



Darnhall Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2025 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs, G Higgs, M Sherry (Chair), C Williams, and R Strachan
Dr M Bailey (Clerk)

PART A

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr R Lee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted to the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 19TH NOVEMBER 2024 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were considered by Members: -

- Vacancy – **AGREED** that Rob Johnson be co-opted onto the Parish Council.
- Tree – Members confirmed the decision to purchase and plant a tree – Cllr Higgs to action
- Website – Neighbourhood Plan pages do not work
- Bridge – CWAC has informed the Parish Council that the issue of temporary structures is being addressed but cannot provide a timescale
- Bank – payment has now been received of the reserves previously held by Barclays Bank
- VAT – reclaims made up to 2022/23
- The Raven – no updates reported – the Council considered the matter of approaching CWAC under s215 of the 1990 Act to ask that the structures are made safe (**ACTION**)
- Village Hall – will advertise the spec and send out to prospective contractors

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: -

- Fundraising – events at the Village Hall has encouraged people to come to the Hall for the first time
- Events – Quiz Night (£169), Turkey and Tinsel (£626.28) raised
- Christmas Fair – joint event with Darnhall Dancers – Village Hall got £

£191.91 from the event.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial items.

7.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.24-31.12.24)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2024-31st December 2024 was presented to Members for note.

7.2 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 3 – 2024/25) (Apr 2024-Dec 2024)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payment summary to the end of quarter three (2024/25) (Apr 2024-Dec 2024) was presented to Members for note.

7.3 Budget Setting 2025/26

Members noted the 2025/26 budget setting report.

Members **RESOLVED**: -

That a new budget of **£10,265.00** be approved; and

That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£9,000.00** from CWAC.

7.4 Authorisation of Payments

Members approved the following payments.

£382.20	Dr M Bailey – Clerk Pay – December 2024/January 2025
£1,140.00	Jim Ashley (VH Grounds Maintenance)
£40.00	ICO (Annual Registration Payment) (Direct Debit)
£87.00	Cllr Marjorie Sherry (Travel Claim)
£39.48	Cllr Marjorie Sherry (Reimbursement for items – VH)

RESOLVED: Members approved the above payments.

8. COMMITTEES

Members **RESOLVED** to ratify the following minutes: -

Finance Committee – 17th January 2025

9. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

10. DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL

The following matters were considered by the Parish Council regarding the Village Hall (based on a report by the Caretaker).

- Purchase of Goods – Members agreed to ask the Clerk to purchase paper towels/handwash and any other consumables on an ongoing basis
- Heating – Members agreed to investigate the use of remote-control system and ask for quotes to be provided.
- Lighting – Members noted that fewer LEDs may be required – will seek

- advice from an electrician (also applied to the kitchen)
- Sound Proofing – Members agreed to investigate a hearing loop (Cllr Strachan to investigate)
 - Brownie Cupboard (Kitchen) – Members did not agree to a lock
 - Toilets – Members agreed to approach an appropriate contractor to address issues with the men's toilet
 - Storeroom – Members agreed to address the issue of the filing cabinet
 - Loft – Members agreed to address this issue as part of the work on the Village Hall
 - Caretaker Pay – to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting

11. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was noted.

12. SHARED INFORMATION

The following items were considered.

- Speed Limits – the Chair reported on the feedback on proposals for speed restrictions. Nine responses from the community were received – one was opposed, and the remainder were in favour. Responses were divided between 30mph speed limit (four) and 40mph (four). This applied to the stretch on Hall Lane around the Village Hall.
- Solar Farm – Members raised the issue of holding a meeting with the company involved – Anglo Renewables **(ACTION)**.
- Community Engagement – a request was made to extend the work of the Fundraising Committee to focus on the Village Hall including coordinating volunteering.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 18th March 2025 – 6.30pm – Darnhall Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.0pm