



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Parish Council Budget & Precept for 2017/18

The Parish Council acknowledges that we have had a year that has incurred several large financial costs. However, these costs were planned for by the Finance Committee in last year's budget and we are happy that we have met these considerable costs within that agreed budget along with the agreed increase in last year's Parish Council Precept.

It was agreed by the Parish Council in 2016 that we increase the precept by the amount of £20k to cover the cost of the Neighbourhood plan, thus allowing for any unforeseen expenditure that may arise.

We are happy to be able to reduce the Parish Council Precept by said £20K, for the financial year 2017/18 and have limited the precept increase to 2% in line with permitted increases.

The full cost of the neighbourhood plan, is still a somewhat unknown quantity, and grant funding has been available for some of the work. We have funding now earmarked in the reserve to finish the plan and we give our thanks to The Neighbourhood Planning Group for all their hard work and time given freely.

The Gladman Appeal Barrister Costs have been met from the general reserve and any remaining monies from the Neighbourhood Plan will "top up" our decreased reserve.

The base budget has seen no changes for this forthcoming financial year.

Cath McCubbin,

Vice Chairman, Goostrey Parish Council

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Points of interest:

- **Parish Council** - If you would like to speak to a member of the Parish Council please contact them directly (contact details for councillors are on the website) or contact the Clerk to arrange a appointment.
- **Parish Office Hours**
Monday 09.30 to 12.30,
Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- **Contact** - NEW E-mail
ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info
Phone: 01477 535825
Answer phone service out of office hours
- **Web Site** - For a calendar of local events, Parish Council Meetings, Village Hall booking information and forms visit www.Goostrey.info

Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan Progress

The Neighbourhood Plan team would like to thank everyone who submitted comments on the pre-submission consultation version of the Plan (Regulation 14). The Plan has now been updated and we have arranged for a Planning Inspector to carry out a 'Health Check' during January before we

submit it to Cheshire East Council (Regulation 15). Cheshire East will then put the plan onto their website for a further 6 weeks consultation. After that there will be a formal examination of the Plan before a referendum is held. We are running in parallel with the overarching Cheshire East Local

Plan which is also getting nearer to completion. It has now finished the 'hearings' stage and will be subject to a 6 week public consultation on the Inspector's approved 'Main Modifications' during the next few months.

*Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan
Committee*

Gladman Appeal for 119 houses off Main Road

Both the Public Inquiry Inspector and the Secretary of State at the Department of Communities and Local Government (Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP), refused Planning Permission for this development proposal on 24th November 2016. The main reasons given were the radio interference with the Jodrell Bank tele-

scopes and the adverse effect on the setting of the Grade II listed building Swanwick Hall. Our understanding is that Gladman Developments Ltd has not issued a challenge to the decision via the High Court, and the deadline to do so has now passed.

Highways Matters

We would like to take this opportunity to update you in regard to the matter of the safety of the junction of Main Road with Booth Bed Lane and Hermitage Lane and the Station Bridge.

Junction of Main Road with Booth Bed Lane and Hermitage Lane

After two meetings with Cheshire East Highways, we have received a proposal for a scheme to improve the safety of this junction to install Vehicle Activated Signs prior to the junction warning of the junction. The signs will be fed by mains electricity rather than solar panels.

The Parish Council has approved this scheme and it will be submitted to the relevant CEC Highways Committee in April when we are hoping it will be selected for funding from next year's budget.

Station Bridge

The Parish Council has been concerned about the safety of the station bridge for some time. CEC recommended

narrowing the carriageway and controlling alternating traffic by lights. A pavement would allow pedestrians to cross the bridge safely. Unfortunately, no money was available to fund the work. Recently however, following a meeting of Parish Councillors and Andrew Kolker with a Highways Officer, CEC has identified a way of funding the project. The Parish Council is delighted that something is going to be done to improve the safety of the bridge.

The first step will be the detailed design of the scheme which will require a survey to be done of the bridge. The bridge will need to be closed during the survey and we apologise in advance for the inconvenience this will cause. We will update you as this project progresses.

Other Highways Matters

We have received confirmation from CEC Highways that there is a 7.5tonne Exempt for Access Order around the whole of Goostrey and this is to be enforced by the Police. As it is an 'Except for access' vehicles in excess of 7.5t can still travel into the village if they are gaining access to a facility in the village.

