



Davenham & Bostock Parish Council

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Minutes of Davenham & Bostock ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING held 8th June 2026 Public Open Forum & Council Meeting 7.15pm *The Hayhurst Arms Bostock*

Present:	Cllr Powell (Chair), Cllr Baynes (Vice-Chair), Cllr Garner, Cllr Entwistle, Cllr Annet, Cllr Spare Ward Councillor Dan Marr Freeman Ravenscroft Elaine Hamlett (clerk)
1.Public Session	Several residents of Bostock attended to speak with the Parish Councillors. Firstly they spoke of the proposed development of new homes in Bostock. They were devastated that this historic village would be ruined. This was described as the only remaining historic village in Cheshire that was untouched by development. Tatton Estates were proposing new homes on fields at the rear of the village but this was still to be approved. Chairman Powell explained the bigger picture of new homes in Cheshire and how we all face the same prospect of increased developments and how we as a PC we were dealing with this. Also discussed were the benches placed by the football field at the Hayhurst Arms by the PC. They had to take them out to enable access to the field and for work to be done on the grass. The work was done to replace the circular seating that was around the large tree as it was cutting into the truck and the seat was badly rotted and missing several segments of seating. The metal band around the tree had sunk into the truck substantially. The PC were happy for the residents to locate both benches in a position the suited their requirements. The brass plaque that was on the original bench was mentioned. This was not present when the old seating was removed. One of the residents explained the importance of the plaque and asked if this could be replaced as it was a dedication to past resident Renee Carnegie Hayhurst. The PC said it would look into this and if they could send the PC the details/photograph of the plaque it would try to copy the original. Also reported was several trees in the area were in need of pruning. The PC has no responsibility for these trees as owned by Tatton Estates. <i>The Chair would contact Tatton Estates to request the work.</i> The memorial tree which the PC had cleared an cleared two years ago was now desperately in need of another makeover along with the shelter across from it. The PC was organising a clean-up day later this week to address this and that it would be done every three months from this point forward. <i>Clerk to speak with Village Gardener to ensure this is a regular part of his schedule.</i> The Pavillion was now used by DJFC and they had changed the lock so the person who kept the building secure and dry now had no key. <i>Cllr Entwistle would speak with the DJFC to request a key.</i> Discussion took place on the urgent need for a resident of Bostock to join the PC to ensure the voice of the village is heard. There is a current vacancy which had been advertised all around Bostock in the hope of encouraging a resident to apply. The PC post Newsletters, flyers and information around the village but one residents informed that they had not received anything. All information is left at The Hayhurst as a back up plan and would continue to be the case. The PC informed of the update of all our media outlets and website that is now in place and would hopefully be updated asap. The PC invited the residents to come along to any of the meeting held bi-monthly at The Hayhurst and keep the PC updated on what the village requires.
2. Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interests	Cllr Ryder, Illness Cllr Watson, Work, Cllr Jones illness No Declarations of Interest



