



# Darnhall Parish Council



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARNHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2024 AT 6PM

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

### PART A

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Lee and G Higgs.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted to the meeting.

#### 3. MINUTES – 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024 (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

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

#### 4. MINUTES – 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024 (ANNUAL PARISH MEETING)

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

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were considered by Members: -

- Darnhall Show – it was confirmed that an invoice will be raised for £500 from the Parish Council to the organisers – covering the cost of the sound system in the Village Hall.
- Fundraising Committee – it was agreed to re-name the Committee as the Darnhall Village Committee.
- Tree Planting – will raise the issue with CWAC.
- Website – see item below in the minutes.
- Bridge Closure – Members noted that the bridge is to be closed from 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for about four weeks.
- Hiring Agreement – to check on the final version – will also include a section relating to frequent hirers around issues such as the storage of equipment.

#### 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

#### 7. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair presented a report and shared the following information: -

- Darnhall Show – thanked all those involved in whatever function including those who attended.

- Cllr Rosie Lee – will send a get-well card.
- Solar Farm – thanked all those who had worked on the matter.

## 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial items.

### 8.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.24-30.06.24)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2024-30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was presented to Members for note. Members noted that income to the Village Hall was down compared to previous years.

### 8.2 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter One – 2024/25) (Apr-June 2024)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary for the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year was noted by Members.

### 8.3 Internal/External Audit 2023/24

It was reported that information on the internal and external audits for 2023/24 would be presented to the next meeting in September 2024.

### 8.4 Authorisation of Payments

Members approved the following payments.

£382.20	Dr M Bailey – Clerk Pay - June-July 2024
£4.00	Cllr R Strachan – Reimbursement
£134.60	Walker Fire – Fire Checks on Village Hall
£20.00	Cheshire Community Action – Membership 2024/25
£21.67	Shires Accountants – Additional Payment
£88.14	Chemex – Various cleaning materials for Village Hall

*The following payments have been paid via direct debit.*

£794.43	PPL/PRS Licence – Village Hall
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**RESOLVED:** Members approved the above payments.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

Members reported that they attended the Planning Committee meeting at CWAC to talk to the solar farm application. The Parish Council's points were communicated, together with comments from local residents and the CWAC Councillor. It was reported that the developers (Anglo Renewables) had offered a meeting with the Parish Council – it was requested that this take place after 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

## 10. DARNHALL VILLAGE HALL

The following matters were considered by the Parish Council.

Members reported that a quote had been received relating to an external survey of the Village Hall seeking to produce a schedule of work. Members supported this proposal.

It was reported that two sets of door handles needed to be purchased – this was approved by Members.

#### **11. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was noted.

#### **12. SHARED INFORMATION**

The following items were noted by Members: -

- Village Hall Event – event taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – 'Paint and Sip' – Members will be asked if they wish to attend.

#### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6.30pm (Darnhall Village Hall).

#### **14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members agreed to exclude press and public due to confidential nature of items in accordance with section 1(2) of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This is pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

### **PART B**

#### **15. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Members agreed to the proposal from Re-Coded Solutions in principle, pending the provision of information about the setting up of the new systems.

**Meeting closed at 7.06pm**