



Darnhall Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2024 AT 5.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs R Strachan (Chair), R Lee, and M Sherry
Dr M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Strachan was elected as Chair for the meeting and it was agreed that Cllr Strachan would be the chair of the committee until the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2024.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were noted.

4. MINUTES – 25TH JULY 2023

The minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 25th July 2023 were approved by Members.

5. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised from the minutes.

- Floor Polisher – will be considered at the Parish Council meeting in January 2024.
- Village Hall Issues – will be addressed at the next Parish Council meeting in January 2024.

6. ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

The following issues were considered by the Committee: -

- *Ledger (1.4.23-31.12.23)*
The above ledger was noted by the Committee. It was further noted that the Hall income was above expectations as outlined in the budget.
 - It was agreed to review the utility providers in 2024.
- *Budget Monitoring Report (April-June 2023) and Receipts and Payments Summary (April-June 2023)*
Members noted these reports – the income position has exceeded the budget set for 2023/24. It was also noted, however, that the expenditure budget was nearly spent by the end of December 2023. Members also noted that the road will be closed from mid-February 2024 for four weeks. It was further agreed to review energy provision and other spend for the Village Hall.

- *Budget Setting 2024/25*
Members noted the documents relating to budget setting for 2024/25.

Members further noted the following: -

- That the taxbase for the parish had increased to 97.3 from 93.1
- That this increase means that a Band D property would be pay less if the precept was kept at the same level (£8,000).
- Having noted these points, Members nevertheless were concerned about rising costs and therefore made a proposal for an increase in the precept to £8,400.
- This would represent an increase of 40p across the year for Band D properties.

Members further decided to make the following changes to the 2024/25 budget: -

- To increase the expenditure budget for the Village Hall to £8,500
- To increase the income budget for the Village Hall to £4,500

These changes result in the following position for 2024/25: -

- Overall expenditure budget of £15,940
- Overall income budget of £6,000
- Net budget of £9,940 (unchanged from 2023/24)

The following is therefore recommended to Council in January 2024.

- (a) That a budget of **£9,940.00** be approved; and
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£8,400.00** from CWAC.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to consider.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 6.18pm.

Chair