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3.PCSO Report	No report received							
4. Approval of Minutes	It was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council ACM & APM Meeting Minutes from on 11th May 2026 Proposed by Cllr, Powell seconded by Cllr Spare, All agreed. Recap and Actions- One action outstanding. The Asset Register will need updating once it has been assessed and corrected. The process for this is very time consuming and some information is no longer available due to the dates certain assets were purchased or acquired. Some items date back to early 1950s and earlier. <i>Cllr Annet to liaise with the Clerk on this</i>							
5. Finance and Administration	INCOME 01 May 2026							
	27/05/2026	Scottish Power	refund		90.13			
			TOTAL		90.13			
	EXPENDIT							
	URE	PAYEE	DETAILS	BUDGET	NET	VAT	GROSS	
	12/05/2026	Laptops Direct	Laptop	General Project Reserve	589.09	117.82	706.91	
	20/05/2026	McVeigh Parker	Ginnel Gate	Events & Projects	239.21	47.84	287.05	
	14/05/2026	Mark Powell	Postcrete refund	Green Spaces			6.75	
	12/05/2026	E Hamlett	Stationary refund	Stationary			34.90	
		M Powell	purchase refund	Members Expenses			9.40	
		C Rushton	Plant refund	Green Spaces	66.6	18.9	85.50	
		Quaypayroll	Payroll	Payroll	0	0	12.75	
		Lawtons	Inv 16189	Lawtons Maintenance	560	112	672.00	
	28/05/2026	P Lee	GS Refund	Green Spaces	176.09	7.43	183.52	
		CWT	inv 12279	Green Spaces	170	34	204.00	
	01/06/2026	HMRC	PAYE	PAYE			358.82	
		E Hamlett	Salary	Clerks Salary			1221.98	
		Davenham Scouts	Inv 05/2026	Green Spaces			53.00	
					TOTAL	1211.9	337.99	3836.58
	5.a FINANCE	Finance Report It was discussed thoroughly and Expenditure approved. The operational budget sheet was amended to move figures into correct budget line and a double entry error of subscriptions paid. Following amendments made <i>Motion</i> Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Baynes, all agreed. Also discussed was the contact from CWAC regarding CIL/S106 monies that may be available to the PC. This could be around £89k. This would enable both fields to potentially benefit from replacement play equipment which is breaking and needs serious repair, potential for allotments on Laburnum and replacing of fences around Butchers Stile. Further discussion was to take place with CWAC to clarify what was available. <i>ACTION: Clerk to contact Mary Lavery to discuss further and to inform Councillors of the outcome ahead of next meeting.</i>						



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5.b Audit 24/26 Administration 6. LEAD ROLES a. Planning	Ongoing. Nothing received yet from External Auditor. New Parish Councillor Vacancy: This had been advertised directly to Bostock residents in the hope a Councillor could be found to represent the village. Closing date of 30th June 2026 and if no applicants, this vacancy will be opened up to both villages. Flower Baskets for Village Shop's: Discussion around the possibility of all shops in the village having baskets outside their store to enhance to look of the village. There are some issues around permission to hang these baskets which will need addressing directly with CWAC, It was thought a good idea and individuals could take responsibility for these baskets on their premises once permission granted. There would be some initial funding available from the Green Spaces Budget to set this up. <i>ACTION: Cllr Garner to make enquiries on the permissions and interest from shops.</i> Legends Bench: Following discussion it was agreed that the best way forward would be to create a QR code to place on some of the benches around the village where users could access our website for a list of contacts that could help with a multitude of issues. Plaques could be made and fitted to some or all our village benches offering an opportunity for people in need of support to attain that support. would be some initial funding available from the Green Spaces Budget to set this up. <i>ACTION: Clerk to add to next Agenda for further discussion.</i> All Councillors to send report to PC's one week prior to meeting to enable reading and further discussion during the meeting Cllr Spare reported on all applications in pre read schedule and commented on the outcomes or objections. An objection had been placed regarding 93a Hartford Road following complaint from residents that the construction of the wall to the front of the property was not in keeping with the area. And exceeded the boundary of the property. This is now with CWAC for action. Several tree issues have arisen whereby healthy trees are being removed. Cllr Marr explained to the PC that if there were any issues such as this, it should be escalated to him so that he can address them directly with CWAC. Such an issue is at 1 ST Wilfred's Court where two healthy trees have been removed rather than pruned.
b. Green Spaces c. Traffic & Parking d. Neighbourhood Plan e. Event Management & Fundraising f. Project's	Cllr Garner sent her report prior to the meeting. Discussion on the need for a water source for the Fountain took place and a suggestion would be to speak with Jean Jolley at no 4 to ask if it was possible to use her house supply. <i>ACTION: Cllr Garner to speak with Mrs Jolley</i> Training still awaited Meeting planned to update NP Cllr Annet explained that he had the information to move forward on planning the Remembrance Day and Xmas Event. He would start the process in July and September. The Mindfest Event in aid of Cheshire MIND was well underway and funding had now been achieved to host the event. Cllr Baynes explained there were no new updates on projects and spending budgets were being monitored. Cllr Jones was not present

