Davenham & Bostock Parish Council

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Minutes of Davenham & Bostock ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING held 7th September 2026
Public Open Forum & Council Meeting 7.00 pm
The Hayhurst Arms Bostock

Present:	Cllr Powell (Chair), Cllr Baynes (Vice-Chair), Cllr Garner, Cllr Entwistle, Cllr Annet, Cllr Spare, Cllr Watson, Ward Councillor Gaynor Sinar Freeman Ravenscroft Elaine Hamlett (clerk) Councillor Co-option Candidate: Mark Ford
1 Councillor Vacancy Co-Option	All Councillors received the application prior to the meeting and met with Applicant at the July meeting. Following a discussion with all Councillors it was proposed by Cllr Powell, Seconded by Cllr Baynes and all agreed to co-opt Mark Ford onto the Parish Councillor. Cllr Ford was informed and welcomed onto the PC and asked to join the full meeting.
2 Public Session	We received notice that three people were to attend the public session, one to speak and two to listen & observe. Six members of the public attended. The residents from Davenham attended to speak with the Council regarding the proposed Developments around the village and in particular the Stoneham's proposal. The key issues around this proposal were stated as: **The Stoneham's Development**– "The Parish Council should be objecting on the erosion of the key-settlement gap. This is the only development that is within the Settlement Gap so why are they supporting it? Was this protected by policy" **The Infrastructure** – this was near capacity and an Infrastructure Audit was requested to assess the impact on schools, access, roads, flooding etc? **Other concerns raised and stated that:** From the Consultation presentations, the Parish Council were perceived as supporting the Stoneham's proposal and were being swayed by the prospect of a Community Centre. The Parish Council "should have significant concerns over the gift of and perception of a gift of a Community Centre as an inducement" this was expressed as potentially in contravention of the 2010 Bribery Act. Why was the Community Centre being consulted on via the online questionnaire? **Also raised was the disappointment in the Consultation advertising:** Lack of leaflet drop around the Bellway estate They were held in the school holidays when residents were away No information on the Noticeboards There was no response to some emails sent. The residents wanted to ask the Parish Council to object to any development proposal for the land to the rear of the Bellway Estate (Four fields owned by Stoneham's), and not to support their application when submitted. Cllr Powell responded to the residents to address each of their points raised: Under no circumstances would the Parish Council be supporting any development application based on a 'bribe' or 'inducement', and that any discussions about a potential community centre would be being considered for the benefit of the village only and not for personal gain by any of the councillors. The Stoneham family are the only developer to actively engage with the PC to inform and research the village to enable the best development outcome. Off all the prospective developers emerging, none have contacted the PC to ask their opinion or for their engagement except the Stoneham's. Cllr Powell apologised on behalf of the Parish Council for the lack of leaflets delivered door to door in the Bellway and some other areas of the Village. Shortage of flyers and such a short time span restricted the opportunity to inform residents by direct contact. Several avenues were used such as FaceBook, Website and emails, but this however, still missed some residents. We did managed to engage the school before end of term and they organised a Consultation slot for parents before pick up time. This was very poorly attended. Cllr Powell also apologised for the lack of response to some emails but as volunteers, the Councillors have a recess in August and responses are considered at the next meeting, such as this. There were 10 emails received following the Consultations and Cllr Powell will be responding to all as soon as possible.

