

# Davenham & Bostock Parish Council

Minutes of Davenham & Bostock Parish Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
 Public Open Forum & Council Meeting 7.15 pm  
 The Royal British Legion, Davenham

1. Election of Temporary Chair	Cllr Wendy Baynes was proposed by Cllr Spare, Seconded by Cllr Lee, all agreed that Cllr Baynes would Chair this meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair																																																								
Present:	Cllr Baynes (Acting Chair), Cllr Jones, Cllr Watson, Cllr Garner, Cllr Entwistle, Cllr Spare, Cllr Lee, Cllr Annet Freeman Ravenscroft.  Elaine Hamlett (clerk)																																																								
2. Public Session	No public attended																																																								
3. Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interests	Cllr Ryder (Chair), Cllr Powell (Vice-Chair)  Declarations of Interest: Cllr Baynes declared that her husband would be playing at the Mindfest Event which is supported by the Parish Council and Ward Council, but that he would not receive any payment for this. All bands would be performing for free to support the charity.																																																								
4. PCSO Report  5. Approval of Minutes	Report received and circulated to all Councillors for approval and it was agreed that it would be published on the Parish internet & media. Message from PCSO Lee Robertson to say he was being deployed to cover the Northwich Town Centre beat but would be retaining the Mini Police supervision. PC Box would be taking over from the PCSO. <i>ACTION: Clerk to send out an invite to PC Box to come along and join the Parish Councillors once he was in post.</i>  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Parish Council Meeting Minutes from 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 Proposed by Cllr, Watson seconded by Cllr Baynes, all agreed.																																																								
5.b. Recap and Update of actions from previous minutes	<b>Action list:</b> <b>Actions stated as not completed:</b> AP5 Ginnel Gate: Cllr Spare had look at the gate installation, and it was decided it would be far cheaper to do this in house. <i>ACTION: Cllr Spare to get costings for the gate and send out to Cllrs for consideration.</i> AP09 Survey had been done on 3/326 and awaiting final quote and list of proposed work required. AP01 Cllr Powell had contacted Liberty and the Traffic Survey would be done shortly. Liberty had now broken ground on the new Dementia Home and the entrance had been installed. <b>All other Actions completed</b>																																																								
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2/3/2026	HMRC	PAYE	PAYE			353.42
	E Hamlett	Clerks Salary	Clerks Salary			1227.38
	GaryJones	Village Gardener	Village Garden Projects			120.00
	Quay Payroll	Payroll March	Payroll			12.75
					<b>Total</b>	<b>£2036.25</b>

Bank Balance @ 2/3/26 **£27710.09**

<p><b>6a. Finance</b></p> <p><b>6b Approval of 26/27 Budget</b></p> <p><b>6.c.Administratio n issues</b></p> <p><b>7. Parish Council Roles &amp; Responsibilities</b></p> <p><b>PLANNING</b></p>	<p>Finance sheets were sent to Councillor's prior to this meeting for consideration. All finance approved. Proposed Cllr. Baynes, Seconded Cllr Entwistle, all agreed</p> <p>Proposed new budget sent to all Councillors prior to meeting. The Operational Budget equates to the expected income for 26/27. Budget proposed by Cllr Entwistle, seconded by Cllr Baynes, all agreed.</p> <p>No Issues</p> <p><b>Lead: Cllr Spare Co Lead: Cllr Powell Freeman Ravenscroft (Advisory on Trees)</b></p> <p>Cllr Spare reported on Recent Planning Applications and CWAC updates (see below). Cllr Spare reported That the Gadbrook Park Application had not yet been approved. The Jack Lane Application had received 19 objections. 42 Firthfields was still awaiting a decision. Niddries Lane, Moulton had been approved for the new housing development.</p>
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<b>7a) Applications Received for Consultation:</b>				
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Application No</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments by:</b>
1	25/03768/CAT	Works to various trees including felling - as detailed in tree spec	40B Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NF	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026
3	.25/03997/FU L	Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension	589A London Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8LN	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026
4	25/03994/FUL	Single storey rear extension.	147 Hartford Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8JF	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

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<b>7b) CWAC Planning Decisions:</b>				
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Application No</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Decision</b>
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 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025
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 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025
4	25/02757/FUL	Single storey rear extension	64 Hartford Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8JF	28 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2025
6	25/03641/FUL	Two-storey side and rear extensions, part single-storey rear extension, and	42 Firth Fields Davenham Northwich CW9 8JB	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

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		front porch extension, together with alterations to existing window and door openings and construction of a new detached garage to the side.		
7	25/03625/TP O	Works to various trees including felling - additional details in specification	Garden Cottage 36 Church Street Davenham Northwich CW9 8NF	18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

