



Daresbury Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Daresbury Village Hall, Chester Road on Wednesday 23 April 2025

at 7.00pm

Councillors: * Cllr A Irving (Chairman)

* Cllr D A Cairns

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* Cllr C Humphries

* Cllr A Wilson

* denotes attendance

Also in Attendance: T Noble (Clerk)
Borough Cllr Neil Connelly

24/150. **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies received.

24/151. **Declarations of Interest**
Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

24/152. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 March 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/153. **Public Forum**
There were no members of the public present.

24/153.2 **Police Report**
No report available.
Noted Cllr D A Cairns to contact the local PCSO for any updates.

24/154. **Halton Borough Councillors' Reports**
Borough Cllr S Davidson sent apologies.
Borough Cllr N Connelly had updates for agenda items 8, Village Projects and Matters, and was invited to join the discussions.

24/155. **Planning Applications (1)**
Ref Number: 25/00116/FUL
Location: New Farm, Keckwick Lane, Daresbury

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Proposal: Demolition of storage shed to rear of garden and erection of a new dwelling house in its place.

No objection.

- 24/156. **Finance**
Resolved that payments listed in Appendix A were approved.
- 24/156.1 **Precept 2025-2026**
The 2025/2026 precept of £14,430.00 has been received on 01 April 2025.
- 24/156.2 **Internal Audit 2024-2025**
The Chair signed the Certificate of Exemption AGAR form (page 3), the Annual Governance Statement (page 5) and the Accounting Statement (page 6) for the Clerk to submit to the internal auditors.
- 24/157. **Village Projects and Matters**
24/157.1 **Redrow/Delph Lane Update**
Noted that the minutes from Redrow and the minutes from Cllr C Humphries are approved and notification sent to Redrow. The offer of volunteers from Redrow, to help with projects around the village will be accepted.
Resolved Cllr A Irving to contact Redrow with a list of projects from the PC.
Noted Cllr C Humphries is to compile a survey for residents to see how many would opt to join the main sewer system.
The next meeting scheduled is for the 04 June 2025.
- 24/157.2 **Creamfields 2025**
Noted that Cllr C Humphries had circulated an email to neighbouring Parish Councils to share and circulate information and any arranged meeting dates. To date, one reply has been received. Still no access to the Licence Agreement.
- 24/157.3 **Sewage Odour Update**
Noted that Cllr A Irving had met the new landlord of the public house and will converse together to organise a meeting to include Green King and Redrow representatives. This foul intermittent odour is spreading across the village.
- 24/157.4 **Barn Door Mural**
Resolved by a unanimous vote, that this project would need to commence this summer and Cllr A Irving to arrange with the original artist a starting date. This project will be £1850.00 to complete.
- 24/157.5 **Steam Fair 2025**
Borough Cllr N Connelly has organised a meeting with the organisers for the 24 April 2025. Cllr A Irving to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.
Cllr N Connelly reported that if any tall-sided vehicles are hitting residents' trees that overhang the highways, then it is the residents responsibility to trim the branches. With a certain number of trees in the village that are close to overhead cables, this option is not viable. The southern entrance to the village would be a better option for the fairground vehicles.

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- 24/157.6 **Scarecrow Competition 2025**
A theme needs to be decided and an email from the residents group to ask for volunteers to run the competition, as the PC are currently facing numerous pressing issues that demand frequent meetings, continuous feedback and thorough documentation.
- 24/158. **Councillor's Reports**
Cllr D A Cairns reported that the perimeter of the Church car park would benefit from a general tidy-up to improve its appearance and upkeep.
Noted.
- 24/159. **Future Agenda Items**
Emails to change to gov.uk.
- 24/160. **Matters for Discussion in Closed Session**
Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.2.
Due to the confidential nature of the business concerned, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public.
Noted no matters.
- 24/161. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Wednesday 28 May 2025 at 7.00pm in Daresbury Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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Chairman

Dated: 28 May 2025

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Appendix A – Payments April 2025

Zen Internet Limited
Line Rental/Broadband
Direct Debit

£ 37.48

The Defib Pad
Defib Battery
Bank Trans

£275..59

ICO
Subscription
Bank Trans

£ 47.00

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