

Davenham & Bostock Parish Council

Minutes of Davenham & Bostock Parish Council Meeting held 22nd September 2025
Public Open Forum & Council Meeting 7.15pm
The Davenham Royal British Legion Social Club

Present:	Cllr Ryder (Chair), Cllr Powell (Vice-Chair), Cllr Baynes, Cllr Spare, Cllr Watson, Cllr Ravenscroft. Cllr Garner Ward Councillor Gaynor Sinar, Elaine Hamlett (clerk)																																																																																									
1.Public Session	No members of the public attended																																																																																									
2. Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interests	Cllr Lee, Cllr Jones Cllr Watson declared an interest in the Planning Application on 15 Hartford Road, Davenham. Involved in the design for the plans																																																																																									
2. PCSO Report	No Report as received at earlier meeting this month																																																																																									
4. Approval of Minutes	It was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council Meeting Minutes from 8th September 2025 Proposed by Cllr, Watson seconded by Cllr Baynes, all agreed.																																																																																									
4.b. Recap and Update of actions from previous minutes	<p>Action list: Actions not stated as completed: Cllr Ryder had written to Andrew Hudson following his resignation from the Parish Council thanking him for his service to the village. Xmas Event Focus Group had met – discussion later on Agenda Remembrance Focus Group had met - discussion later on Agenda Moulton Cross Parish meeting completed – minutes in pack.- discussion later on Agenda Quote had been received for DCC Tree cutting - £850 to reduce tree by 2/3mtr. Planning applied for and if no objections in the next 6 weeks the work can go ahead <i>ACTION: Clerk to send all details to Cllr Ryder so he can speak with DCC re cost sharing</i> All other Actions completed</p>																																																																																									
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	Bank Balance @ 16/9/25 £48,961.40
5.a	Finance Report Sent to all Councillor prior to meeting: Expenditure approved. <i>Motion</i> Proposed by Cllr Spare, seconded by Cllr Powell, all agreed.
5.b Budgets 25/26	Budget sheets were sent to Councillor's prior to this meeting for consideration. No updates at tonight's meeting. No updates at tonight's meeting
5.c Project 25/26	
Administration issues	
5.d Xmas/Remembrance update	Discussion later on Agenda
5.e Pay Scales	Latest National Rate Increase discussed and noted. Clerk wished to keep hourly rate at same rate. To be reviewed again next year.
5.f. ChALC Output	<p>Cllr Powell reported that at the last meeting he attended, several project suggestions were made which might benefit our village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Community Partnership Project led by Gary Cliffe for teenagers at a loose end during the school holidays and evening. Some of the ASB is based purely on boredom and lack of activities for them to do. This project would look at organising activities during specific times to encourage youth involvement. <i>ACTION: To be put onto agenda when next relevant - March 2026 – to enable to put this in place for the summer holidays</i> • Living Well service for over 55s – A mobile medical facility which travels to different locations offering health advice, flu/shingle injections etc and general health checks. This could be set up to coincide with the Lunch Club once a month on the Tuesday and they could open this facility from 11 am so that guests can use the facility before their Lunch and local residents can also use this service. <i>ACTION: Cllr Powell to follow-up availability</i> • Make Cheshire Accessible – This is looking at the loss of many wooden stiles and the installation of Kissing Gates and just how accessible these structures are and where they may be required. • Cheshire Communities Foundation - Cheshire West Crowd Funding, Bringing Projects to Life aimed at grants for larger projects. None in the pipeline but suggestions made for supporting the production of a leaflet showing the Mosaic Trail. The Navigation table for the Village Garden. <i>ACTION: Cllr Powell to send information to Jan Johnson for her information as a possible funding opportunity for the Mosaic Trail.</i>
6. Planning	

6a) Applications Received for Consultation:				
Item No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments by:
1	25/02124/TPO	T1 lime - reduce crown by approximately 1-2m and thin crown by removing epicormic growth throughout	511 London Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8NA	6 th August 25
2	25/01969/FUL	Demolition of Conservatory and Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension	25 Firth Fields Davenham Northwich CW9 8JB	15 th August 25
3	25/02589/CAT	T54 - Sycamore - remove hanging branches and reduce crown by up to 3m	Woodland Bostock Road Bostock Middlewich	18 th Sept 25
4	25/02544/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension, addition of side window	15 Hartford Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8JA	
6b) CWAC Planning Decisions:				
Item No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Decision

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1	25/01218/OUT	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 70 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage system (SuDs) and the principal means of vehicular access from London Road. All matters reserved except for means of access	Land Off London Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8LQ	4 th July 2025
2	24/02581/FUL	Erection of a 72 bed care home (C2 Use Class) with new access onto London Road, landscaping, substation and associated infrastructure.	Land At London Road Davenham Northwich	27 th June 2025
3	25/01269/FUL	demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension	2 Eaton Lane Davenham Northwich Cheshire CW9 8JL	11 th June 2025
4	25/01625/TPO	1x dead oak tree (T1) - fell to low stump	2 Bell Crescent Davenham Northwich CW9 8GD	24 th June 2025
5	25/00911/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension	16 Mount Pleasant Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8JG	9 th May 2025
	25/01411/CAT	Works (including felling) to various trees	Sayers House 497 London Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8NA	29 th May 2025