There is currently no weight limit on the railway bridge.

Speedwatch - We need your help!

TO DETER MOTORISTS SPEEDING IN GOOSTREY

We are all aware that speeding vehicles through the village are a real danger to pedestrians and other road users. For a number of years we have benefitted from a team of dedicated residents carrying out Speedwatch sessions with our speed detection equipment to monitor how fast people are driving through the village and providing that information to the police for action.

The Speedwatch team also look after our speed indicator devices which provide a significant deterrent to drivers speeding.

However, we need more residents to volunteer to boost the numbers in the Speedwatch team.

If you would like to volunteer please provide your contact details to the Clerk who will ask a member of our Speedwatch group to contact you.

www.Goostrey.info

New Website Launch on 26th January

Smaller Parish Councils are now being asked to comply with the new "Transparency Code", and whilst Goostrey is not a "small" Parish Council we have chosen to comply with this new code as part of our qualification as a Quality Parish Council.

This means that we will be providing more Parish Council documents on our web site, in particular financial and policy documents. Together with links to important services for residents of Goostrey Parish and Cheshire East.

Goostrey Village Hall and Playing Fields Foundation

FOR FAMILY FUN & FRIENDSHIP

The Goostrey Village Hall and Playing Fields Foundation (VHPFF) is a charitable trust acting on a voluntary basis, owning and running the playing fields on Booth Bed Lane, and part of Goostrey Village Hall and acts for the residents of Goostrey and adjoining parishes.

As a non profit making organisation it charges £30 / per household per year for membership to the VHPFF and use of the facilities.

There are active tennis, bowling, croquet and football clubs with their own individual fees for club events during dedicated times. We are officially welcoming organisations representing most sections of the community for all age groups, with coaching for youth football and tennis and we are currently offering reduced membership fees for the over 60's.

Further details of the VHPFF can be found at:

<http://www.goostrey.info>.

Or, by contacting : 01477 537864/ 534347 or 534160.

Do you know someone whose voluntary activities make a real contribution to life in Goostrey?

Last summer, I had the pleasure of sending a number of Letters of Thanks from the Parish Council to people whose voluntary activities make an outstanding contribution to our village community. The people who received such letters had been nominated by other residents following a request in an earlier Newsletter. The Parish Council selects the people to receive a letter from amongst the people nominated. The recipients and their nominees are not made public as the aim of the scheme is to discreetly thank them for their



MEET US, HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, SOCIALISE AND HELP US EXPAND

THE COMMUNITY OF GOOSTREY

JOIN NOW TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AND LEISURE IN THE VILLAGE!!

contribution on behalf of the community.

We conduct this exercise twice a year and it is time to invite you to send in your nominations to the Clerk including the following information, your name, your nominee's name and a brief description of the voluntary activity or activities they undertake which benefit the village. Could you please ensure that your nominations reach the Clerk before the end of January.

Thank you for helping us to identify the people in Goostrey whose efforts deserve to be recognised.

Peter Godfrey

Chairman - Goostrey Parish Council

Youth Facility/Scout Hut Update

The Parish Council wishes to congratulate the Scouts on the tremendous progress they are making with the new Youth Facility. Their latest fund raising effort is now coming to an end so here is a reminder in case you haven't bought one yet!

Buy a Brick Campaign

Last chance to order your personalised bricks and support the new Scout Hut and Youth Centre! All the bricks will form the path leading up to the front door of the hut. Forms are available in The Trading Post, Goostrey News and on Love Goostrey website. Cost £25 each. Closing date Friday 10th Feb 2017.

Village Hall Improvements 2017

We will be undertaking improvements to the Village Hall this year, the work will be carried out during the Summer Holidays, and we will need to close the facility for the work to be completed. At the moment we are not taking any bookings during the Summer Holidays. Further information for organisations making annual bookings and occasional hirers will be available by 1st April.

Parish Councillors	
Cllr P Godfrey (Chairman)	Cllr I Macfarlane
Cllr C M'Cubbin (Vice Chairman)	Cllr K Morris
Cllr R Bennett	Cllr I O'Donoghue
Cllr D Craggs	Cllr T Rathbone
Cllr G Lenihan	Cllr E Williams