



Davenham & Bostock Parish Council

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Minutes of Davenham & Bostock ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING held 6th July 2026 Public Open Forum & Council Meeting 7.15pm *The Hayhurst Arms Bostock*

	Cllr Powell (Chair), Cllr Entwistle, Cllr Annet, Cllr Spare, Cllr Watson, Cllr Jones																					
Present:	Ward Councillor Gaynor Sinar Freeman Ravenscroft Elaine Hamlett (clerk) Observer: Mark Ford																					
1.Public Session	A resident of Bostock visited to speak again with Council about the plaque for Renee Carnegie Hayhurst which had been lost. The resident was to source a new plaque and the PC agreed to pay for the replacement. The resident would produce the wording and inform the PC by the next meeting in September. The work that required attention listed at the last meeting had been done and a monthly clean up of PC scheduled work was now in place with the Village Gardener. It was reported that the Post Box opposite the Hayhurst had been damaged and was in need of repair. <i>Clerk to report to PO direct.</i>																					
2. Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interests	Cllr Baynes (Vice-Chair), Cllr Garner No Declarations of Interest																					
3.PCSO Report	Report received. Councillors requested a monthly meeting with the PCSO as a minimum due to ongoing ASB issues. Recent ASB was reported to MP who has contacted PCC as there is a significant increase since the new policing structure has been implemented. Several reports received of a male camping out on the Pits and collecting branches/wood off the field in large quantities. Wood had been taken off the fencing days earlier but unsure if the two are connected. Also the smell of Cannabis being report from that area. Not known if the male was a rough sleeper or not but it was felt it should be reported to the 101 system. Flyers had been distributed asking resident to please report all incidents and ASB via 101 as this is the only way we can prove the extent of the problem, we are experiencing now.																					
4. Approval of Minutes	It was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council Meeting Minutes from on 8 th June 2026 Proposed by Cllr, Spare seconded by Cllr Entwistle, All agreed. Recap and Actions Chair spoke with Tatton Estates about work on trees in Bostock The Asset Register is underway <i>Cllr Annet to liaise with the Clerk on this</i> Schedule of work agreed with Village Gardener Key to Pavillion not yet sourced from DJFC <i>Cllr Entwistle to chase</i> Clerk spoke with Mary Lavery CWAC re S106 monies to be applied for Cllr Garner has spoken with CWAC re Flower baskets on shops in village. Legends Bench Cllr Powell & Jones to investigate further and also for painting of the swings on Butchers Stile now repaired. Cllr Garner has spoken with Mrs Jolley and water source secured Cllr Entwistle arranged for code on Butchers Stile to be changed back Clerk arranged with Village Gardener to remove wreaths																					
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09/06/2026	Paul Lee	Laurel Refund	Green Spaces	146.19	29.24	175.43
	Quay Payroll	Payroll Services	Payroll			12.75
12/06/2026	Water Plus	VG Water	Sundry Payments	17.97	3.60	21.57
	Microsoft Fee		Subscriptions			84.99
01/07/2026	HMRC	PAYE	PAYE			358.82
	Clerks Salary	E Hamlett	Clerks Salary			1221.98
02/07/2026	Wicksteed	Swing Repair	Emergency Repair fund	215.32	43.06	258.38

TOTAL	379.48	75.9	2308.92
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5.a FINANCE

Finance Report It was discussed thoroughly and Expenditure approved. *Motion* Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Jones, all agreed.

5.b Audit 24/26

Ongoing. External Audit still underway and answers to three questions were being dealt with. Confirmation of end of year bank Balance – confirmed, asset register not updated with new play equipment (this was due to not completed in that financial year but approved and added in May 26) – confirmed and the variance between receipts 2025 & 2026. *Clerk responding as required*

Administration

New Parish Councillor Vacancy: One Application received and Mark Ford attended tonight to observe how PC works. His application will be considered at September meeting.

Consultations: These are now set for 15th & 22nd July 7.30-8.30pm at DRBLSC, 1st August 2,3,4pm DRBLSC and additional one at the Primary School on 15th July 2.30-3.15 Davenham Primary School

Bostock Update: All work requested by residents completed.

Legends Bench: Cllrs Powell & Jones to investigate further.

All Councillors to send report to PC's one week prior to meeting to enable reading and further discussion during the meeting

6. LEAD ROLES

Cllr Spare reported on all applications in pre read schedule and commented on the outcomes or objections. Report sent prior to meeting

a. Planning

b. Green Spaces

Cllr Garner sent her report prior to the meeting. Discussion on the need for flowers and plants to be put into the Freeman Ravenscroft Planter and the Oddfellows planters was had. It was decided to ask Cllr Garner to look into this being done, The planters at the Oddfellows belong to D&BPC and should be planted out accordingly.

ACTION: Message to be sent to Cllr Garner

c. Traffic & Parking

Training still awaited

d. Neighbourhood Plan

All Cllrs sent a copy of the NP and asked to read through and make notes of anything they felt is necessary to update. Meeting will be planned to update NP

e. Event Management & Fundraising

Cllr Annet explained that he was planning on meeting with the Remembrance Day group and working on the Xmas Event.



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f. Project's g. Communications h. Liaison 7. To receive reports from Councillors on any external meetings of relevance to the Council	The Mindfest Event in aid of Cheshire MIND was well underway and funding had now been achieved to host the event. Postcards encouraging the purchase of tickets for the events were ready for distribution and Cllrs offered to distribute along with the Consultation flyer. Cllr Powell thanked Cllr Annet for his help in securing the printing of these flyers. Cllr Powell had submitted an application for the new noticeboard for the mosaic. Cllr Jones sent her report in advance of the meeting. Cllr Powell thanked her for all the work she had done on the consultation preparation and flyers. Cllr Entwistle reported that he was still awaiting discussions with the Scouts regarding the purchase of the units at Peckmill to house the Men in Sheds project. None
8. Urgent Matters/AOB	Cllr Spare requested the stone and plaque be moved out from under the Memorial tree on Laburnum field as it was now hidden. Also the gates to Laburnum were not locked when vehicles from the bowling club were using the parking area. Upgrading of CCTV on Butchers Stile ACTION: Clerk to contact Mathew Ford to arrange a meeting regarding upgrade of CCTV Clerk to email Steve Nelson regarding the locking of the Laburnum Gates when used by their vehicles.
9. Date of next meeting	
	To note date of next meeting: Davenham & Bostock Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 2026 at 7.00pm at The Hayhurst
10. Closure of Public Meeting 8.55pm	

Part B Confidential Matters