

Davenham & Bostock Parish Council

Minutes of Davenham & Bostock Parish Council Meeting held 10th March 2025 Public Open Forum & Council Meeting 7.15pm *The Davenham Royal British Legion Social Club*

Present:	Cllr Ryder (Chair), Cllr Ravenscroft, Cllr Baynes, Cllr Fahey, Cllr Hudson, Cllr Spare, Cllr Jones, Cllr Watson Ward Councillor Dan Marr Elaine Hamlett (clerk)																																																																																																		
1.Public Session	No members of the public attended																																																																																																		
2. Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interests	Cllr Powell (Vice-Chair), Cllr Lee <i>No Declarations</i>																																																																																																		
3. PCSO Report	Full report sent to Councillors prior to meeting and approved for publication on PC media. <i>Action: EWH/Cllr Powell Publicise Report</i>																																																																																																		
4. Approval of Minutes	It was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council Meeting Minutes from on 10 th February 2025 Proposed by Cllr, Ravenscroft seconded by Cllr Baynes. All agreed.																																																																																																		
4.b. Recap and Update of actions from previous minutes	<p>Action list: Both planters in the village garden have been re-planted and looking well. School to be notified when the next RHS visit is planned so they can update and refresh for the visit.</p> <p><i>Action: Cllr Lee to notify school and scouts when date is arranged</i></p> <p>Flagpole has been sourced and it was agreed to go ahead and purchase for the War Memorial with a Union Jack, VE 80th and DPC Flags Proposed by Cllr, Watson seconded by Cllr Ryder. All agreed. Neighbouring houses to be notified of installation.</p> <p><i>Action: EWH to arrange the purchase and notify the neighbours around the site.</i></p>																																																																																																		
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	Bank Balances Bank Balance @ 5/3/25 £23,408.54
5.a FINANCE	Finance Report Expenditure approved. <i>Motion</i> Proposed by Cllr Spare, seconded by Cllr Baynes, all agreed.
Administration issues	<p>Budgets to be addressed at next meeting to assess any increases and decreases for the coming year and set the 3 year budgets correctly based on 24/25. Suggestions to increase the Grant allocation as this had remained for many years at £1200. Also to address tenders for Green Spaces Maintenance and to see if what is offered by Lawtons is competitive.</p> <p><i>Action: EWH to source quotes</i> <i>Action: Cllr Jones to ask for information from Rugby Club and their costs.</i></p>
5.a. VE Day	<p>The Focus Group have met and the minutes of this meeting circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Ryder agreed to light the beacon at 9.30 pm and the High School Band had agreed to attend the morning event and play for the service.</p> <p><i>Next meeting at DRBLSC on 17th March 2025 at 6 pm</i></p>
5.b. Neighbourhood Plan	<p>Discussion on the merits of continuing the update at this point in view of the recent policies to encourage new developments and revising of planning control. A meeting with CWAC Planning Department had confirmed that restriction were seemingly irrelevant due to the housing demand and new guidelines but the design element would still carry weight in approval of any new plans.</p> <p>With this in mind it was agreed to keep what we had for now and readdress the update when appropriate.</p>
6. Planning	

6a) Applications Received for Consultation:				
Item No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments by:
1	25/00371/TPO	1 x semi mature yew tree (to front of property) - request to crown lift to 4m over drive and target prune by 1m	7 Fulton Grove Davenham Northwich CW9 8NJ	7 th March 25
2	25/00361/TPO	Proposal: (T1) Ash - fell. (T2) Lime - crown raise to 3m:	Land Adjacent Mere Croft 15 Jack Lane Davenham Northwich	6 th March 25
3	25/00385/FUL	Single storey rear extension	8 Pear Tree Farm Cottages Davenham Road Rudheath Northwich CW9 7RY	18 th March 25
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6b) CWAC Planning Decisions:				
Item No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Decision
1	24/03647/FUL	First floor side extension	29 Pritchard Drive Davenham Northwich CW9 8HL	23 rd Jan 2025
2	24/03743/PIP	Erection of no1 self-build dwellinghouse	Land At Garden Cottage 36 Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NF	17 th Jan 2025
3	25/00001/CAT	Willow tree - Two of the most substantial branches on the south side need to be cut back by 2-3m to reduce the weight that is pulling the tree over	36B Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NF	27 th Jan 2025
4	24/03178/FUL	Replacement garage	16 Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NE	29 th Jan 25
5	24/03685/FUL	Erection of greenhouse	Davenham Nurseries London Road	10 th Feb 25

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6	24/03701/FUL	Single storey rear extension	16 Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NE	19 th Feb 25
7	25/00195/TPO	Request to remove a tree. It is in a dangerous state and leaning. In the storm on 24th January, a large branch (approx 24 inch diameter and 30ft long) fell off missing the neighbouring house by inches and occupying their entire garden. Tree appears rotten inside where branch fell. The tree is approximately 70ft high and would crush the neighbouring house if it fell, so is considered dangerous	Dolobran 19 Firth Fields Davenham Northwich CW9 8JB	
6c		Nothing received		
6d. Paving		Requested a response and still awaiting a reply <i>Action: Cllr Sinar to chase CWAC regarding the replacement of the slippery footpath stones.</i>		
6e Village Traffic Focus		Speed Gun activities underway and several violations noted from a session on 5 th March. Two more volunteers have requested to join the speed gun team and Cllr Spare to follow up <i>Action: Cllr Spare to contact new applicants</i> Speed signs and calming measure to be addressed via any new development applications.		
6f Hynet/Airports/HS2		All updated and sent to Cllrs for pre read by Cllr Powell		
7. To receive updates on PC Managed Assets and related Projects		Laburnum: No updates Butchers Stile: Fence discussed around the childrens play area. It was noted that there has been a huge increase in dog walking on the field since the closure of the neighbouring fields and a great deal more mess being left by irresponsible dog walkers. <i>Action: Clerk to get quotes for fencing</i> DCC – No updates Village Garden: . Cllr Lee sent an update on all Green Spaces Volunteer group activities and future sessions. This was sent prior to the meeting for pre read. Cllr Lee, Ryder and Fahey had met with Jan Johnson and the mosaics are almost ready. They are awaiting the frames to be constructed and then they can be installed in the Village Garden. Jan will contact us when they are done.		
8. To receive reports from Councillors on any external meetings of relevance to the Council		None		
9. Urgent Matters		None		
10. Date of next meeting				
		To note date of next meeting: Davenham & Bostock Parish Council Meeting will be held on 7 th April 2025 at 7.15 pm at Davenham Roval British Legion Social Club.		

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11. Closure of Public Meeting 8.35pm

Part B Confidential Matters