



Darnhall Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2024 AT 6:30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs M Sherry (Chair), A Gaskill-Jones, C Williams, G Higgs, R Lee, and R Strachan
Dr M Bailey (Clerk)

PART A

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were submitted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted to the meeting.

3. CASUAL VACANCIES

It was reported that one vacancy remains on the Parish Council. It was agreed to include in the next newsletter.

4. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – 16th NOVEMBER 2023 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were considered by Members: -

- Tree Planting – will contact CWAC Highways in the first instance.
- Funds – money from events has been banked.
- Fees and charges – will examine at the next Finance Committee meeting.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair presented her report, which was noted.

- Bridge – will be closed between 19th February and 17th March 2024 – will be access for cyclists and pedestrians. It was agreed to ask CWAC whether plastic bollards will be removed following the work.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial items.

8.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.23-31.12.23)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2023-

31st December 2023 was noted by Members.

8.2 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 3 – 2023/24) (Apr-Dec 2023)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payment summary to the end of quarter three (2023/24) (Apr-Dec 2023) was noted by Members for note.

8.3 Budget Setting 2024/25

Members noted the 2024/25 budget setting report, which had been considered by Finance Committee at its meeting on 9th January 2024.

Members **RESOLVED**: -

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

8.4 Authorisation of Payments

£360.53 Mark Bailey (Clerk Payment Dec 2023/Jan 2024)
£35.00 NMC (Newsletter)

RECOMMENDATION Members are asked to approve the above payments.

9. COMMITTEES

Members **RESOLVED** to ratify the minutes from the following committee meetings.

- Finance Committee – 9th January 2024

The Parish Council asked that Standing Orders are reviewed to allow delegation to Finance Committee for purchase of goods and services.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

11. DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL

Members reviewed the current position regarding the Village Hall. It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Parish Council. It was agreed to deal with Village Hall issues at Parish Council meetings. Members **AGREED** to merge the Village Hall Committee into the workings of the Parish Council to ensure more effective decisions making and implementation.

Members **AGREED** to request a representative from the Estate attend a future meeting to consider the issues relating to the Village Hall.

12. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was noted.

13. SHARED INFORMATION

The following items were shared by Members: -

- Cllr Williams – reported that there is a new National Planning Policy Framework in place which could impact on neighbourhood plans. It was agreed to start a discussion with CWAC about this matter and the potential issues.
- Cllr Strachan – raised the issue of fingerposts being painted in the parish. Will make an enquiry with CWAC Highways.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 6.30pm (Darnhall Village Hall).

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to their confidential nature, Members may decide 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.

PART B

16. VILLAGE HALL

It was **AGREED** to purchase a pneumatic buffer (HFM1530 GOLF) and will also purchase a dry board. It was also agreed that the equipment will be stored in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.28pm