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Minutes of Davenham & Bostock Parish Council Meeting held 9th February 2026
 Public Open Forum & Council Meeting 7.15 pm
 The Hayhurst Arms, Bostock

Present:	Cllr Ryder (Chair), Cllr Powell (Vice-Chair), Cllr Baynes, Cllr Jones, Cllr Watson, Cllr Garner, Cllr Entwistle, Cllr Spare, Cllr Lee, Cllr Annet Freeman Ravenscroft. Elaine Hamlett (clerk)					
1 .Public Session	No public attended					
2. Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interests	No Declarations of Interest					
3. PCSO Report	Report received and circulated to all Councillors for approval and it was agreed that it would be published on the Parish internet & media.					
4. Approval of Minutes	It was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council Meeting Minutes from 12 th January 2026 Proposed by Cllr, Watson seconded by Cllr Baynes, all agreed.					
4.b. Recap and Update of actions from previous minutes	Action list: Actions stated as not completed: AP5 Ginnel Gate: Quote from Lawton's £1270 but Cllr Spare to speak with them to arrange a further visit. AP09 Still awaiting quote. All other Actions completed					
5. Finance and Administration	INCOME FEBRUARY 2026					
	DATE	FROM	DETAILS	AMOUNT		
	23/1/2026	HMRC	VAT Refund	2223.23		
		DCC	Rental	1078.33		
			TOTAL	£3301.56		
	28/01/2026	CWAC	MINDFEST - Members Budget – to be transferred to MINDFEST	2000.00		
	EXPENDITURE February 2026					
	DATE	PAYEE	DETAILS	Budget Ref	Transaction	NET £
	11/01/2026	Water Plus	Water Bill	Water		7.16
		P Lee	Refund for lock	Village Garden		
		Ionos	Website	Website		
		Scottish Power	Xmas Tree Lighting	Water/Electric		
	31/1/2026	Water Plus	Water Bill	Water/Electric		
	03/2/2026	HMRC	PAYE	Paye		
	E Hamlett	Clerks Salary	Clerks Salary			
	DRBLSC	Room Hire	Room Hire			
	MINDFEST	Members Budget Transfer	MINDFEST			

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	Bank Balance @ 31/1/26 £32039.39
5. Finance	Finance sheets were sent to Councillor's prior to this meeting for consideration. All finance approved. Proposed Cllr. Powell, Seconded Cllr Ryder, all agreed
Administration issues	Parish Council Laptop: Clerk reported that this was now reaching the end of its working life as it could not be upgraded to Windows 11 and Windows 10 could only be used until Oct 26. The Laptop would no longer operate without constant electricity supply as the battery was not retaining power. Consideration needed in purchasing a new Laptop in the new financial year. Scottish Power: Still in talks with CWAC regarding these invoices to D&BPC as they are the official owners of the units.
6. Parish Council Roles & Responsibilities	D&BPC Roles & Responsibilities: Councillors were asked to allocate themselves to specific roles relating to Parish Council Missions.
PLANNING	Lead: Cllr Spare Co Lead: Cllr Powell Freeman Ravenscroft (Advisory on Trees) Cllr Spare reported on Recent Planning Applications and CWAC updates (see below). Cllr Powell updated on status of ongoing new development applications.

6a) Applications Received for Consultation:				
Item No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments by:
1	25/03768/CAT	Works to various trees including felling - as detailed in tree spec	40B Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NF	2 nd Jan 2026
2	25/02803/LDC	Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden land	37 Fairholme Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8LD	4 th Feb 2026
3	.25/03997/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension	589A London Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8LN	4 th Feb 2026
4	25/03994/FUL	Single storey rear extension.	147 Hartford Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8JF	18 th Feb 2026

6b) CWAC Planning Decisions:				
Item No.	Application No	Proposal	Location	Decision
1	25/02940/OUT	Hybrid planning application for full planning application for highway junction improvements to the A556, construction of an electricity primary sub-station and other associated works including internal access road, drainage infrastructure and landscaping; and outline planning application (all matters reserved except for main vehicular and pedestrian access into the Site) for phased commercial industrial/ logistics development (Use Class B2 / B8) with ancillary office accommodation (Use Class E(g)i); car, HGV and cycle parking; land set aside for a future railway station; landscaping and green infrastructure, and other associated works.	Land South West of Gadbrook Park Northwich Cheshire	5 th Nov 2025

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2	25/03148/TPO	G1 Holly hedge - Reduce height by approximately 1-1.5m reduction to keep screening between properties	Dolobran 19 Firth Fields Davenham Northwich CW9 8JB	25/10/2025
3	25/02758/FUL	Single storey rear extension	66 Hartford Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8JF	28 th Nov 2025
4	25/02757/FUL	Single storey rear extension	64 Hartford Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8JF	28 th Nov 2025
5	25/03420/OUT	Outline planning application for up to 140 new homes (both open market and affordable), new pedestrian linkages, sustainable drainage measures, new public open spaces and landscape/biodiversity enhancements. All matters reserved except for vehicular access to Jack Lane.	Land At Jack Lane Moulton Cheshire	3 rd Dec 2025
6	25/03641/FUL	Two-storey side and rear extensions, part single-storey rear extension, and front porch extension, together with alterations to existing window and door openings and construction of a new detached garage to the side.	42 Firth Fields Davenham Northwich CW9 8JB	15 th Dec 2025
7	25/03625/TPO	Works to various trees including felling - additional details in specification	Garden Cottage 36 Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NF	18 th Dec 2025
8	25/03878/FUL	Erection of Dwelling to include boundary walls, and carport, alteration to reduce existing extension at Garden Cottage	Garden Cottage 36 Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NF	25 th Jan 2026

