

Tea on the Green ~ Sunday 3rd July 12pm - 6pm
Fun for all the family | Live music, great food and rides for the children. Tea on the Green see overleaf for details



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

CLERK PERSONAL INFO

This has been a challenging year for Bostock Parish Council with a completely new team, to each of whom being a councillor is unknown. We were therefore sorry to lose our Clerk, Sue Clarke early in the year, particularly given that she had done so much to help us get ourselves up and running.

Despite this early setback we have made significant progress with many of the issues which face us.

In particular we give thanks to Keith Brewood who has dedicated much personal effort to pushing forward doggedly with many of the actions, and in finding a new Clerk, Vicky Stock, whose experience has been invaluable in keeping us all on track.

Keith and Sue are now moving from the area and have resigned their positions. They will be a sad loss and will be greatly missed. This does, however, create two vacancies and the opportunity for anyone with an interest in the future of Bostock to get involved.

Items of particular note which have been progressed over the last 12 months include:

- Significant progress in creating a new Bostock Parish Council website which will be launched in the very near future. We hope that as well as being a repository for Council information, this will also become a hub for the community with details of local events, local businesses etc.
- Discussions with both Cheshire West and Chester Council and with Cheshire Police about the speed limit through Bostock Green and along Bostock Road. We await the results of a recent traffic survey, and will keep pressing for changes.
- Village signs have also been proposed in three locations: as you approach the village from Peckmill roundabout, and on the approaches from Winsford and Stanthorne. We hope to have these installed during the next 12 months.
- We have also discussed creating a Neighbourhood Plan. These form part of the National Planning Policy Framework and give parishes an input into the future development of their areas. We do not want to fundamentally change the nature of Bostock, but at the same time we acknowledge that it must evolve if it is not to stagnate and die. We therefore want to be able to influence any future development in a way that enhances, rather than detracts from the nature of Bostock. It is, however, a great deal of work for a small team, and our plans for this are therefore still under review. Any volunteers to get involved would be warmly welcomed.

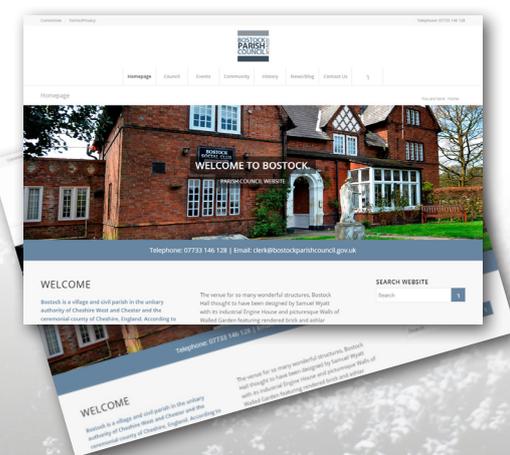
Thank you to everyone who has contributed over the last 12 months, in particular to Keith, and we look forward to welcoming two new Councillors and to making further progress in the coming year.

Vicky Stock – Vicky is our new clerk and has also works as clerk to Davenham Parish Council. Vicky would love to hear from you with any concerns or queries so



please get in touch. **07733 146 128**

NEW WEBSITE



Have a private business in Bostock and would like to share a link to your business on our community website?

Please contact the Clerk by emailing **clerk@bostockparishcouncil.gov.uk**, telephone: **07733 146 128** or by post at **6 Grovemount, Davenham, CW9 8LY**

Our next meeting

Please keep an eye out on our notice board at the bus shelter and website for the date of the next meeting.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

COUNCILLOR TEAM

TEA ON THE GREEN ~ EVENT

Bostock Parish Council has two casual vacancies following the two councillors moving away from the area.

If you would like to get involved and make a difference to Bostock village or would like further information, please ask the Clerk for further details clerk@bostockparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone **07733 146 128**.

Please note that Councillors do not get paid - it is purely volunteer work and demanding at times. It is however a very rewarding role in order to help make positive improvements to our village and to help protect it for future generations.

Please also visit our website www.bostockparishcouncil.gov.uk

We would like to fill these vacancies as soon as possible so the closing date to express an interest will be 31st July 2016. We will then ask candidates to attend our next meeting following this date. A vote will take place if we have 3 or more candidates for the 2 vacancies.

BOSTOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In light of all the development our Neighbouring villages Davenham and Moulton have experienced, we would like to create a Neighbourhood Plan to help protect Bostock. Part of the Local Plan Part 2 has highlighted four land sites in Bostock that could potentially (not definitely) be developed in the future and we want to protect our village against this or at least have some control over what happens to this land.

The problem is we simply do not have enough councillors and resources to carry out this task alone so we need your help. If you have any planning expertise or just simply want to help protect Bostock (no qualifications needed), please get in touch with the clerk.

Please note that if you do volunteer you will be given full support by Cheshire Community Action who will work alongside the Neighbourhood working group to help create the plan with you. Grant funding is readily available for the Neighbourhood Plan process to begin.

If you would like to be kept informed of local village issues e.g. Planning developments, Neighbourhood Plan, Village events, etc please email the Clerk (clerk@bostockparishcouncil.gov.uk) and we will add you to our email distribution list and keep you up-to-date.

Please note, to keep village costs at a minimum this will be an email only notification. The clerk is also happy to forward any community event information on your behalf to the residents on the email list.