<p><b>Green Spaces/Monuments</b></p>	<p><b>Lead: Cllr Lee Co-Lead: Cllr Garner</b></p>
<p><b>Projects</b></p>	<p>Cllr Lee talked Council through the what he and Cllr Garner had been discussing for their budget for 26/27. Some confusion as to the new approved budget and the split between Lawtons and Village Gardener financial allocation. It was addressed by Cllr Baynes and explained that the Operational budget does not contain any funds for project work. Any Green Spaces projects will be put into a budget and presented for approval. This would include any work done by the Village Gardener over and above scheduled work. Cllrs Lee and Garner would meet with the Clerk to set out the 26/27 budget breakdown and what needs to be applied for first. they would also look at the Maintenance Schedule for the Village Gardener to ensure all his duties were covered. As part of a contract of work any changes would need to be presented for approval at a Parish Meeting.</p> <p><b><i>ACTION: Cllrs Lee &amp; Garner to arrange a meeting date with Clerk</i></b></p>
<p><b>Events</b></p>	<p>Cllr Baynes explained the process for all new projects planned for 26/27. There was estimated to be £18k remaining in the budget to allocate for specific projects in 26/27 or to be carried into forthcoming years. This would be applied for by submission twice yearly and agreed at full Council meetings. Projects must be for the benefit of all groups in the community.</p> <p>Forms will be sent out and Lead Cllrs should arrange to get their budgets back to Cllr Baynes in the next three weeks so she can assess and meet to discuss them before presenting to Council for approval.</p> <p><b><i>ACTION: Cllr Baynes to send out project request forms to all Councillors.</i></b></p>
<p><b>Liaison</b></p>	<p>Cllr Annet spoke about the meeting with Jim from the Bulls Head and the plans for this years Christmas Lighting and Market. Due to the many issues regarding the road closure and how people insisted on walking along a live road, the only way to avoid incidents would be to house the stage, stalls etc in the car park of the Bulls Head. This would hopefully keep the majority of pedestrians off the road. Additional parking would be sought at the Methodist Church to keep the main road clear of vehicles and the road would still be shut as usual to allow free movement on that stretch of road. The Oddfellows would still house Santa, Stalls, Food etc as normal.</p> <p>It was voted on and agreed that this year it would take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2026.</p> <p>A budget would be prepared for the event but sponsors would be required to cover a large part of the expense.</p> <p>Also raised was the Remembrance Parade. The Royal British Legion would no longer fund road closures and the Parish Council were not in a position to cover this cost. Ward Councillors would be approached for advice before preparations were made but it was unanimous that the event should still go ahead.</p> <p><b><i>ACTION: Clerk to speak with Ward Councillors Marr and Sinar to ask about how other villages fund road closures and if there was anything the County Council could do to help.</i></b></p> <p>Work was also underway to support the elderly combat issues with IT. The DRBLSC Lunch Club would be used to set this in place and to see what response they get from the guests. It was planned that Mark Poynton a local resident would visit the lunch club and speak to</p>

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<p><b>Communication &amp; Engagement</b></p> <p><b>Traffic &amp; Parking</b></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p><b>7. To receive reports from Councillors on any external meetings of relevance to the Council</b></p>	<p>guest on what issues they have or would like to know. This would then form the basis of a potential long term group specifically for the elderly and IT.</p> <p>Cllr Entwistle spoke to Council explaining an agreement had been reached with DJFC and they had paid this year's Invoice. A new lease has been prepared for a period of 10 years at £250 per year and this will enable them to apply for further outside funding to maintain the grounds.</p> <p>A vote was held so that DJFC could install a container on Butchers Stile under the cctv. This would house their equipment including the ride on mower. We have no objections from Fields in Trust about the installation but neighbouring bungalows would need to be informed of its installation, although it should not be seen by them.</p> <p>Motion to install was agreed unanimously by all Cllrs.</p> <p><i><b>ACTION: Clerk to send the number of CCTV installer to Cllr Entwistle.</b></i></p> <p>Talks had also taken place with Davenham Scouts who had reported that they were changing their planning application from a two storey to a single storey building. The cost of the original plans was now increased to 900k so a decision to build a kit form single storey building was now planned.</p> <p>They also spoke of a possible use of one of the existing spaces for starting a new Men in Sheds group in the village. Further talks would take place.</p> <p>Cllr Jones explained to Council that she had already made some inroads into the website and was looking into updating the site. She would need to upgrade the software to enable her to do the newsletter and would present a budget for the costs. Examples of a new logo for all PC communications was presented and further suggestions would be sent out. All communications would now be sent out via Cllr Jones and she would hold the admin capability for the F/book and Davenham Life</p> <p><b>Lead: Cllr Garner Co-Lead: Cllr Spare</b></p> <p>Cllr Garner spoke of the problems getting the Speed Awareness training underway due to the changes in personnel at HQ. She would also be meeting with Ward Councillors to discuss the problems being encountered with the grass verges on Mount Pleasant road, Parking issues and what help we could get from them.</p> <p><b>Lead: Cllr Ryder Co-Lead: Cllr Powell, Cllr Watson, Cllr Entwistle</b></p> <p>No Update</p> <p>Cllrs Garner, Entwistle and Annet attended an online training session for New Councillors with ChALC</p>
<p><b>9. Urgent Matters</b></p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p><b>10. Date of next meeting</b></p>	
	<p><b>To note date of next meeting:</b> Davenham &amp; Bostock PC Meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.15 pm at <b>THE HAYHURST</b></p>
<p><b>11. Closure of Public Meeting</b></p>	<p>9.05 pm</p>