6b. Green Spaces/Monuments

Lead: Cllr Lee Co-Lead: Cllr Garner

Cllr Lee talked Council through the proposals sent out and circulated prior to the meeting. The focus for the Green Spaces Group would be on maintaining the Village Garden, Laburnum and the Fountain. Some of the work required would also need input from the Village Gardener or even quotes from Lawton's. Cllr Lee & Garner would prepare a budget for all work required to enable a realistic amount to be allocated in the next financial year to enable the group work to achieve its goals.

Cllr Lee mentioned the need for extra planters in the Village Garden to stop the corners of the grass being churned through people short cutting through at each end of the garden entrances. These were quoted at £175 each and funding could be sought from local businesses but this could be added to the upcoming budget.

The footpath is in need of repair and Cllr Sinar was addressing this with CWAC, who are the rightful owners.

Birdbox to be re sited, Install new birdfeeders and remove/repair the cobbles around planters and repair the York stone flags which are uneven and broken. The area where a large shrub was removed to house the mosaic needs clearing and replanting. This work would involve removing roots and would need doing by a contractor. Plants/shrubs would also need planting in this area once cleared.

The Fountain was also discussed and funding had been applied for via Cllr Sinar to get professional advice on how to restore/clean the Fountain.

The War Memorial is in need of work to re paint the fencing around the structure.

Cllr Lee would contact CWT to arrange a check on all the trees they planted 5 years ago to see if the plastic cones could now be removed.

Other areas also needed addressing and a long-term plan would include various updates and additions.

Lead: Cllr Garner Co-Lead: Cllr Spare

Cllr Garner spoke of the various ways to mitigate the many parking issues around the village, highlighting Mount Pleasant Road, Hartford Road and the centre of the village.

6c. Traffic & Parking

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<p>6d. Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>6e. Event Management & Fundraising</p> <p>6f. Communication & Engagement</p> <p>6g. Liaison</p> <p>6h. Projects</p> <p>7. To receive reports from Councillors on any external meetings of relevance to the Council</p>	<p>Speaking about the training and a need for a regular rota of Speed Gun sessions. Create/work with a volunteer group to gain community input</p> <p>Priorities: Work on communication with CWAC concerning the conversion of grass verges on Mount Pleasant Road to enable more parking spaces for school traffic. The Bulls Head car park would need further discussion with the new owners to secure parking for shoppers and visitors to the commercial area of the village.</p> <p>Look at ways to discourage parking outside of Devenhams and causing traffic issues. Look at alternative parking facilities within the village.</p> <p>Lead: Cllr Ryder Co-Lead: Cllr Powell, Cllr Watson, Cllr Entwistle</p> <p>Update NP to include additional development areas. Assess the potential for a Community building and Stonehams proposal. Complete new traffic survey to secure potential for a crossing in the village centre. Conduct stage 2 of the Public Consultations.</p> <p>Lead: Cllr Baynes Co-Lead: Cllr Annet Cllr Baynes reported that a meeting is to take place this week to go through all potential events in the village and look at budgets for these events ahead of the finalising of the 26/27 budget. The Xmas Event needs to undergo a final assessment of last years event and what worked and what didn't, before preparing for this year's event. The Remembrance event will be discussed and a meeting with the newly elected RBL Committee to be arranged to plan the event and the role D&BPC will play.</p> <p>Lead: Cllr Jones Co-Lead: Cllr Entwistle</p> <p>Objectives: To ensure timely and relevant communications to the Parish, liaise with Cllrs with events, to manage consultation activity information.</p> <p>The priority was to review the PC website, branding for the PC and update technology</p> <p>Lead: Cllr Entwistle, Cllr Powell, Cllr Ryder</p> <p>Priority: To maintain good and consistent relationships with current and new stakeholders. To include regular meetings either on TEAMS or Face to face. Avoid misunderstanding by addressing issues early.</p> <p>The vision is to maximise involvement with existing stakeholder: Encourage new groups within football, walking, rounders etc. Using existing facilities and forming regular groups who could meet up at local food & drink outlets in the village.</p> <p>Create a register of businesses within the village.</p> <p>Lead: Cllr Baynes Co Lead: Cllr Annet</p> <p>Work with, support and help deliver any PC Project. Budget Management</p> <p>NONE</p>
<p>9. Urgent Matters</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p>	
	<p>To note date of next meeting: Davenham & Bostock PC Meeting will be held on 9th March 2026 at 7.15 pm at THE RBLSC</p>

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11. Closure of Public Meeting 9.07 pm

Part B Confidential Matters