<p>6c</p> <p>6d. Planning Focus Group</p> <p>6e. Paving</p> <p>6f Village Traffic Focus</p>	<p>Nothing received</p> <p>Cllr Ryder had tried to contact Rob Chandley to arrange an update meeting but with no success It was hoped to talk through any update on the Local Plan for Davenham & Bostock, Updating the Neighbourhood Plan and the process of updating the Settlement Boundary, hopefully with the support of CWAC. <i>ACTION: Cllr Sinar to chase and Cllr Ryder to try again.</i></p> <p>Discussion on the Wain Estates Development and the response from the CWAC Housing Officer. They have used the CCA survey done in 2024 as a basis for their response which highlighted the need to change the plans to accommodate more affordable homes and more one/two bedroom homes.</p> <p>Cllr Powell reported the Gadbrook Park development was continuing and had not changed its proposal for industrial units. Following a consultation with our Local MP and pushing for a re-think, it was hoped that some changes would be made to incorporate residential homes to assist with the Local Plan need for more homes. They had also submitted Planning for a Transformer/Generator unit which has already received opposition due to the height of the building and also opposition because of the right-hand turn from the Crematorium.</p> <p>The Jack Lane proposed development was discussed and agreed that all comms the Council have received from Gary Halman including the web page (if ready) would be sent to all residents for transparency and update including the Wain Homes feedback from the Housing Officer as seen on the portal. <i>ACTION: Cllrs Powell and Spare to pass a write up to Clerk for publishing</i> <i>ACTION: Clerk to email Gary Halman for update on web page</i></p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
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<p>6gHynet/Airports/HS2</p> <p>7. To receive updates on PC Managed Assets and related Projects</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Laburnum: The wildflower meadows will be cut at the end of September and the cutting removed to the far end of the field. Waiting on the lock code to be changed at the main gates following a breach of parking earlier this month. <i>Action: Clerk to contact Bowling Club again</i></p> <p>Butchers Stile: BMX Track updated and maintained the Green Spaces spec. It has already received positive comments from those using it. A request to use tarmac was made when next updating. This would need an application to Fields in Trust in order to do this but would be considered when required. <i>ACTION: Cllr Garner suggested and agreed to organise a Grand Opening event. Details to be shared with PC. When complete</i></p> <p>Replacement play equipment discussed with Pentagon and a piece of equipment (See Saw) agreed. The cost will be circa 10K and will be sited on the site of the mosaic which was destroyed earlier this year. Proposed Cllr Ryder, Seconded Cllr Powell all agreed <i>ACTION: Cllr Ryder to contact Pentagon</i></p> <p>DCC – No update</p> <p>Village Garden: . Cllr Lee sent a full report on the progress being made by the Green Spaces Group.</p>
<p>7.b Projects</p>	<p>Bostock: The request made to CWAC regarding the large branch from the Oak Tree has been chased by Cllr Sinar. The benches removed several weeks ago have now been reinstated but in different locations.</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday: All preparations now in place and registered. The cost of road closure has gone up again this year and Cllr Sinar will challenge this with CWAC. Cllr Watson will seek the costs of the invoice for Road Closure from RBL. Cllr are invited to attend the lunch following the Parade. Wreaths to be ordered for D&BPC and Cllr Sinar <i>ACTION: Clerk to send invoice to Cllr Watson.</i></p> <p>Christmas Event: The minutes were shared with all Cllrs prior to meeting. All preparations underway and a further meeting will be held Friday 26th Sept. 10.30am</p> <p>War Memorial Inscriptions: It was agreed that a quote was required for the re-inscribing of the names on the War Memorial as they were wearing away. The War Memorial Trust do not allow for these inscriptions to be covered over with any material and re-inscribed and that they must remain in their original design and material. <i>ACTION: Clerk to seek a specialist and a quote for the work to be done.</i></p>
<p>8. To receive reports from Councillors on any external meetings of relevance to the Council</p>	<p>None attended</p> <p>Cllr Powell and Clerk to attend the Mayors Annual Civic Service Sunday 5th October at 2pm Cllrs Powell, Watson to attend the Connections Locality Meeting 29th October at 5.30pm Cllr Powell and Cllr Ryder invited to represent D & BPC at the Weaver Gowey Steering group meeting where potential flooding and potential mitigation will be discussed</p>
<p>9. Urgent Matters</p>	<p>Cllr Watson asked if anyone from the Council would like to attend the Bight of Remembrance on Saturday 8th November 2025. The evening will be from 7pm until 11pm with a service from Rev Rob, music and a buffet. Invites to be sent.</p>
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>To note date of next meeting: Davenham & Bostock PC Meeting will be held on 13th October 2025 at 7.15 pm at The Hayhurst</p>
<p>11. Closure of Public Meeting</p>	<p>8.40pm</p>

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Part B Confidential Matters