



Darnhall Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2025 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs, G Higgs, M Sherry (Chair), R Johnson, R Strachan, C Williams, and R Lee

Dr M Bailey (Clerk)

PART A

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted to the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 21st JANUARY 2025 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

The Chair signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were considered by Members: -

- Tree – it was reported that the tree had been planted.
- Website – Members noted that the new site can be found at <https://staging.darnhall-pc.gov.uk/> - Members agreed to install Microsoft Bookings on the new website.
- Bridge – no updates provided. Members asked for an update on the removal of the blocks situated on the bridge.
- Speeding – consultation was carried out and result were set to the local CWAC Councillor. A speed limit review was carried out and CWAC Highways has agreed to a 40mph speed limit, with work ongoing to further reduce this limit.
- The Raven – the matter of the area has been reported to CWAC.
- Village Hall – the spec was agreed with an amendment to include a clause whereby any supplier quoting can indicate any areas they cannot do. It was also agreed that the closing date would be 11th April 2025.
- Purchase of Goods (VH) – update on purchase of paper towels/handwash and other consumables – it was agreed to approach

the existing supplier (Chemex). It was further agreed to have any goods delivered to the Chair's address.

- Heating – update on use of remote-control system – a quote had been received for a 'hive' system, provided by Chris Beckett Gas. The quote was approved by the Council.
- Lighting – update on LEDs may be required – it was reported that an electrician would check on the position.
- Sound Proofing/Baffling – update on a hearing loop – enquiry has been made about the hearing loop and will report back on progress.
- Toilets – update on issues with the men's toilet – looking at the automatic flush systems. Cllr Lee to ask for quotes.
- Solar Farm – approach has been made to Anglo Renewables and awaiting a reply.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair presented a report and shared the following information: -

- Tree – thanked all those involved in the planting/consultation
- Accident – mentioned the recent accident on Hall Lane
- Quiz – event happening on 12th April 2025 – 7.30pm (£3 to enter)
- Afternoon Tea – taking place on 18th May 2025 at 1pm
- Farming – attended an event in Tarporley about eco-farming
- Darnhall Show – meeting taking place on 26th May 2025
- Dance Show – Darnhall Dancers part of a show at Frodsham
- Annual Parish Meeting – agree3d to approach the Young Farmers

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial items.

7.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.24-28.2.25)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2024-28th February 2025 was noted by Members.

7.2 Authorisation of Payments

Members approved the following payments.

£382.20	Dr M Bailey – Clerk Pay – February/March 2025
£594.00	Re-Coded Solutions (New Website)
£103.95	Cllr Gilly Higgs (Reimbursement – Tree)

RESOLVED: Members **APPROVED** the above payments.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

9. DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Council considered issues relating to the Village Hall.

10. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was noted.

11. SHARED INFORMATION

The following issues were considered.

- Annual Parish Meeting – it was agreed to advertise via the newsletter, social media, and the we

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 20th May 2025 – 6.30pm – Darnhall Village Hall (Annual Meeting)

13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to their confidential nature, Members decided to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following matters in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Reports relating to these items have been withheld from public circulation and deposit.

14. STAFFING MATTERS

The following was **RESOLVED**: -

- To pay the Caretaker post £12.45 per hour – total of £3,240.00 per annum.
- To add on page 13 under 'Responsibilities' that the Hall should be kept to a clean and hygienic standard for all users

Meeting closed at 7.47pm