



Darnhall Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs R Lee, G Higgs, M Sherry (Chair), C Williams, and R Strachan
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 – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

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

Members noted that the minutes included the wrong date.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were considered by Members: -

- Tree - CWAC has given permission to plant a tree – it was also noted that the tree guard needed to be removed from the oak tree outside the Village Hall
- Website - work is ongoing
- Bridge closure - an email has been sent to the CWAC CEO - awaiting a reply
- Bank - still awaiting payment of the rest of the monies with Barclays cashflow forecast was shared up until the end of March 2025 but any additional expenditure will need additional income
- VAT - a VAT reclaim has been made for 2023-24 - additional claims will be made for 2024-25 (to date) and 2022-23 and 2021-22
- Planning comments on Mill Yard were submitted
- CWAC has been asked for a statement on the NPPF - awaiting a reply
- The Raven - contact made with Fisher German – there are no active instructions from the owner
- Work on VH - to be done once monies have been received from Barclays – the Council has received information from a couple of firms who might be interested in the work.

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: -

- ChALC – attended annual meeting – seemed that all councils have problems getting information from CWAC/CEC
- Fundraising Committee – have organised a treasure hunt for the first time and several people took part and raised £70.00.
- Quiz Night – had several people attending and made £169.00.
- Christmas Fayre – took place on Sunday 17th November 2024 – not sure how much was raised.
- Turkey and Tinsel on 7th December 2024.
- WI and Brownies – to thank them for their work on Remembrance Sunday.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial items.

7.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.24-30.9.24)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2024-30th September 2024 was presented to Members for note. Members noted the reduction in income during this financial year due to road closures and other issues.

7.2 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 2 – 2024/25) (Apr 2024-Sept 2024)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payment summary to the end of quarter two (2024/25) (Apr 2024-Sept 2024) is presented to Members for note. Members noted the projected overspend and asked that information is provided on income forecasted to be received until the end of March 2025.

7.3 Budget Setting 2025/26

Members are asked to note the 2025/26 budget setting report which is attached to this agenda. Members asked that a reserve account is set up allied to the NatWest current account. It was agreed to hold a Finance Committee on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 6pm.

7.4 Authorisation of Payments

Members approved the following payments.

£382.20	Dr M Bailey – Clerk Pay – October/November 2024
£215.00	Safe Security Ltd (VH Alarm System)
£340.00	Cllr R Strachan (Reimbursement – Oven VH)
£70.00	MWE (Oven Installation VH)
£26.38	Cllr R Strachan (Reimbursement – Door Handles)
£268.80	Shire Accountants (Payroll M7-M12 2024/25)

RESOLVED: Members approved the above payments.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

8.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council received notification of the following planning application from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

24/03238/FUL

8 Beauty Bank Darnhall Winsford CW7 4DF

Removal of existing conservatory and lean-to.
Erection of single storey rear/side extension.

Members had no objections to this application.

9. DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL

The following matters were considered by the Parish Council regarding the Village Hall.

- Signage – the issue of Village Hall signage was raised, and suggestions were made including an A board.
- Village Hall – issues raised about reducing the speed limit to below 40mph and the local CWAC Member has asked for the Parish Council to support this initiative. It was agreed to consult residents on this issue. Members supported the proposal.

10. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was noted.

11. SHARED INFORMATION

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 21st January 2025 – 6.30pm – Darnhall Village Hall

Meeting closed at 7.39pm