

# Davenham Parish Council

Minutes of Davenham Annual Parish Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Held at Davenham Royal British Legion.  
Public Open Forum 7.00 – 7.30pm, Annual Council Meeting to follow at 7.30pm

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. Ryder (Chair), Cllr Tutt, (Vice-Chair), Cllr Spare, Cllr Wood, Cllr. Ravenscroft, Cllr Lee, Cllr Powell, Cllr. Hudson, Elaine Hamlett (clerk),
<b>Apologies:</b>	None
<b>1. Public Session</b>	No Public Attended Invitations were published and advertised but no one applied
<b>2. PCSO/Police Update</b>	No report received
<b>3. Receive the Chairs Annual Report</b>	<p>I would like to start with achievements during the year as there have been many;</p> <p>The year has been note-worthy for several different reasons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Project progress and achievement<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Butchers style changes have been transformational – from the featureless green football field with a couple of aged pieces of play equipment has sprung something which is a true step change – building on the BMX track, the parking area, the circular path with the new play area and the trees planted at the bottom end mean that this is now becoming a much used facility which the village can be proud of</li><li>b. Village garden – there are several steps still to take but we have begun to make progress in taming something which had begun to get out of hand in several aspects – overhanging trees and green shrubbery – trimming back, removing trees and making way for the first reinvestment in benches and new appropriate plantings adjacent to the Oddfellows public house</li><li>c. Laburnum – following the addition of the upgraded pathway and resurfaced ginnel, new trees have been planted and play area maintenance undertaken to ensure an up to date green space utilised by many</li></ol></li><li>2. Events – the Christmas tree light switch on returned with many in attendance – it was great at that point to get so many villagers back together after all of the difficult covid times – much more on the topic if events are planned in the year ahead</li><li>3. Other initiatives:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Traffic survey – this was commissioned and run during the year with several initiatives raised from potential zebra crossing to renewing road markings and potential further claiming measures</li><li>b. Jubilee events – both the beacon lighting and the jubilee family event on June 4<sup>th</sup> promise to be wonderful additions to the village calendar and we hope to raise much needed funds to support local groups via partnership with the Royal British legion social club</li><li>c. Pride of Davenham awards – we felt it was very important, especially post pandemic, to give thanks and recognition to those within the community who have gone above and beyond in helping others. The first special award will be made at the jubilee event and our first full awards evening will take place at the Royal British legion in November this year</li></ol></li></ol> <p>The events for the year ahead will include specialist cleaning of the war memorial and fountain monument, continuation of replanting of the village garden, more benches around our council owned land and many more things which we hope will continue to make the village of Davenham an even better place to live and work</p>

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It has been my pleasure to be the chair of such a proactive, multi-skilled and supportive group of councillors. It is my great luxury as chair to have such a wonderful clerk who is doing an exceptional job for the people of Davenham, and a special thank you is due to my deputy Trevor. None of these achievements would have been possible without them

During the year we have made extra efforts to really embrace all communication methods – we now have 3x yearly newsletters delivered to every door plus emails and more and more on Facebook. We welcome ideas, suggestions, complaints and frustrations to be sent to use to see if we can help. Very often, many things such as bin collections and speeding in the village we cannot directly control, but we will make every effort to lobby this who do have the responsibility!

Thank you for your support over the year and we look forward to another great year in the wonderful community of Davenham in the year ahead.

**5. Closure of 7.15pm**