	ACTION: Cllr Powell to send responses to emails received during recess. Cllr Powell responded to the residents attending informing that this Council would react to any Planning Application based on the individual issues it sees. The power the Parish Council has, is minimal even with our Neighbourhood Plan, as CWAC, who are at present updating the Local Plan again, and the present Government are pressing for the construction of new homes, a great deal of what was our security blanket such as settlement gaps and two field separation, are being dissolved. On the matter of the Community Centre, the reason for the on line questionnaire is in response to the consultation two years ago, when the majority of respondents made this one of their priority requirements for the Village, along with parking and speeding traffic. It would be foolhardy of the Parish Council not to be ready with the public wishes if an opportunity arose for such a building or the prospect of funding for one. The Stoneham's expressed that they would like to hold their own public consultation with villagers to explain what it is their family wish for our community and Cllr Powell said he would contact them to express a need for this. *ACTION: Cllr Powell to contact The Stoneham's to request this again* Cllr Powell went on to say that this was a difficult time for the Village and indeed the surrounding villages. Development is being pushed by local and national government and rules and regulations being changed to enable this to happen. Everyone who can, should Individually respond to any Local Plan questionnaire, any Planning Application or any opinion poll that comes our way, The PC will do everything it can to support the Village and safeguard its residents and will do its utmost to keep residents informed. Councillor Powell handed out a one page summary, ie the new National Planning Policy Framework. Planning Item 7a brought forward for Public attendees to hear: Cllr Spare informed there are several planning applications that are proving controversial and about which councillors have received comments from residents. • **Miller homes off Jack Lane.** Started 2023. Now submitted to CWAC as 26/2107/FUL. A public consultation exercise started in April 2026 - responses submitted to NJL Consulting. Moulton PC have submitted objections. So far, twenty eight public comments have been submitted to CWAC. There are twenty two consultee comments. • **26/03420/OUT** Jack Lane Moulton Mr and Mrs Jones proposal for 140 properties. Area not excluded from development in the Neighbourhood Plan. 20 comments and objections from the public plus 20 responses from consultees • **Peckmill 25/01218/OUT** - Mostly affordable housing - 101 comments and objections from the public plus 57 responses from consultees. This Application has now been rejected. • **93A Hartford Road 23/01386/FUL** - Awaiting CWAC Planning appointing an officer to examine the non-compliance of the wall at the front of the property • **Stonhams** - Fields adjacent to Butchers Stile. Construction of housing, community centre and screening/woodland. Awaiting formal application to CWAC. Outline plans have been explained to village residents. The information was presented at the Public session in an impartial way, but since only one proposal offered anything beyond what planning regulations require, it would inevitably appear to have the support of Davenham & Bostock Parish Council.
2. Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interests	Cllr Jones (Holiday) No Declarations of Interest

3.PCSO Report

Report received. Councillors requested a quarterly meeting with the PCSO as a minimum due to ongoing ASB issues. There were issues in the village regarding shoplifting and this was questioned as to if it was due to poverty. It was asked that the Police Surgeries were advertised on our f/b page.

ACTION: Cllr Jones to be asked to put surgeries on f/b

ACTION: Clerk to contact PCSO with request for quarterly attendance at PC meetings if possible

4. Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Parish Council Meeting Minutes from on 6th July 2026 Proposed by Cllr, Warson, seconded by Cllr Entwistle, All agreed.

Recap and Actions

Key to Pavillion sourced from DJFC to give to Mr Smith
Legends Bench Cllr Powell & Jones to c/f to next meeting

5. Finance and Administration

EXPENDITURE	PAYEE	DETAILS	BUDGET	NET	VAT	GROSS
07/07/2026	M Powell	Stone refund	Emergency repair			60.00
	Quay Payroll	PAYE	PAYE			12.75
	Lawtons	Ground Maintenance	Lawton GM	560	112	672.00
	Ionos	Website	Website			20.53
	Simion Roberts	Printing	Consultation			51.00
09/07/2026	Ionos	Website	Website			5.70
	Ionos	Website	Website			10.34
13/07/2026	Gary Jones	Village Gardener	Village Gardener			270.00
	Gary Jones	Village Gardener	Village Gardener-GS			20.00
	Terry Driffield	Bench	Emergency repair			105.00
	Water Plus	Water	Gen Sundry	10.34	2.07	12.41
	Paul Spare	Postcrete	Events/projects Ginnel Gate	5.82	1.17	6.99
20/07/2026	Ionos	Website	Website			11.83
	E Hamlett	Salary	Clerks Salary			1221.98
	HMRC	PAYE	PAYE			358.82
	WAP Lawton	Ground Maintenance	Lawton GM	560.00	112.00	672.00
21/07/2026	Ionos	Website	Website			21.00
27/07/2026	Ionos	Website	Website			11.83
29/07/2026	PKF Littlejohn	Audit fees	Audit	315.00	63.00	378.00
			TOTAL	1451.16	290.24	3922.18

