was reported that there had been changes in the local population
- Parish Council – it was reported that a vacancy remained on the Council
- Local Groups – a variety of groups had used the Village Hall and done some great work, e.g. Brownies had grown potatoes by the Village Hall and the Guides had received national award to recognise their work.
- Village Hall – it was further reported that Lets Farm use the Hall to teach skills, and also pilates is taught in the Hall.
- Parish Council – has done work, including responding to planning applications and asking for speed limit changes.
- Message of Thanks – the Chair thanked everyone who had worked for the Parish and the Village Hall

4. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

There were no updates.

5. DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2025/26

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 7.25pm