Darnhall Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 21st JULY 2026 AT 6.00PM

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

1. **APOLOGIES**
   No apologies were received.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
   No declarations were made at the meeting.

3. **MINUTES – 26TH MAY 2026 (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)**
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   - It was noted that the award had been given to the Guiders, not to the Guides

5. **MATTERS ARISING**
   The following matters were raised by those present.

   - Mellor Speakman – it was noted that MS would be attending on 17th November 2026. Members proposed that the long-term future of the Village Hall should be discussed – to review existing resources. It was **AGREED** to request a copy of the lease from MS.
   - Utilities – reported that a contract agreed with EDF for electricity.
   - Website – an update was provided on the website development
     - Work is ongoing to disable the darnhallparish.co.uk site
     - The darnhall-pc.gov.uk site has been updated
     - Members asked for details on linked email accounts
     - Members **AGREED** to send pictures and information for the site
   - Village Hall – Members raised the issue of the main foul pipe to the septic tank. Members **AGREED** to approach firms to seek an estimate.
   - Village Hall – to address the ventilation fan in the men's toilet
   - Village Hall – it was **AGREED** to invite the alarm company to a future meeting
   - Village Hall – heating system – in progress

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair presented the following report.

- Darnhall Show – it was reported that there had been a good turnout and thanks to all those who helped with the event.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following matters were considered.

8.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.26-30.6.26)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2026-30th June 2026 was presented to Members for note.

8.2 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 1 – 2026/27) (Apr-June 2026)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary for the first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year was noted by Members.

8.3 Internal Audit 2025/26

To be presented at the next meeting.

8.4 Authorisation of Payments

Members approved the following payments.

£408.42	Clerk Pay (Dr M Bailey) (June/July 2026
£67.20	ChALC (Annual Membership 2026/27)
£270.74	Walker Fire (Fire Checks – VH)
£49.20	Cllr Rosie Lee (various items)
£91.56	Cllr Rosie Lee (various items)
£19.76	Cllr Marjorie Sherry (various items)

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

9. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

- Training – Cllr Higgs attended a training session – said that CWAC is dealing with speculative applications and working the new Local Plan and suggested that Neighbourhood Plans should be reviewed alongside the Local Plan.

10. DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Council considered matters relating to the Village Hall.

- Village Hall – it was **AGREED** to apply for a debit card to be used by the Caretaker with a limit of £100 per month. All transactions to be pre-approved by the Clerk/Member of the Finance Committee.

- Booking System – it was reported that this is being addressed by work on the website. It was **AGREED** that RL has access to the bank account.

11. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk did not provide a report.

12. SHARED INFORMATION

The following matters were raised.

- Moors Lane – it was reported that a static caravan has been located at the farm. It was **AGREED** to report to CWAC.
- PROW – it was reported that a stile was inaccessible – needs to be reported to CWAC (Cllr Johnson to report).
- Defibrillator – it was **AGREED** to contact Chris Pope.
- Village Hall – it was **RESOLVED** to set the deposit to £50, with discretion for regular users.
- Dates for the next meetings
  - 22nd September 2026 – 6.30pm
  - 17th November 2026 – 6pm
  - 19th January 2027 – 6pm
  - 23rd March 2027 – 6.30pm
  - 25th May 2027 – 5pm (Annual Meetings)
- Bridge – it was **AGREED** to contact CWAC for any information

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed that the date of Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 6.30pm (Darnhall Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 7.23pm