AUGUST

EXPENDITURE	PAYEE	DETAILS	BUDGET	NET	VAT	GROSS
10/08/2026	Ionos	Website	Website			10.34
14/08/2026	Water Plus	Water	Gen Sundry	16.52	3.3	19.82
	WAP Lawton	Ground Maintenance	Ground Maintenance	280.00	56.00	336.00
	Quay Payroll	PAYE	PAYE			12.75
	E Hamlett	Refund Signs	Emergency Repair/Signs			21.95

19/08/2026	Ionos	Website	Website			5.70
21/08/2026	Ionos	Website	Website			15.18
31/08/2026	Mr Gary Jones	Village Gardener	Village Gardener			120.00

SEPTEMBER

01/09/2026	HMRC	PAYE	PAYE			358.82
	E Hamlett	Clerks Salary	Clerks Salary			1221.98

TOTAL	296.52	59.3	2122.54

5.a FINANCE

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

5.b Audit 24/26

Audit Completed. Copies of Audit Reports sent prior to meeting and discussion took place regarding the 2 exceptions. First was a numerical mistake and rectified and the second was the Accessibility Policy which was not loaded onto the Website until days after the allocated time. This was now in place and Councillor's accepted the findings. Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Baynes, all agreed. Notices and paperwork had been put on Website and in both Noticeboards in the village by the agreed date. The AGAR & findings were accepted by the Parish Council proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Baynes, all agreed.

Budget 26/27 Update

Papers sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Discussion on the state of the figures at this point in the financial year and it was agreed that Council were well on target with no overspends.

The Men in Sheds project was still awaiting commencement but had received a new funding of £250. There was some spend on the Emergency Repair budget due to ASB on Butchers Stile and Laburnum Road Playing Equipment. This was agreed to be addressed with further signage and more CCTV installations as soon as possible.

Administration

ACTION: All Councillor's to send there suggestions for the new signage for both fields to the clerk asap

Consultations: There was to be an update meeting on 16th September from 7-8pm at DRBLSC regarding the Stoneham's proposal for development of the four fields next to Butchers Stile.

Bostock Update: Awaiting new plaque for bench

Legends Bench: Cllrs Powell & Jones to investigate further.

6. LEAD ROLES

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

a. Planning

See Public Session Item 1 (brought forward to earlier in Meeting for Public engagement)

b. Green Spaces

Cllr Garner sent her report prior to the meeting. There had been an approach to the PC to be involved in the making of a

c. Traffic & Parking

Training still awaited. A call out for new candidates to operate the speed camera was put into the Newsletter to try to attract more people.

d. Neighbourhood Plan

e. Event Management & Fundraising	All Cllrs sent a copy of the NP and asked to read through and make notes of anything they fell is necessary to update. Meeting will be planned to update NP. All recent surveys would be used to update the Plan.
f. Project's	A request for £200 funding for the Location Table in the Village Garden to house a mosaic trail diagram had been received and Cllr Baynes accepted the application. Proposed Cllr Baynes, seconded Cllr Powell all agreed.
g. Communications	Remembrance Parade and Christmas Event – dates now in place. A meeting with Rev. Iveson and RBL members planned for Wednesday 9/9/26 planned to discuss the event. Quotes on for RTM for both events obtained and will be discussed at the Focus Group Meetings.
h. Liaison	The Newsletter was due to be delivered this week and suggestions for delivery from Cllrs was discussed. Cllr Entwistle reported to the Council that a meeting had been arranged with DJFC to discuss their obligations to D&BPC regarding the container, field and fencing. This will take place on 22/9/26
7. To receive reports from Councillors on any external meetings of relevance to the Council	None
8. Urgent Matters/AOB	Cllr Spare requested the re-instating of the site Mirror at the junction of the Organic Farm and Whatcroft Road. It was a very bad sight line for oncoming traffic and needed replacing. ACTION: Cllr Sinar to approach CWAC Highways about this matter. Grit Bin on Green Avenue. This still required installation. Photos of location and permission had been sent to CWAC 18 months ago. ACTION: Cllr Sinar to approach CWAC Highways about this matter. Cllr Watson reported that the tree in the car park of the Methodist Church was causing an obstruction to footpath users and required attention. ACTION: Clerk to email the church.
9. Date of next meeting	
	To note date of next meeting: Davenham & Bostock Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 21st September 2026 at 7.15pm at The RBLSC
10. Closure of Public Meeting 8.55pm	

Part B Confidential Matters