

BOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2017 Held at Davenham Methodist Church (Main Hall) 7pm

Present

Cllr. Beswick (Chair)
Cllr. Clarke
Cllr. Williamson

Parish Clerk Vicky Stock

Mr Richard Stead (newly appointed councillor)

3 members of the public were present

Apologies: Cllr. Curry (Vice-Chair), Helen Weltman (CWAC Ward Councillor)

1. Meeting Opening.

The Meeting was opened by Cllr. Beswick

Questions were raised by one member of the public as to where we are with TEM Plans/Local Plan Part 2. Councillors have been told Bostock has not been put forward as a local service centre and we will be able to comment further on the Local Plan part 2 around June time. There is also a residents committee meeting on 8th February.

The public session ended at 7.30pm.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Curry and Cllr. Helen Weltman.

Declaration of Interest – No declarations of interest

3. New Councillor – Co-option

a) To discuss any candidates put forward (if any) and to co-opt if candidates have put themselves forward for the councillor positions.

One candidate came forward, Mr Richard Stead. It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Stead be appointed as a new councillor (Proposed by Cllr. Williamson and Seconded by Cllr. Clarke). The Declarations of Interest form were completed and passed to the clerk. Mr Stead also signed a "Declaration of acceptance of Office and Compliance with Code of Conduct" which was duly signed and witnessed by the clerk.

Cllr. Victoria Curry wrote to resign from her councillor role due to moving out of Bostock. The clerk will advertise the vacancy via email following the vacancy notice period. **AP1**

4. Approval of Minutes and update on Actions

a) To review and approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings held on 26th October 2016 and 16th November 2016

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above minutes. Proposed by Cllr. Williamson. Seconded by Cllr. Clarke.

b) Recap and update on actions from previous Minutes.

Some actions were carried forward and are all noted on the Action List.

5. Precept Confirmation

Following the previous meeting on 16th November, the clerk had further figures for the budget. The figures were for clerk salary and some highways work. It was **RESOLVED** that the precept figure be set at £3,330.99 (37.77% increase – taking Band D property from £17.27 to £23.79 per year). Proposed by Cllr. Clarke, Seconded by Cllr. Williamson. All approved. The amount in reserves has been allocated for highways work, village signs and a notice board and a few other ad-hoc items.

It was also **RESOLVED** to receive the Council Tax Reduction Grant from Cheshire West and Chester as a one off payment of £72.

6. TEM Property Group

a) To receive any matters brought to the councils attention on behalf of TEM.

None.

b) To discuss any matters to bring to the attention of TEM.

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The post near the old bus stop has not been fixed to an appropriate standard and needs looking at. **AP2**

c) To discuss the possibility of granting a dispensation to TEM Plans

Councillors who have a conflict of interest e.g. Tenants each can consider whether to apply for a dispensation to further be involved in objecting to TEM plans (as first indication from the public looks to be the likely course of action). It was **RESOLVED** that a dispensation would be granted for Cllr. Clarke and Cllr . Beswick and forms were duly completed. Proposed by Cllr. Williamson and Seconded by Cllr. Stead.

7. Finance

a) To approve the Financial Report and Monies for Payment.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Bank reconciliation and accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr. Beswick. Seconded by Cllr. Clarke.

As at 24th November 2016, the reconciled bank balance totalled £ **£10,360.41** in credit.

As at 23rd December 2016, the reconciled bank balance totalled £ **£10,352.91** in credit.

Payments received

None

Payments for Approval for December 2016

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>CHQ No</u>	<u>NET £</u>	<u>VAT £</u>	<u>GROSS £</u>
01/12/2016	Talk Mobile	Mobile Phone payment	DIRECT DEBIT	7.50	0	7.50
Total Payment DECEMBER						£7.50

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01/01/17	Talk Mobile	Mobile Phone payment	DIRECT DEBIT	7.50	0	7.50
25/01/17	Came and Company	Parish Council Insurance	100447	165.00	0	165.00
25/01/17	Davenham Methodist Church	Room Hire for 25 th January 2017	100448	26.00	0	26.00
25/01/17	Vicky Stock	Clerk Salary November and December	100449	173.32	0	173.32
25/01/17	HMRC	Clerk Tax due	100450	152.80	0	152.80
Total Payment JANUARY						524.62

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8. Planning and Highway Matters

a) Applications Received for Consultation: None

b) CWAC Planning Decisions: None

c) Neighbourhood Plan: No update

d) Update from CWAC on traffic Calming – A proposal was received from Jerry Gibbs at CWAC to reduce the speed through Bostock to 40mph. 50% of the cost would need to be raised by Bostock and Stanthorne. Contribution split - Bostock £1,464.77 and Stanthorne £458.35. Stanthorne have been in touch and the clerk attended the meeting to discuss this further. This is on hold until we hear further back from Stanthorne.

e) HS2: Stanthorne also suggested Bostock meet regarding HS2 with view to potentially putting together a joint response with other parish councils affected.

9. New Notice Board

a) To discuss/approve plans for a new notice board (pending approval from Tatton Estates/highways)

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The clerk is awaiting permission from CWAC for installation of the new notice board. The old Oak notice board cannot be located. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead and purchase (subject to CWAC permission) the Oak Notice Board which is more in keeping with the village look and feel. The cost of the new notice board will be £1200 plus VAT plus £175 installation.
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10. Correspondence

- Email received from CWAC re: Electoral Review of Cheshire West and Chester to be held on 1st February 2017 7pm-8pm.
- An email was received from ChALC regarding Planning update meeting to be held on 30th January 2017. Cllr. Beswick to attend.
- An email was received from Bostock Residents Focus Group re: response to the Local Plan for consideration at the Local Plan Working Group Meeting. Cllr. Clarke has also written to Cllr. Weltman asking her to support the current plan on behalf of Bostock Parish Council.
- An email was received from Chris Tiffitt from Mid-Cheshire Against HS2. Cllr. Clarke will reply to this as the lead on HS2. **AP4**
- An email was received from CWAC re: HS2 Consultation 31st January. Cllr. Clarke to attend. **AP5**
- NW Ambulance wrote asking for a donation. The clerk will reply.
- An email was received from Frodsham Town Council with an invitation for Sunday 23rd April to a Service of Thanksgiving. Councillors to let the clerk know if they can attend.

11. Urgent Matters

None raised.

12. Date of Next Meetings

- a) Wednesday 1st March 2017 (Full Council Meeting at the Hayhurst Arms)

13. Closure of Public Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.