

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Message from the New Chairman

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for electing me as Chairman of the Parish Council and to record my thanks to Cath McCubbin for her determined and effective Chairmanship for the last two challenging years. Under my Chairmanship, I hope the Parish Council will continue to represent the residents of Goostrey and fight for your interests. A Parish Council cannot please all of the people all of the time but I hope that most of you will acknowledge that our past actions have been taken in good faith to represent your views and ambitions. In turn we have received massive support from you when we have asked for it for which we are very grateful. It is through an effective partnership between the Parish Council and village

residents that we will change the village in the ways we want and resist changes we don't want to happen.

I love Goostrey and think we are lucky to live in a place with a strong sense of community. I hope that, as a Parish Council, we can foster even more community action and greater involvement in village events and activities. Wouldn't Goostrey be an even better place to live if residents showed more consideration to their neighbours and had more respect for the village and its surrounding countryside? Let's work together to achieve this goal!

Housing Policy

The Parish Council has revised its Housing Policy in the light of new information from Cheshire East Planners about how many new houses the village will be required to deliver by the Cheshire East Local Plan. In the submission version of that Plan, the development needs of both Holmes Chapel and Goostrey Local Service Centres are to be considered together. When due allowance is made for the number of houses built or approved since 2010, there is no requirement for any additional development in Holmes Chapel/Goostrey. The Parish Council has formed a clear view that most Goostrey residents do not want to see any more houses built in the village over and above what is imposed on us by the Local Plan. Since that now appears to be no new houses, the new Housing Policy is to allocate no sites for development in the Parish and to object to all planning applications for three or

more houses. As independent examination of the submission version of the Local Plan has yet to take place, the Parish Council believed it to be prudent to have a fallback position in its Housing Policy to cover the event that the Parish were to be required to deliver some new houses when the Local Plan finally emerged from its review by the Planning Inspectorate. The fallback position is that the Parish Council would allocate the Grange site as the location for any residual requirement for new houses, after due allowance has been made for houses built and planned after 2010, arising from the Local Plan which is ultimately approved by the Planning Inspectorate. The full Housing Policy can be found in the "News" Section of the Village website at

www.goostrey.info/news

Goostrey Rose Day 2014

A sigh of relief from all involved as the weather held off for Rose Day. It was touch and go for a while but in the end a warm dry day with plenty of fun and entertainment for all the family.

The Parish Council shared their stand with Friends of Goostrey Station. This year the Parish Council hosted a game for children to draw their house and put it onto the board where they live. (picture to the right shows the game). We also had a free prize draw and a Treasure Hunt, both prizes were won by local families.

The Parish Council sends congratulations to all the Rose Day Committee and volunteers for their hard work which gave us a successful Rose Day in 2014.



Parish Council Film Shows

Following the success of the showing of "War Horse" on 9th May at the Village Hall. The Parish Council is inviting residents to suggest film titles for another Film Show in November.

We have tentatively booked the Village Hall for a performance on either 14 or 28 November, to be confirmed nearer the time.

Now is your chance to make a suggestion for the film you would most like to see in November.

Our aim is to provide family entertainment so films must be rated 12A or lower.

Please e-mail your suggestions to the Clerk at ParishCouncil@goostrey.fslife.co.uk or drop a note into the Parish Council Mailbox at the Village Hall.

Suggestions should reach us by 1st September 2014.

Edited by Cllr P Godfrey & S Jones, The Parish Office, Village Hall, Goostrey

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Special points of interest:

- Annual Garden Waste Collection Shutdown -** CEC is surveying residents about this winter's shutdown. Please complete the survey. Details available at www.goostrey.info/news
- Parish Council Surgeries -** Take place in the Village Hall Lounge on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10.00am—11.00am. The next Surgeries will be on 12th July and 13th September.
- Parish Office Hours**
 Monday 09.30 to 12.30,
 Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- Contact - E-mail:**
ParishCouncil@Goostrey.fslife.co.uk
 Phone: 01477 535825

Footways in Goostrey

A **BIG thank you** to all residents who have kindly trimmed hedges to enable pedestrians to use the full width of our narrow footways. Your efforts are much appreciated by the Parish Council and other residents. The Village looked fantastic on Rose Day thanks to your hard work. Please keep trimming throughout the growing season!

Cycle Clubs at The Village Hall

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council met with the Chairman of the Manchester and District Time Trials Association to discuss ways in which the Cycle Clubs could be better accommodated at the Village Hall when they hold local races without inconveniencing or offending local residents.

The outcome of the meeting is that in future the Manchester and District Time Trials Cycle

Clubs will utilise the field opposite the Crown for parking at events held in the Village Hall. This will ensure that there are no cars parked on Main Road.

Additionally, the Cycle Clubs will ensure that cyclists change their clothes in the Village Hall.

The Chairman of the Manchester and District Time Trials Association will also send a letter of apology to the residents of The Old Paddock regarding the issues at a Cycle Club event earlier in the year.

Let's all pull together to save our native flora

Himalayan Balsam (*impatiens glandulifera*) is an invasive, non-native, pink flowered species spreading nationally along river banks. It grows 2.5m high and its density crowds out native flora, resulting in a monoculture and causes riverbank erosion increasing the flood risk.

status as Japanese Knotweed. If you have it on your land or know anyone who does, it needs to be pulled out before it sets seed. It can be disposed of by burning (or composting as long as it has not set seed). It pulls up very easily and is not dangerous to handle but

should be crushed if left on the ground, to prevent re-rooting. The local battle can be won but only if we all do our bit to keep it in check or we will lose the beautiful native flora in Swettenham nature reserve and the Bongs in Goostrey.

It is impossible for conservation volunteers alone to win the battle if it is allowed to spill over from private land especially near water courses, since it produces 800 seeds per plant which via a "spring-like" mechanism are jettisoned up to 7m from the plant. It has few predators and is spreading into nature reserves and contaminating farmland. It is a schedule 9 species in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 which is the same

Key ID Features



Youth Facilities for the Village

The Parish Council agreed a two step strategy with reference to Youth Facilities in the Village.

Step 1 - Hold a consultation event to canvas residents views

Step 2 - Put forward to CEC a planning application on behalf of the PC for YF and house on the site.

The consultation was held on the 19th May, and was well received by the majority of residents who attended. The second part of the strategy ie the planning application is currently being reviewed by the PC. It is expected to be forwarded to Cheshire East Planning shortly.

A planning application is to be submitted to Cheshire East Council by 1st Goostrey Scouts, on behalf of the Parish Council, for a new Scout Hut /Youth Centre and house to be built on the site of the old Youth Centre on Main Road, which is owned by the Parish Council.

Overwhelming support was expressed by residents for the proposal at a well attended public consultation meeting held by the Scouts and Parish Council on 19th May. 96% of residents who returned feedback forms support the application.

Under the proposal half of the site would be donated to the Scouts, and the other half sold with planning permission for a single dwelling to raise funds for other projects in the Parish.

The Parish Council set up a Youth Facility Working Party 18 months ago, which recommended that one of three options – the Scouts' proposal - appeared to offer the most practical, speedy and affordable route to providing the village with a Youth Facility.

Peter Godfrey, Chairman said "The Scouts have a skilled and enthusiastic team of professionals who can help the dream of a new facility for young people in the village come true". If any local people or companies can contribute their knowledge, skills or funding to the project, **please contact David Giles, the Group Scout Leader at: 1stgoostreyscouts.gsl@gmail.com**

Goostrey Parish Council & 1st Goostrey Scouts

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